

Rolling Oaks Baptist Church CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted biblical principles, and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this constitution.

I. Name

This corporate body shall be known as the Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

II. Articles of Faith

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God and the basis for our beliefs. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

III. Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord, Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to educate our children religiously; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world, to strive to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger, to live in the spirit of scripture that we refrain from **excesses (food, alcohol, drugs, etc.)** that would harm this temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19); and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principle of God's Word.

IV. Character of the Church

Section 1. Government. Its government is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation, which are common among Baptist Churches.

Section 2. Doctrine. It receives the Scriptures as its authority in matters of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the belief of the Baptist churches as indicated in the Articles of Faith herewith.

Section 3. Officers. The church officers shall be the Pastor, additional Ministerial Staff and the Deacons. For the effective organization of the church, additional church officers shall be the Trustees, Church Clerk and Treasurer.

Section 4. Meetings. The Church shall conduct an annual conference for the purpose of transacting business.

V. Amendments

Changes in the constitution may be made at a called business meeting of the church, provided each amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous called meeting duly called for that purpose. Copies of the proposed amendment shall have been furnished to each member by an all church mail-out and publication each Sunday at least four weeks prior to the presentation. Amendments to the constitution shall be by two thirds vote of church members present and voting.

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Article I. Membership Section 1.

Membership.

A. It shall be required for membership that each individual shall give satisfactory testimony of a conversion experience as stated by our Lord in John 3:3-6. It shall likewise be required that each member shall have been baptized by immersion under the authority of this church or a church of like belief. Application for membership may be received in any service of the church.

B. The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

Section 2. Candidacy.

A. Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the church at any regular church service for membership in any of the following ways:

- (1) **By profession of faith and for baptism** according to the policies of this church.
- (2) **By promise of a letter** of recommendation from another Baptist church.
- (3) **By restoration upon a statement of prior conversion experience and baptism** by immersion in another church, when no letter is obtainable.

B. The fellowship of our church is open on a watch-care basis to short-term residents of the area who otherwise qualify for membership but whose transfer is impractical because of the length of stay.

Section 3. Duties.

Members are expected, first of all to be faithful in all the duties essential to the Christian life as set forth in the Church Covenant; and also to attend regularly the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its causes, and to share in its organized work.

Section 4. Rights.

Such members as are in full and regular standing, and do not hold letters of dismissal, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church.

Section 5. Termination of Membership.

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways:

- (1) Death of the member.
- (2) Transfer of Letter to another Baptist church.
- (3) Exclusion by action of this church.
- (4) Proof of membership in another church.
- (5) Oral or written resignation.

Section 6. Discipline.

A. It shall be the practice of this church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff, and deacons are available for counsel and guidance. The attitude of members toward one another shall be guided by a concern for redemption.

B. Should some serious condition exist which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, the pastor and the deacons will take every reasonable measure to resolve the problem in accordance with Matthew 18:15-17, I Cor 5:9-13, and I Thess. 5:12-14. If it becomes necessary for the church to take action to exclude a member, a two-thirds vote of the members present at a business meeting is required: and the church may proceed to declare the person to be no longer in the membership of the church. All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance. This applies to all members regardless of standing, elected position or employment status with the church.

Section 7. Restoration.

The church may restore any member who has been previously excluded by disciplinary action provided the individual previously excluded requests restoration and provides sufficient evidence of repentance and reformation. A two thirds vote, of the members present at a business meeting, shall be necessary to restore.

All who serve as officers of the church and those who serve on church committees shall be members of this church.

Article II. Church Officers

Section 1. The Pastor.

1. Call.

A. The church shall call a man of God to be pastor and under shepherd of the church and the spiritual leader of the congregation. He is to be of like faith and order, of good report, and accepting the whole Word of God.

B. The man shall meet the qualifications set out in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:69.

C. When such a man is found, a public notice of two (2) weeks shall be required to present him in view of a call. He shall be called only on an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the members voting at a called church conference, with public notice, one (1) week after such a man has preached before the church body in view of a call. He shall be given an indefinite call.

