

BYLAWS OF Christian Science Society of Encinitas, California

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 — Name: The name of the organization is Christian Science Society of Encinitas, California formerly known as First Church of Christ, Scientist, Encinitas, California and upon inception in 1937, Christian Science Society of Encinitas, California.

Section 2 — Purpose: The Christian Science Society of Encinitas, California is incorporated as a religious non-profit corporation in the State of California. The purpose of the corporation is to serve as a branch of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, as defined in *The Manual of The Mother Church*.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 — Eligibility for membership: Membership is open to everyone who has a sincere desire to study the Bible and practice Christian Science as expressed by Mary Baker Eddy in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and *The Manual of the Mother Church*. Membership is granted after completion of an application for membership and interview and recommendation by the Board, provided no active member objects. If there is an objection the application for membership will be considered by the membership at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2 — Rights of members: Each active member is eligible to cast one vote at meetings, proxy voting is not allowed.

Section 3 — Resignation and removal: Any member or officer may resign by filing a written resignation. Failure to maintain duties or qualifications for membership may lead to discipline based on Mathew 18:15-17. If the Matthew code is ineffective in resolving the issue, a member or officer may be removed from their position by a 2/3 vote of the active members present.

Section 4 - An active member is defined as one who has regularly attended church meetings and services, supported the church financially and participated with the organization and operation of the Society for the past 3 months. The Board has the discretion to consider which members are active and inactive.

ARTICLE III — MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1 — Regular meetings: Regular meetings of the members shall be held at least semi-annually.

Section 2 — Special meetings: Special meetings may be called by the board or upon request of an active member.

Section 3 — Notice of meetings: Written notice of meetings shall be given to the members, at least ten days prior to the regular semi-annual meetings, and with as much notice as practical for other meetings.

Section 4 — Quorum: Sixty percent (60%) of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 — Voting: All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority vote except for voting on membership admission, removals, bylaw changes, and dissolution issues which shall require a 2/3 vote of active members present.

ARTICLE IV — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 — Board role, size, and compensation: The board is responsible for recommending overall policy and direction to the membership, and ensures day-to-day operations. The board may make expenditures

up to \$1,000 without approval from the membership. The board shall have up to three members who serve without compensation.

Section 2 — Terms: Board members shall serve three year terms, and are eligible for re-election. The terms of the members shall be staggered.

Section 3 — Meetings and quorum: The board shall meet at least monthly with two members constituting a quorum.

Section 4 — Board elections: A new director or a current director shall be elected or re-elected by the membership at the first regular business meeting each year.

Section 5 — Officers and Duties: There shall be three offices of the board, consisting of a chair, secretary and treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

The chair shall convene and preside over board meetings.

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of board and membership actions and assuring that corporate records are maintained and assume the duties of the chair in the chair's absence.

The treasurer shall oversee the financial assets and make available the financial information to the board and members.

Section 6 — Vacancies: When a vacancy on the board exists mid-term, a membership meeting will be called as soon as possible and a new director elected to fill the unexpired term.

Section 7 — Termination and absences: A board member shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences.

ARTICLE V — COMMITTEES

Committee formation: The board and membership may create committees as needed.

ARTICLE VI — AMENDMENTS

Amendments: These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the active members present at a meeting noticed and called for this purpose. Notice, including the language of the proposed amendments, shall be in writing to members at least 30 days before the meeting.

ARTICLE VII — DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the board of directors shall, after paying and making provisions for the payment of all liabilities, distribute all the assets of the corporation to an organization or organizations dedicated to promoting Christian Science as enunciated by Mary Baker Eddy, which organization(s) have been approved by a 2/3 vote of the active members present and are recognized as 501(c) (3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service.

CERTIFICATION

These bylaws were approved unanimously at a meeting of the membership on April 2, 2017.

Secretary _____ Date _____
President _____ Date _____