

BY-LAWS
Of
THE DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH
OF THE HEALING CHRIST

(As Amended 1991)
(As Amended 2014)

2025 35th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ.

- a. The existence of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ shall be perpetual.
- b. The Articles of Incorporation shall be filed with the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, and the laws of the District of Columbia shall govern the operation of the Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the Church).

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

1. The membership of the Church shall consist of those persons who subscribe to the principles of Divine Science and who have been endorsed by the Minister and approved by the Board of Trustees.
2. Each member 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to one vote on all affairs brought before the membership.
 - a. Each member entitled to vote may vote in person, by proxy, or by mail at the recommendation of the Board of Trustees. The Board may limit the manner of voting on any question.

ARTICLE III THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Business and property of the Church shall be managed by a board of seven Trustees elected by voting members of the Church from their own membership. The Minister shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without a vote.
 - a. Members of the Board of Trustees shall serve overlapping terms of three years. Trustees shall serve no more than two consecutive elected terms. They may be elected again after being off the Board for a period of one year.
 - b. Candidates for members of the Board of Trustees shall have satisfactorily completed the Basic Principles of Divine Science course.
 - c. A member of the Board of Trustees may be relieved of his/her seat if he/she is absent for three consecutive regular Board meetings or four regular Board meetings in any twelve month period. A majority vote of the Board members present at any Board meeting shall be required to take this action.

- d. The Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services.
2. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the Board from the membership of the Board. An officer shall serve for one year and may succeed himself/herself.
3. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees or among the officers shall be filled by appointment by the Board for the unexpired term.
4. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President; provided, however, that at least a three day notice be given to each member of the Board prior to the meeting, and provided further that at least ten meetings shall be held during the fiscal year.
5. A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall consist of a majority of the entire membership of the Board of Trustees, and a majority of those present may decide any question at a meeting.

NOTE: TRANSITION FROM TWO YEAR TO THREE YEAR TERMS.

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| 1991. | The 1991 - 1992 Board will consist of five members elected for two-year terms and four incumbent members serve one-year terms. |
| 1992. | Elected three members for three-year terms and one member for a two-year term. |
| 1993. | Elect three members for three-year terms and two members for one-year terms. |
| 1994. | (And thereafter) elect three members for three-year terms. |
- In 1992 and 1993 the candidates receiving the highest number of votes will serve three-year terms.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. The primary duty of the officers shall be the management of the business of the Church and to assist the Minister when requested to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church.
2. The President of the Board of Trustees shall preside over the Annual Meeting and any special meetings of the Church membership and over meetings of the Board of Trustees. The President shall sign official documents of the Church as President, and shall do and perform functions normally performed by the President of an organization.
3. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, exercise the duties and functions of the President and shall perform such other duties as are properly required of him by the Board of Trustees.
4. The Secretary shall issue notices for meetings and keep the minutes of said meetings. The Secretary shall have charge of the seal and the Corporation books, with the exception of those books dealing with the financial condition and books of account of the Corporation, and shall sign, with the President, such instruments as require his/her signature, and shall make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to his/her office, or are properly required of him/her by the Board of Trustees.
5. The Treasurer shall have the custody of monies and securities of the Corporation and shall keep regular books of account and balance the same each month. He/she shall sign or countersign such instruments as may require his/her signature and shall perform all duties incident to his/her office or that are properly required of him/her by the Board of Trustees. He /she shall give bond for faithful performance of his/her duties in such sum and with sureties as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual Meeting of the Church shall be held during the month of May each year.
2. Prior to the Annual Meeting there may be a reaffirmation of membership.
3. The Secretary shall send notices to each member of the Church not less than five days before said meeting, or publicize said notice of the Annual Meeting in the Church Newsletter prior to the meeting.

- a. At the Annual Meeting the voting members of the Church shall elect from their own membership the necessary number of members to fill existing vacancies on the Board. The persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill vacancies on the Board. After the election of the Trustees, the Trustees shall meet and elect officers.
- b. Prior to the Annual Meeting a nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President with the assistance of the Minister. The Chairman of this committee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees whose term does not expire that year. The remaining committee members will be appointed from the Church members who are not Board Members. The duties of this nominating committee shall consist of selecting nominees for the vacancies on the board of Trustees. Any church member may give the Committee suggestions for nominees.
- c. Special meetings shall be called upon application of at least 25 voting members of the Church stating the purpose of the meeting and presented to the President, who shall call the meeting within 30 days. The Board may postpone a meeting not to exceed an additional 30 days. The President, with the concurrence of the Board may call special meetings.