2. Duties.

The pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church and shall lead all other staff members as called by the church to assist in the ministries of the congregation. The pastor shall preach on the Lord's Day; administer the New Testament ordinances; conduct the midweek prayer service; visit the members of the church, especially the sick; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office or as set forth in the Pastor's Job Description as approved by the church.

3. Accountability.

A. The Pastor is responsible to God in matters concerning the spiritual leadership of the congregation and;

B. To the Personnel Committee in matters concerning scheduling of duties, performance evaluations and compensation.

4. Termination.

His call shall be terminated in one of the following:

A. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting in a called church conference, provided that public notice of such intentions has been given fifteen days previously.

B. If the Pastor, verbally or in writing, submits, offers or gives his resignation, a vote of the congregation will not be required.

Section 2. Moderator.

The moderator of the church shall be the pastor. Should the pastor not chose to be the moderator, a moderator shall be nominated to the church by the deacon body. Other nominations, from the floor will be accepted for consideration also. He shall serve until such time as the church body decides otherwise. He shall be responsible for attending to the affairs of the church and the oversight of church programs, as appropriate. He shall oversee the church business meetings and church council.

Section 3. Church Staff.

1. Called Staff

The called staff shall include such assistant Pastors, Minister or Directors of particular Ministries as shall be approved by the church on recommendation of the Pastor and Personnel Committee.

2. Job Descriptions.

The Personnel committee will determine the job description for each member of the called staff and all other employees. All called staff members and paid personnel shall be responsible to the personnel committee for performance evaluations, as outlined in the Personnel Committee Guidelines.

Section 4. Deacons.

The Deacons are the duly ordained body in the church, and the only body in the church specifically authorized in God's Word to be "servants" of a New Testament Church (Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-13). Deacons should guard the unity of the spirit of the church. The word for deacon in the New Testament means "servant". Deacons should always see themselves as a "spiritual body" and do not exist for the purpose of carrying out the business of the church as a "governing board".

1. Number, Election, Terms of Service.

The Lord's leadership shall allow for the number of deacons necessary and the appropriate assignments to each deacon.

2. Length of Membership.

Once elected to the deacon body, and ordained, a deacon shall retain deacon status so long as he belongs to the church unless he requests removal, or the church removes him.

3. Designations.

There shall be four designations of deacons: Active Deacons, Active Deacons on Temporary Leave, Inactive Deacons, and Life Deacons.

Active Deacon

Those deacons, who are actively participating in ministries as assigned through the deacon body.

Active Deacon on Temporary Leave

Those deacons, who for unforeseen or unmanageable reasons are temporarily unable to fully participate as active deacons, may request or be placed on temporary leave. They may be returned to full active service when requested by the deacon and approved by the deacon body by a two-thirds vote of the deacon body.

Inactive Deacon

They shall be permitted to attend meetings of the deacon body but will not have voting privileges until returned to active status.

Life Deacon

It shall be pertinent for the church to promote to honorary life membership any deacon who by reason of age or infirmities shall, after honorable service, be no longer able to render active ministry.

4. Previous Ordination Acceptance.

There shall be no obligation to constitute as an assigned deacon one who has been an ordained deacon in another church; but in such instances as one might be chosen by this church for assignment as a deacon, his previous ordination by another church of like faith and doctrine shall suffice for this church. . .

5. Requirements of Deacon Membership.

A. A Deacon Nominating Committee shall be elected in accordance with the Committee Manual published by the Church Council and shall have the responsibility of nominating **candidates** to serve as Active Deacons. Duties of this committee shall be published in the Church Committee Manual, which will not negate duties as outlined in this section.

B. The selection of deacons should be done scripturally and prayerfully. Any potential nominee for election and ordination to the Active Deacon Body must be an active member of the Baptist Church for at least three (3) years, one (1) year of which shall immediately precede election at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church. An ordained deacon must have been an active member in good standing of Rolling Oaks Baptist church for at least one year

C. Deacons shall meet the scriptural qualification required of the deacon as stated in Acts 6:1-4 and I Timothy 3:8-13 and shall subscribe wholeheartedly to the Church Covenant. The phrase "husband of one wife" in I Timothy 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6, shall not be interpreted to disqualify men who have been divorced from Deaconship but rather shall be interpreted as a moral standard for his life as it is today; literally from the Greek, "A One-Woman Man."

