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ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this Corporation is Grace Fellowship Church of Oak Forest. It is an Illinois nonprofit religious corporation with the principal offices at 15150 South Oak Park Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes. Our purpose is summarized as follows:

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

ARTICLE III

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The statement of faith of this Corporation is that which is incorporated in its Articles of Incorporation as filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois.

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members. Any action which would otherwise require approval by a majority of all members shall only require approval of the Board of Elders. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members shall vest in the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE V

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Purpose of the Fellowship.

The congregation of Christian believers who have applied for membership and have been duly accepted shall constitute a spiritual body, united for the spiritual purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation at Article II, and in Article II of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Applications for Membership.

Requests for membership should be made to the Pastor, an Elder, or Deacon. All persons requesting membership shall be given information about the church. This will include a Doctrinal Statement, Constitution, and a membership form. A meeting between the applicant and an Elder will be scheduled. All prospective members may then attend proposed membership classes.

Section 3. Denial of Membership.

If, upon review of an application for membership and/or after meeting with a prospective member, the Board of Elders determines that (a) the applicant does not confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, or that (b) there is a lack of evidence of a godly lifestyle, that person shall be denied membership. The decision made by the Board of Elders shall be final and there shall be no appeal to any court from that decision.

Section 4. Admission of Applicants.

Applicants admitted to membership shall, if possible, present themselves at a worship service designated by the Pastor-Teacher or the Board of Elders, at which service such applicants shall be publicly acknowledged as members.

Section 5. Active Membership.

Membership in Grace Fellowship Church of Oak Forest, Illinois shall be open to all persons who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and have been scripturally baptized.

Section 6. Discipline of Members.

Members of this church who shall err in doctrine or conduct shall be subject to dismissal according to Matthew 18:15-18. Before such dismissal, however, it shall be the duty of any member of this church who has knowledge of the erring member's heresy or misconduct to warn and to correct such member in private. If said erring member does not heed this warning, then the warning member shall again go to the erring member accompanied by one or two

witnesses to warn and correct such erring member. If said erring member still refuses to heed this warning, it shall be brought to the attention of the Elders who shall tell it to the church.

If said erring member refuses to heed the warning and correction of the Elders and the church, he or she shall be publicly dismissed from the church. There shall be no appeal to any court from that decision.

Section 7. Removal from Roll.

A member of this church who shall willfully, without plausible reason or excuse, absent himself from the services of this church for a period of one (1) year may be removed at the discretion of the Board of Elders.

Section 8. Meetings.

Annual Meeting--Grace Fellowship Church holds regular business meetings throughout the year. One of these regular meetings held at a specified time and place each year shall be known as the annual meeting. At this meeting the annual reports of officers and standing committees, the names of Elders and Deacons, other items of business that the Bylaws may prescribe, and other business of the church may be presented.

Regular Meeting--The term regular meeting (or stated meeting) refers to a periodic business meeting of the church which is held at quarterly intervals. The term applies particularly to the regular business session.

Special Meeting--A special meeting (or called meeting) is a separate session of the church held at a time different from that of any regular meeting. The reason for special meetings is to inform the members of important matters that may arise between regular meetings.

Section 9. Notice of Meetings.

Notice of annual and regular meetings shall be given from the pulpit for two successive Sundays prior to the meeting. In addition thereto, notice shall be published in the regular church bulletin for two successive Sundays prior to such meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given from the pulpit at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and shall also be published in the regular church bulletin on the Sunday immediately preceding the meeting whenever possible.

Section 10. Quorum.

At all meetings of the members, whether annual, regular, special, or adjourned, the members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11. Calling of Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership of Grace Fellowship Church may be called by the Pastor-Teacher, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elders.

ARTICLE VI

ELDERS

Section 1. Powers.

Subject to limitations of the Articles and these Bylaws and of pertinent restrictions of the Corporation's Code of the State of Illinois, all the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Elders, who are responsible for shepherding and having oversight of the flock. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board of Elders shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these Bylaws.