ARTICLE VI THE MINISTER

1. The Board of Trustees shall select a duly ordained Minister of Divine Science with the approval of a majority of the Church membership present at a regular or special meeting. The remuneration of the Minister shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees. The Minister may be dismissed for cause by a majority vote of the Church membership present at a regular or special meeting.
2. The Trustees may enter into a contract of employment of a Minister for a period of years with the approval of the majority of the membership voting at a regular or special meeting.
3. The Minister shall be in full charge and control of the religious life of the congregation.
4. The Minister shall be responsible for Religious services of the Church. The Minister shall consult with the Board of Trustees regarding vacation periods, guest ministers, or other changes in the religious services.
5. The Minister, when called upon, shall render such personal service in matters concerning healing, marriage, birth or death to members of the Church.

- a. Personal services of the Minister shall not be limited to members of the Church, and the said Minister may at his discretion, perform such services for persons other than members of the Church.
 - b. Any payment or gifts to the Minister for his services covered by Section 5 shall not be considered Church income but shall belong exclusively to the Minister.
6. The Minister is privileged to make guest appearances before any group at his discretion, provided it does not in any way conflict with his said duties and obligations to the Church. Remuneration from said appearances shall belong to the Minister.

ARTICLE VII RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

1. A religious school shall be established for children.
2. The School shall be under the direct supervision of the Minister, who shall have the power to select and appoint a superintendent and as many teachers as may be necessary to conduct the school.
3. The curricula of the school, the books, papers and other details incidental to the operation of the religious school shall be under the direct supervision of the Minister.

ARTICLE VIII TRAINING IN DIVINE SCIENCE

1. There shall be established under the direct supervision of the Minister, a Course of Study in the principles of Divine Science.
2. The Course of Study shall include but not be limited to the following subjects:
 - a. Basic Principle of Divine Science
 - b. Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning - Old Testament
 - c. Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning - New Testament
 - d. Spiritual Psychology
 - e. Consecration and Higher Training
 - f. Meditation

3. The Minister shall with the assistance of such person or persons designated by the Minister, prepare the curricula and lead and instruct the students.
4. Upon certification by the Minister, a student who has successfully taken one of the subjects and has received a passing grade shall receive a certificate for the completion of the course for that subject from the Church.
5. The classes shall be financed on a love-offering basis, or each student shall pay for the Course of Study such sum or sums as may be set by the Board of Trustees, which amount is payable before completion of the course; however, the Trustees shall have the right to waive payment in special cases were persons are unable to pay.
6. The proceeds from the payment of the offerings or tuition shall be used to defray expenses for the operation of the courses and the balance thereof shall be paid three-fourths to the instructors with the balance to the Church.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

1. The President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees shall appoint members in such number as may be required to standing committees.
2. The chair of each standing committee shall report to the Board of Trustees when called upon.
3. Recommendations or suggestions shall be referred to the appropriate committee. The committee then shall report its findings to the Board of Trustees for action.
4. The President may appoint such special committees as may be necessary to properly carry on the business of the Church.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular or special meeting.
2. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by amending the Charter of the Corporation which shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership. (This is in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia.)
3. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to conduct the business of the Corporation and shall be the parliamentary law governing decisions.

RECORD OF AMMENDMENTS

Amendment – of February 9, 2014

Article III The Board of Trustees. At a Church Membership Meeting held on Sunday, February 9, 2014, there was a unanimous vote that the number of Trustees be reduced from nine to seven.

Old Article III Clause: 1.The Business and property of the Church shall be managed by a board of nine Trustees elected by voting members of the Church from their own membership. The Minister shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without a vote.

New Article III Clause: 1.The Business and property of the Church shall be managed by a board of seven Trustees elected by voting members of the Church from their own membership. The Minister shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without a vote.