D. They shall have a consistent Christian witness in business, home and community life and shall refrain from social practices and functions which are not in harmony with the church ideals.

5. Duties.

- A. They shall serve as a council of communication with the pastor in all matters pertaining to the welfare and work of the church. With the pastor they are to consider and formulate plans for the constant effort and progress of the church in all things pertaining to the saving of souls, the development of Christians and the extension and growth of the Kingdom of God and the discipline of membership.
- B. By proper organization and method among themselves they are to seek to know the physical needs and the moral and spiritual struggles of the brethren and sisters: and to serve the whole church in relieving, encouraging and developing all who are in need.
- C. The deacons shall serve as a general Pulpit Committee. In case of any unplanned absence or inability of the pastor, subject to advice from and conference with him, they will provide for pulpit supply. In any period when the church is without a pastor, unless the church shall otherwise provide, the deacons will arrange for the temporary filling of the pulpit.
- D. The whole body of deacons shall be organized for the consideration of all larger problems and general policies pertaining to the Deacon Body. They may organize themselves into such committees as their wisdom may direct for efficiency in service.
- E. They may apportion the membership of the church among themselves, or make plans whereby the entire membership may have the benefit of the oversight in care of their brethren.
- F. Each deacon shall freely confer with the pastor about all matters and cases of discipline which in his judgment would be most wisely and spiritually handled in private.
- G. The Church Ordinances will be the responsibility of the Deacon Body. (See Article VI)
- H. The deacon body shall nominate a church moderator, to be elected by the church body
- I. The deacon body shall develop a policy manual of duties and self- discipline.

Section 5. Trustees.

Five Trustees nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church shall hold in trust the church property. They shall serve as legal representatives of the church. Said trustees shall represent the church in legal transactions involving the sale, transfer, mortgaging, purchase or rental of property.

- A. They shall have no power to buy, sell, transfer, mortgage, or lease any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing each action. It shall be the function of the trustees to affix their signatures to legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, transfer, purchase or rental of property or other legal documents where the signatures of trustees are required.
- B. The trustees shall serve on a five-year rotating system with one trustee to be elected each year. For purposes of continuity, trustees may be nominated and elected for successive terms.
- C. The Trustees are not a committee, do not have meetings, and have no authority or power other than stated above.
- D. The trustees shall be officers of the church.

Section 6. Clerk.

The Church Clerk, nominated annually by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church, shall keep in an authorized book a record of all the actions of the church, except as otherwise herein provided. He/she is responsible for keeping a register of the names of members, with dates of admission, transfer, or death, together with a record of baptism. He/she shall issue letters of transfer voted by the church, preserve on file all communications and official written reports, and give notice of all meetings where such notice is necessary, as indicated by these bylaws. The Pastor may delegate some of the clerical responsibilities to a church secretary. All church records are church property and should be filed in the church office.

Section 7. Treasurer.

The church shall elect a church treasurer and assistant treasurer, for a three- year term.

1. Treasurer.

- A. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out, upon receipt of approved purchase orders, all money, or things of value paid or given to the church, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Payment of bills for work and expenses shall be made from available funds, and all funds received for denominational or other causes shall be remitted at least monthly by check. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to render to the Budget/Finance Committee at each regular meeting an itemized report of receipts and disbursements for the preceding month. Within thirty days after the end of each fiscal year the treasurer shall render to the Budget/Finance Committee an annual report showing the total amount of receipts, and an itemized statement of all disbursements. The report form and allocation of expenditures shall be approved by the Budget/Finance Committee. All books, records, and accounts kept by the treasurer shall be considered the property of the church. The books shall be open to inspection for any member of the church. Records pertaining to individual giving or the recipients of designated offerings shall be deemed confidential and opened only to the particular individual involved.