- (A) To select and remove all the officers, agents, pastors, staff and employees of the Corporation, prescribe such duties for them as may not be inconsistent with the law, with the Articles of Incorporation, or with the Bylaws, fix the terms of their offices and their compensation.
- (B) To make such disbursements from the funds and properties of the Corporation as are required to fulfill the purposes of this Corporation as are more fully set out in the Articles of Incorporation thereof and generally to conduct, manage and control the activities and affairs of the Corporation and to make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law, with the Articles of Incorporation or with the Bylaws, as they may deem best.
- (C) To adopt, make and use a corporate seal and to alter the form of such seal from time to time as they may deem best.
- (D) To establish policies and practices for the church consistent with the purposes of this Corporation.
- (E) To assist the Pastor-Teacher in the administration of the ordinances of Baptism and Communion.
- (F) To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the Corporation and to cause to be executed and delivered therefore, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges or other evidences of debt and securities therefore.

Section 2. Number of Elders.

The authorized number of Elders of the Corporation shall not be less than three (3) nor more than twenty five (25) until changed by an amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or by an amendment to these Bylaws.

Section 3. Nomination, Selection, and Tenure of Office.

Recommendations to fill the office of Elder shall be requested once a year from all church members. The Board of Elders shall review all nominations and determine each nominee's qualifications. The Board of Elders shall then approve, disapprove or add to the list of nominees. The nominees approved by the Board of Elders shall be publicly posted in alphabetical order at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting of the church members. This list of nominees shall also be in the church bulletin for three successive Sundays prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the slate of nominees shall be presented to the members.

The newly appointed Elders shall assume office immediately. Each Elder shall serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 4. Qualifications.

Each member of the Board of Elders must be an active member of this church and possess the qualifications described in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. He shall be:

- (A) Above Reproach (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6,7) This is not sinless perfection, but the meaning is that Elders have no sin in their life that they could be questioned about. Their lives must demonstrate moral and spiritual character. They are free from accusation, they are unaccused, they are completely blameless.
- (B) The Husband of One Wife (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6) He is a one woman man or one woman husband. He is completely devoted to his wife and there is no inner or outward sexual impurity in him. This does not mean an Elder must be married.
- (C) Temperate (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8) This man is disciplined and self controlled. Sober-minded. Keeps a clear conscience.
- (D) Prudent (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8) Sensible—Has control of the things he does-knows priorities, cool headed, sober-minded, decent conduct.
- (E) Respectable (1 Timothy 3:2) Of good behavior. Orderly.
- (F) Hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8) Gives help to anyone who is in need.
- (G) Able To Teach (1 Timothy 3:2) One qualified to teach.
- (H) Not Addicted To Wine (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7) Does not drink sufficient amount to cause wrong judgment, lose mental alertness, or intoxication. God has called His leaders to high standards (Leviticus 10:9; Proverbs 31:4-5; Romans 14:21).
- (I) Not Pugnacious (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7) Not a brawler, not a striker, not quarrelsome. Should not be abusive, or take part in retaliation.
- (J) Uncontentious (1 Timothy 3:3) Gentle, not a fighter, not contentious.

- (K) Free From the Love Of Money (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7) Not greedy of shameful gain. Does not seek financial gain at any cost.
- (L) Manages His Own Household Well (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6) Having children who believe, and are not accused of dissipation or rebellion. The way he manages his family is with love, sacrifice, wisdom and firm leadership. He is a model leader to his children who are faithful, believing, orderly, and submit to the authority of parents and society.
- (M) Not A New Convert (1 Timothy 3:6) Not someone who has recently been saved.
- (N) Must Have A Good Reputation With Those Outside the Church (1 Timothy 3:7; Titus 1:6-7) There is no charge or accusation against him because of his Godly lifestyle. There is no sinful defect in his life that disqualifies him as a model of moral and spiritual character.
- (O) Not Self-Willed (Titus 1:7) Not self pleasing or arrogant.
- (P) Not Quick Tempered (Titus 1:7) Not soon angry.
- (Q) Loving What Is Good (Titus 1:8) He is just and holy. A strong affection for what is good.
- (R) Just (Titus 1:8) Upright—Seeks that which is proper and right. Righteous, fair.
- (S) Devout (Titus 1:8) Holy. Obedience to God's will.
- (T) Holds Fast the Faithful Word (Titus 1:9) Clings to the faithful word. Teaches, preaches and guards Gods Word.

Section 5. Vacancies.

Any Elder may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary of the Board, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is to take effect at some future time, a successor may be selected before that time.

A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Elders shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation or removal of any Elder.

No reduction of the authorized number of Elders shall have the effect of removing any Elder prior to the expiration of the Elder's term of office.

Section 6. Removal of Elders.

