

UNION COUNTY ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES

P O Box 350
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Bylaws

ARTICLE I NAME

This not for profit, **public, unincorporated association** shall be known as the Union County Alliance of Churches, and hereinafter referred to as “the Alliance.”

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

“The Alliance” is organized exclusively for charitable and religious purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. **Specifically, The Alliance will, within the meaning of aforementioned 501(c)(3), encourage unity among all the Christian congregations (“The Church”) in Union county, to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, while providing assistance to residents and transients in need of food, shelter, clothing, and transportation, joining together for religious services, and promoting Christian values of love and good will in the community.**

No part of the net earnings of The Alliance shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that The Alliance shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of The Alliance shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and The Alliance shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, The Alliance shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of The Alliance, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1 – Regular Meetings

The Alliance shall meet each month, at a hosting church or other specified place named at the monthly meeting preceding. These meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner per an agenda, and all business will be limited in scope to the purpose of The Alliance. Active member churches who desire to be on the agenda shall advise the president one week prior to the meeting. Topics on the agenda may be, but not limited to: Normal business activities, forthcoming and proposed Alliance events, prayer concerns and praise reports, good will opportunities, stewardship accountability, encouragement of others, and accepting the offer of a county church to host next month's meeting.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

A special meeting may be called by an elected official of The Alliance with notice to all active member churches in The Alliance.

Section 3 – Quorum

A quorum will be constituted by the presence of representatives from five (5) member churches.

Section 4 – Attendance

A written attendance will be taken at every meeting including representatives' names, their affiliated church name, and contact phone numbers.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership

Membership in The Alliance will be constituted of representatives from active member Union county churches. An active member church shall be defined as a church that is represented in at least six meetings per year.

Section 2 – Voting Rights

Right to vote shall be extended to any two representatives of any active member church.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

In the month of December, The Alliance shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President, Corresponding/Recording Secretary, and Treasurer from the active member churches representatives.

Section 2 – Term of Office

The term of office shall begin on January 1 and terminate on December 31. There shall be no limitation to the number of successive terms served by any officer.

Section 3 – Nominations

A nominating committee shall be appointed at the November meeting and make its recommendations at the following December meeting.

Section 4 – Election

The election of next year officers shall be conducted during the December meeting in which the nominating committee makes recommendations.

Section 5 – Duties of the officers

President – Shall have the general oversight of the business and work of The Alliance, preside at all meetings of The Alliance, represent The Alliance at all public meetings, appoint a nominating committee at the November meeting, appoint committees as deemed necessary to carry out the work of The Alliance, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice-President – The Vice-President shall fulfill all the duties of the President in his absence.

Corresponding/Recording Secretary – The Corresponding/Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting, distribute same just prior to the next month's meeting, keep a copy of all minutes, and oversee all correspondence.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in the name of The Alliance, keep a record of all donations, make a monthly report of all income and expenditures, make a yearly report in January for the prior year, and oversee issuance of checks for bills due and for benevolent assistance expenditures for persons in need per approved guidelines.

Section 6 – Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy of any office, the President may appoint a replacement if there is less than six (6) months remaining in the term of office, if there is more than six (6) months remaining the President shall call a special election.

Section 7 – Removal of Officer from Office

Any officer may be removed from office by a super majority vote of 75% of The Alliance at any meeting where a quorum is present, regular or special, providing all active member churches have been advised of the removal vote five (5) days prior to the vote.

ARTICLE VII ASSISTANCE

Section I – Transients

Assistance to transients shall be once per annum, and limited to one night's lodging, one meal, and gas. Grand total for same shall be within the constraints of an approved dollar amount set by The Alliance.

Section 2 – Local Residents

Assistance to local residents may include food, utilities, rent, lodging or clothing **on multiple occasions, but limited to an accrued annual grand total amount set by The Alliance for any individual, family, or extended family group.**

Section 3 – Exceptions

Exceptions in emergency situations may be made with the approval of two (2) officers.

Section 4 – Referrals

Referrals may be made to other agencies or churches when deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Section 1 – Support

Each member church of The Alliance is encouraged to give financial support **monthly** to The Alliance and **participate in community fund raising activities promoted by The Alliance to fund its ministries.**

Section 2 – Checking Account

A checking account shall be maintained at the Anna State Bank, Anna, IL where three (3) signatures shall be on file, namely the Treasurer and any other officers approved by The Alliance membership, and **any of them may sign checks for The Alliance.**

Section 3 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be on a calendar basis: January 1 thru December 31.

Section 4 – Audit

An audit of the financial records of The Alliance shall be conducted by a CPA at the request of three officers.

Section 5 – Designated Gifts

Designated gifts to The Alliance may be kept in a separate account.

ARTICLE IX COMMUNITY SERVICES

Churches are encouraged to participate in all Alliance sponsored community worship services including, but not limited to: The Union County Fair Worship Service, the Thanksgiving Worship Service, and the National Day of Prayer Worship service. **Unity among all churches is sought and encouraged by The Alliance in all its work of love, and an invitation to join the work is extended to clergy and laity alike, male and female, without distinction within “The Church.”**

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of The Alliance by a majority vote of the members present, provided the members have been notified of the proposed amendment one (1) week in advance of the meeting.

By our signatures below we certify that we are properly elected officers, as noted below in our own hand, of The Alliance, and hereby endorse this document on the date following our signatures.

Signature	Title	Date	Signature	Title	Date
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BLUE text is mandatory language per Internal Revenue Code

BLACK text is existing language in current bylaws

RED text is recommended new language in the proposed amendment

Adopted: August 5 1997

Amended: June 2 2010

Amended: October 7 2016 by committee

Amended: December 5 2018 by The Alliance