Upon rendering the annual account at the end of each fiscal year, and its approval by the Budget/Finance Committee the Treasurer shall keep and preserve the same as a part of the permanent records of the church. The treasurer shall upon the election of his/her successor, upon the completion of his/her fiscal report, promptly deliver to his/her successor all books, records and accounts in his/her hands pertaining or relating to in any manner the duties of the office he/she is relinquishing.

2. Assistant Treasurer.

The assistant treasurer has all of the same duties and responsibilities of the treasurer. Whenever the treasurer is not available and/or cannot perform his/her duties, the assistant treasurer will assume them.

Article III. Tasking Groups (Committees and Coordinating Groups)

SECTION I. General.

For the better execution of its objectives the church's work shall be promoted through standing or special committees in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. The membership of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and recommended to the church for election.
- B. Guidelines for the staffing, member rotation and general operation of all committees shall be set forth in the committee manual published by church council.
- C. No individual may chair more than one standing committee at a time.
- D. Each committee tasking group will elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, unless exempted in the committee manual.

E. These shall be the categories of Tasking Groups:

1. Standing

Committees. The Standing Committees shall be Missions, Financial Stewardship, Personnel, Property & Grounds, Nominating. (Deacon Nominating and Sunday School Nominating shall be Sub-Committees under the Nominating Committee.)

2. Workgroups.

Workgroups perform the ministry and day-to-day functions of the church. Workgroups shall be all other functions deemed necessary to operate the church ministries and so designated by Church Council, other than those group ministry functions performed by designated committees. The staffing of workgroups is voluntary, one need not be “elected” to the workgroup to serve, simply participate. However such participation shall be under the direction of an elected Chairperson. (Example of Workgroups: Altar Flowers, Bridal, Fellowship, Ushers & Greeters Etc. If a Workgroup is newly established by Church Council, Nominating Committee shall select an initial “Coordinator to staff the group. Once staffed, the coordinator shall hold elections for officers of the Workgroup.

3. Ad Hoc Committee. Those groups organized to perform a specific task that is temporary in nature. These committees are staffed by and serve at the pleasure of the Church Council.

4. Elected Service. Those groups whose task is highly specific and fiduciary in nature, yet routine. They exist at the pleasure of Church Council. Members are nominated by Nominating Committee and elected to serve by the church body. (Example: Tellers)

F. Council may, at its discretion, direct nominating committee to assist in staffing any tasking group created.

G. Notification of meeting is deemed given by letter, by church publication, or by public announcement, or by phone on order of the committee chairman or vice- chairman. To meet and make decisions a quorum is required. However a quorum will be those available and present. (Ref Article VII, Section 5) Each committee may advise the nominating committee to take such action to remove and/or replace any member.

Section 2. Nominating Committee.

- A. The names of persons nominated to serve shall be submitted to the church for approval in the annual church conference. Term of office shall be for no more than three (3) years beginning January 1st. Committee members may succeed themselves only once.
- B. This committee shall deliberate and nominate personnel for all standing committees, leadership positions, and any other tasking groups so specifically required under these bylaws, except for the Nominating Committee, and make its report to the church not less than annually at the annual church conference, and at any other time as may be required in order to fill positions. Any member of the church shall have the right to suggest to the Nominating Committee the name of a church member for membership on any church committee. Any church member who meets the requirements of membership for a particular tasking group, may also be nominated and elected to fill a vacancy, directly from the floor of any duly called meeting.
- C. In the event a new work group is added by church council, nominating shall assist in staffing that group by suggesting names to the coordinator.
- D. Further duties of this committee are outlined in the Committee Manual.

Article IV. Church Program Organizations

Section 1. General.

The church shall maintain programs of Bible teaching, church member training, church leader training, new member orientation, mission education, action, and support: and music education, training, and performance. All organizations related to the church programs shall be under church control, all officers being elected by the church and reporting regularly to the church, and all program activities subject to church council coordination and approval. The church shall provide the human resources, the physical resources, and the financial resources for the appropriated advancement of these programs.