Any Elder may be removed from office if he becomes physically incapacitated, spiritually unqualified, or his inability to serve is established by the remainder of the Board of Elders.

Section 7. Place of Meetings.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in these Bylaws, any meeting (whether annual, regular, special or adjourned) of the Board of Elders of the Corporation may be held at any place within or without the State of Illinois if agreed to by a quorum of the Board of Elders.

Section 8. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board of Elders shall be held without call or notice on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise modified by the Board of Elders. Regular meetings shall be open to church members.

Section 9. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Elders may be called at any time by order of the Pastor-Teacher, Chairman, Vice Chairman, or the Secretary of the Board of Elders.

Section 10. Notice of Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Elders shall be held only after all Elders have been notified or a meaningful attempt has been made when possible. This notice should be at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting when possible.

Section 11. Quorum for a Meeting of the Board of Elders.

Except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of the Elders currently serving shall constitute a quorum. A meeting of the Board of Elders may take place with a quorum present for regular business. Any act or decision done or made by the Elders present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Elders.

A majority of the Elders present at any meeting of the Elders, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting of the Elders to another time and place.

Section 12. Action Without Meeting.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Elders may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Elders shall individually or collectively consent in writing to a duly prepared resolution to such action. Such consent or consents shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Elders and shall be documented by attaching the signed resolution with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Elders.

Section 13. Rights of Inspection.

Every Elder shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the Corporation of which such person is an Elder, for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as an Elder.

Section 14. Decisions of the Board of Elders.

After prayerful consideration, decisions shall be reached in a spirit of humility and a spirit of unity, with each Elder regarding one another before himself. Whenever the matter to be considered concerns calling or dismissing a pastor, or the buying or selling of real estate, all Elders must be present at the meeting or have given consent to the decision.

Section 15. Committees.

Committees of the Board of Elders may be appointed by resolution passed by the Board of Elders. Committees may be composed of one or more members of the Board of Elders and shall have such powers as may be expressly delegated to it by resolution of the Board of Elders, except with respect to:

- (A) The filling of vacancies on the Board of Elders or on any committee.
- (B) The amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws.
- (C) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board of Elders which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable.
- (D) The appointment of other committees of the Board of Elders or the members thereof.
- (E) The Board of Elders shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings shall be conducted. Unless the Board of Elders or such committee shall otherwise provide the regular and special meetings and other actions of any such committee shall be governed by their provision of the Article applicable to meetings and actions of the Board of Elders. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee.

ARTICLE VII

DEACONS

Section 1. Qualifications and Duties.

The Deacons shall consist of members possessing the qualifications described in 1 Timothy 3:8-12. The Deacons shall assist the Elders in the shepherding of the saints, assist the Pastor-Teacher at the communion and baptismal services, aid in the general spiritual care of the church, and perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Elders. A Deacon shall be a man of dignity, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not fond of sordid gain, holding to the

mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, first tested and found beyond reproach, husband of only one wife, good manager of their children, and their household.

Section 2. Number of Deacons.

The authorized number of Deacons of the Corporation shall not be less than three (3) nor more than twenty five (25) until changed by an amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or by an amendment to these Bylaws.

Section 3. Nomination, Selection, and Tenure of Office.

Recommendations to fill the office of Deacon shall be requested once a year from all church members. The Elders shall review all nominations and determine each nominee's qualifications. The Board of Elders shall then approve, disapprove or add to the list of nominees. The nominees approved by the Board of Elders shall be publicly posted in alphabetical order at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting of the church members. This list of nominees shall also be in the church bulletin for three successive Sundays prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the slate of nominees shall be presented to the members. The newly appointed Deacons shall assume office immediately. Each Deacon shall serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies.

Any Deacon may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary of the Board, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is to take effect at some future time, a successor may be appointed before that time by the Board of Elders. A vacancy or vacancies shall exist among the Deacons in the case of death, resignation or removal.

Section 5. Removal of Deacons.

Any Deacon may be removed from office if he becomes physically incapacitated, spiritually unqualified, or his inability to serve is established by the Board of Elders.

Section 6. Place of Meetings.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in these Bylaws, any meeting (whether annual, regular, special or adjourned) of the Deacons of the Corporation may be held at any place within or without the State of Illinois if agreed to by a quorum of the Deacons.

Section 7. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Deacons shall be held without call or notice on the first Tuesday of each month, following the first Sunday, unless otherwise modified by the Deacons. Regular meetings shall be open to church members.

