



BY-LAWS FOR HUDSON COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §1702.30(A), Hudson Community Chapel dba Christ Community Chapel (“Hudson Community Chapel”) adopts the following by-laws:

1. Statement Regarding Marriage.

Hudson Community Chapel believes that marriage is between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6) No Pastor or other staff member may conduct marriage ceremonies, blessings, civil-unions or the like in contravention of this by-law. Likewise, no marriage ceremonies, blessings, civil-unions or the like may be conducted in or on any property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled Hudson Community Chapel. Nothing in this by-law prohibits a Pastor or staff member from attending a same-sex ceremony.

2. Statement Regarding Proper Boundaries for Sexual Relations.

We believe that sexual relations are moral only within the bonds of marriage. Galatians 5:20-22; Hebrews 13:4

3. Statement regarding Elder Board as Sole Authoritative Interpreter of Scripture.

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority.” (2 Tim. 3:16- 17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thess. 2:13) For purposes of governing Hudson Community Chapel, including the Pastors, staff, members and attendees, the Elder Board shall have the final say and shall be the sole authoritative interpreter of Scripture.

4. Statement Regarding Church Discipline.

The Pastor(s) and Board of Elders shall take prompt action as to any member whose words or actions willfully violate the Statement of Faith, the Church Constitution, the Church Covenant, or Scripture seeking first to secure restoration of such, and if unsuccessful then to dismiss the member from the church. Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; Titus 3:10. The purpose of discipline is primarily for restoration but also for the protection of the Church. As Christians we are encouraged to take personal responsibility to restore relationships which have been broken as a result of sin. Therefore, if a member sins against another member, then the first step is for the “offended” member to talk with the other member personally. If the member is restored, then the process is complete. If the member is not restored and remains unrepentant, then the “offended” member should take two or three others to speak to the member to seek restoration. If the second encounter is not successful, then the matter may be brought before the Elder board for determination. The Elder Board as representatives of the Church body shall have sole discretion as to whether it will accept a matter for resolution. The Elders shall only hear matters that concern Members of Hudson Community Chapel. If a matter is accepted for resolution, the Elders in their discretion may ask the parties to appear before it to answer questions, examine evidence and make a determination. The Elders in their sole discretion may take any lawful action consistent with Biblical principles of discipline, restoration, the purity of the Church and the protection of the Church including but not limited to removal from the membership rolls, treating the individual as a non-believer and prohibiting the individual from the premises of the church.

In the event of a person whose sinful actions are not against a person, per se, but rather are of the nature of a sin against God or involve actions inconsistent with our Church’s Statement of Faith, Constitution, Covenant or By-Laws, or Scripture (e.g. the sin of unbelief) the matter may be brought directly before the Elders for a determination.

5. Due Diligence for Staff and Volunteers who Work with Children.

Any person, whether paid staff or volunteer must have a thorough background check, including, but not limited to a criminal background check, before being permitted to work with any person under the age of 18. The Lead Pastor shall insure that there are policies and procedures in place to carry out this policy.