

life (Romans 6:1-11). It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible Body of Christ (Acts 2:41-42).

We believe and teach that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration and proclamation of His death until He comes, and should be always preceded by solemn self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28-32). We also teach that, whereas the elements of Communion are only representative of the flesh and blood of Christ, participation in the Lord's Supper is nevertheless an actual communion with the risen Christ, who indwells every believer, and so is present, fellowshiping with His people (1 Corinthians 10:16). We practice open communion to all who profess faith in Christ.

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Corporate Members

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 Church Board. The Church Board shall consist of Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, Chairpersons of standing committees, and elected officers as prescribed in these Bylaws. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members shall vest in the Church Board.

Section 2. Members of the Fellowship

Nothing contained in Section 1 of this Article shall be construed to limit the right of the Corporation to refer to persons associated with the Corporation as 'church members' even though such persons are not members of the Corporation, and no such reference in or outside of these Bylaws shall constitute anyone being a member, within the meaning of K.S.A. 17-1726.

ARTICLE V

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Purpose of the Fellowship

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