Section 8. Quorum for a Meeting of the Deacons.

Except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of the Deacons currently serving shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

OTHER COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Ushers.

The Ushers shall consist of men who have been selected by the Deacon Board or a representative appointed by the Deacon Board. They shall serve for a term of one (1) year. They shall act as church ushers, greeters at the door, church collectors and assist the Pastor-Teacher in the services in such matters as he deems necessary. They shall also be responsible for the safety and security of all church property during the services and all other areas as pertaining to ushers.

Section 2. Councils and Committees.

To promote efficient handling of matters of the church, the Board of Elders may appoint various councils and committees from within its membership, the staff and from the church at large. These councils and committees shall perform tasks solely in accordance with the duties and with powers specifically delegated by the Board of Elders. The general functions of councils and committees are:

- (A) To bring considered recommendations to the Board of Elders concerning ministries.
- (B) To provide a wider base of counsel to the Elders having the oversight of specific ministries.

All councils and committees shall exist for the period specified by the Board of Elders.

Section 3. Vacancies.

In the event any of the above-mentioned offices becomes vacant the Board of Elders may fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Corporation may also have other officers appointed by the Board of Elders and these officers shall serve for a period of one year.

Section 2. Election.

The officers of the Corporation, except such officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article, shall be chosen annually by, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Elders. Each officer shall hold his office until the next annual meeting or until he shall resign, be removed, or become otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his successor shall be selected by the Board of Elders.

Section 3. Subordinate Officers.

The Board of Elders may appoint, and may empower the Chairman to appoint, such other officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office until the next annual meeting. They shall have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in the Bylaws or as the Board of Elders may from time to time determine.

Section 4. Removal and Resignation.

Any officer may be removed by the remainder of the Elders at any time, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Elders or by any officer upon whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board of Elders.

Any officer may resign at any time without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party, by giving written notice to the Board of Elders, the Chairman, or the Secretary of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5. Vacancies.

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws. Appointments to these offices will be made so vacancies will be filled as they occur and not on an annual basis.

Section 6. Inability to Act.

In the case of absence or inability to act of any officer of the corporation and of any person herein authorized to act in his place, the Board of Elders may from time to time delegate the powers or duties of such officer to any other officer or other person whom the Board of Elders may select.

Section 7. Chairman.

The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Elders, have general supervision, direction and control of the activities and officers of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Elders, which are to be conducted according to Scriptural principles such as set forth in Philippians 2:2-8. He shall be an ex-officio member of all the standing committees and shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders or the Bylaws. In the absence of the Pastor-Teacher, the Chairman shall be responsible for the leadership of the church service.

Section 8. Vice Chairman.

In the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for him by the Board of Elders or the Bylaws.

Section 9. Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a book of minutes at the principal office or such other place as the Board of Elders may order, of all meetings of the members, the Board of Elders and its committees, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at the meetings, the Board of Elders and committees' meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office in the State of Illinois the original and a copy of the Corporation's Articles and Bylaws, as amended to date.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board of Elders and any committees thereof required by these Bylaws or by law to be given, shall keep the seal of

the Corporation in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Elders.

The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office of the Corporation, a church membership register, or a duplicated membership register, showing names of the members and their addresses.

Section 10. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Corporation. The books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any Elder.

The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Elders. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Elders, shall render to the Chairman and the Elders, whenever they request it, and account of all his transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Elders. He shall make the financial reports at each regular board meeting when requested and at the annual meeting of the members of the church.

ARTICLE X

LICENSING AND ORDINATION

Section 1. Licensing.

The license, as recognized by the State, is issued by the Board of Elders and is given in recognition of a man's call to that ministry. Its aim is to allow a man to perform all of the ecclesiastical duties and functions of the church and indicates that he meets the qualifications of being a "clergyman" in the eyes of the State. Licenses will be evaluated and issued on a yearly basis.

Section 2. Ordination.

Ordination refers to the mutual recognition by the Board of Elders of a man's call to the ministry, preparation as a shepherd and qualification to serve. Ordination shall be conferred for life, so long as the man continues to manifest the qualifications of the office.

ARTICLE XI

THE PASTOR-TEACHER

Section 1. Election.

