

Governing Documents for the Local Church:
Underlying Principles and Concepts
Ordination, Ordinances, Finances, and Miscellaneous Matters

A. Article VIII of the Bylaws –Financial Management and Accountability

1. Designated Accounts

- a. General, building, and missions funds.
- b. Contributions
 - i. To designated accounts.
 - ii. For other purposes.

8.4.2 Contributions made to designated accounts will be added to that account as directed by the donor. CBC discourages donors from directing funds to ministries or budget items that are not designated as a special account. In accordance with the IRS, any funds so directed may not be included as tax-deductible giving and will not be included in CBC's giving reports provided to donors. CBC retains final authority over the use of all funds to ensure they align with our exempt purpose.

2. Financial Oversight

- a. Handling of funds
- b. Financial reporting

B. Article IX: Licensing and Ordination

1. Licensing

- a. Meaning
- b. Subjects

2. Ordination

9.2.1 Ordination is the Church's act of publicly and solemnly setting apart a man who has been thoroughly tested and affirmed by an Ordination Council in conjunction with the Board of Elders to serve in the Office of Elder with the title of Pastor. Ordination is a formal commissioning to the work of shepherding the flock of God by exercising spiritual oversight, by preaching and teaching, by the public and private ministry of God's Word, and the carrying out of all duties necessary for the care of souls.

C. Article VIII (Constitution) Article X (Bylaws): Ordinances

10.1 The Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of positive, and sovereign institution; appointed by the Lord Jesus, the only Lawgiver, to be continued in His Church to the end of the world.

1. Baptism

- a. Administered by those appointed for gospel ministry (Pastors and elders).
- b. Connected to local church membership.
- c. By full immersion unless otherwise required.

2. The Lord's Supper

- a. Administered by those appointed for gospel ministry.
- b. Proper recipients (needed addition).

D. Remaining Articles

1. Additional policies and procedures (Article XI).
2. Ownership and distribution of property (Article XII).
3. Rules of order (Article XIV).
4. Amendment of bylaws (Article XV).