The Pastor-Teacher shall be selected by the Board of Elders and elected at a Special Meeting of the Board of Elders (as noted in Article VI, Sections 9 and 10). Such a meeting shall be held at some reasonable time after the candidate has been presented to the congregation, his qualifications for the office of Elder are confirmed, and nothing is found against him which would disqualify him from holding this office. He shall remain in office for an indefinite period of time subject to the following reservations:

- (A) The Elders reserve the right to dismiss the Pastor-Teacher at any time.
- (B) The Pastor-Teacher should give one month's notice if he intends to resign.

Section 2. Duties

The Pastor-Teacher shall be an ex-officio member of all councils and committees and he shall be responsible to the Board of Elders. The Pastor-Teacher shall arrange for and conduct all public and regular services of the church and shall be responsible for general oversight of the spiritual welfare of the church.

ARTICLE XII

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Section 1. General.

In any dispute arising between church members, pastors, or staff pertaining to any matters of spiritual teaching or practices, church finances or title to property purchase with church contributions, the dispute shall be resolved by the Board of Elders of the church. A decision shall be reached after prayerful consideration in a spirit of humility, with each Elder regarding one another before himself.

ARTICLE XIII

OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. Endorsement of Documents; Contracts.

The Board of Elders, except as in the Bylaws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board of Elders, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or agreement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Subject to the provisions of applicable law, any note, mortgage, evidence of indebtedness, contract, conveyance, or other instrument in writing and any assignment or endorsement thereof executed or entered into between this Corporation and any other person, when signed jointly by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Secretary, and the Treasurer of this Corporation shall be valid and binding on this Corporation in the absence of actual knowledge on the part of the other person that the signing officers had no authority to execute the same.

Section 2. Amendments.

These Bylaws may be amended and new and additional Bylaws may be made from time to time at any time by the Board of Elders in the exercise of the power granted to said Board of Elders in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Record of Amendments.

Whenever an amendment or new Bylaw is adopted, it shall be copied in the book of minutes with the original Bylaws in the appropriate place. If any Bylaw is repealed, the fact of repeal with the date of the meeting at which the repeal was enacted or written assent was filed shall be stated in said book.

ARTICLE XIV

RECEIPT, INVESTMENT, AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Section 1. Receipts.

The Corporation shall receive all moneys and/or other properties transferred to it for the purposes for which the Corporation was formed (as shown by the Articles of Incorporation). However, nothing contained herein shall require the Board of Elders to accept or receive any money or property of any kind if it shall determine in its discretion that receipt of such money or property is contrary to the expressed purposes of the Corporation as shown by said Articles.

Section 2. Disbursements.

The Corporation shall hold, manage, and disburse any funds or properties received by it from any source in manner that is consistent with the expressed purposes of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XV

CORPORATE RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 1. Records.

The Corporation shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books and records of its business and properties. All such books, records and accounts shall be kept at its principal place of business in the State of Illinois, as fixed by the Board of Elders from time to time.

Section 2. Inspection of Books and Records.

Every Elder shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, documents of every kind, and the physical properties of the Corporation, and also of its subsidiary organizations, if any.

ARTICLE XVI

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, the Board of Elders shall cause the assets herein to be distributed to another corporation with purposes similar to that identified in Article II of these Bylaws and Article II of the Articles of Incorporation as amended.

ARTICLE XVII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. Instruments in Writing.

All checks, drafts, demands for money and notes of the Corporation and all written contracts of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents, as the Board of Elders may from time to time by resolution designate.

Section 2. Retirement.

The Board of Elders of Grace Fellowship Church, have established a policy of mandatory retirement for all salaried personnel at age 65. With prayer and guidance from the Lord, the Board of Elders may extend a ministry on a year to year basis until age 70.

ARTICLE XVIII

CORPORATION

I, the undersigned, being the Secretary of Grace Fellowship Church of Oak Forest, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above Bylaws were adopted as the Bylaws hereof on the first day of March, 1989, by the Board of Elders of said Corporation in a regularly called meeting on the same date, to wit, the first day of March, 1989. Said Bylaws are, as of the date of this certification, the duly adopted and exiting Bylaws of this Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March 1989
Signed, Mark Rot, Secretary

Revised March 12, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of March 1996
Signed, Clyde Coyle, Secretary

Revised April 29, 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of April 1997.
Signed, Clyde Coyle, Secretary

Revised January 24, 2006

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of January 2006. The following motion was proposed by Clyde Coyle, seconded by Robert Crain and approved as a change to the constitution.

Signed, Mark Johnson, Secretary