Section 2. The Sunday School.

The Sunday School shall be the basic organization for Bible teaching.

Article V. Church Council

- A. The church's moderator shall serve as council moderator.
- B. The church council shall serve the church by leading in planning, coordinating, conducting, and evaluating the ministries and programs of the church and its organizations.
- C. The primary functions of the church council shall be to recognize the needs of the membership; coordinate and facilitate the ministry and resources of the church in order to meet those needs, and maintain the church calendar
- D. Church Council shall establish and maintain the "Church Operations Manual" and "Tasking Group Manual".
- E. Regular members of the church council shall be church staff members, directors of church program organizations, chairman of deacons, church officers, chairpersons of tasking groups, workgroup coordinators, church clerk, and church treasurer. The Pastor shall be an "Ex-Officio" member of the Church Council.
- F. Any issue on which final authority is not granted to Church Council by this document, shall be referred to the Church Body for final action.

Article VI. Church Ordinances

The Deacon Body shall be responsible for church ordinances.

Section 1. Baptism.

This church shall receive for baptism any person who has received Jesus Christ as Saviour by personal faith, who professes Him publicly, and who indicates a commitment to follow Christ as Lord.

- A. Baptism shall be by immersion in water, unless physical circumstances prevent such.
- B. The pastor, the pastor's designee, or whomever the church shall authorize shall administer baptism. The deacon body shall assist in the preparation for, and the observance of baptism.
- C. Baptism shall be administered as an act of worship during any worship service of the church.

A person who professes Christ and is not baptized after a reasonable length of time shall be counseled by the pastor and/or staff or deacons. If negative interest is ascertained on the part of the candidate, he shall be deleted from those awaiting baptism.

Section 2. The Lord's Supper.

The church shall observe the Lord's Supper as scheduled by the Deacon Body. The pastor and deacons shall administer the Lord's Supper.

Article VII. Church Meetings

Section 1. Worship Services.

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday Wednesday evening for the worship of Almighty invitation, instruction, and evangelism shall be services. The pastor shall direct the services and laymen may direct the services.

Section 2. Special Services

Revival services and any other church meetings essential to the advancement of the church's objectives shall be placed on the church calendar, after being reviewed and approved by the pastor, deacon body and church council.

Section 3. Business Meetings.

The church shall hold an annual conference in January of each year. The exact date will be set by church council for each year. The church shall conduct monthly business meetings as necessary.

Section 4. Special Business Meetings.

The church may conduct called business meetings to consider mailers of special nature and significance, any other matters will be considered out of order. A one week notice must be given for the specially called business meeting unless extreme urgency renders such notice impractical. The notice shall include the subject, the date, and time and place; and it must be given in such a manner that all resident members have opportunity to know of the meeting.

Section 5. Member Rights.

Any church member may request church council to call a business meeting to address a stated issue. If church council fails to do so, the member may secure a meeting and date by obtaining the signatures of at least 60% of the active church membership on a document stating the date, time, location and issues to be addressed at said meeting. The document is to be delivered to the church secretary who is to immediately notify all members, by mail, of the meeting and its purpose.

Section 6. Quorum.

A quorum consists of those members who are in attendance at a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.

Section 7. Voting Majority.

Unless specified elsewhere in these bylaws, motions made in church conference will require a simple majority vote for approval. Special conditions may arise which will require higher percentages for approval. These higher percentages would be made as part of the specific motion, however the percentage requested will not be less than specified in these bylaws for specific concerns.

Section 8. Voting Majority on Legal Matters.

At least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of church members present and voting at any church conference or called church conference shall be required before approval of any legal transaction involving the sale, transfer, mortgage, purchase, or rental of any real property belonging to the church. Notice of the proposed sale, transfer, mortgage, purchase, or rental of church property shall be published each Sunday and announced from the Pulpit at least two weeks prior to its presentation.

Section 9. Parliamentary Authority.

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all church conferences and meetings, unless such rule is specifically excepted in the "Rules of order," which regards the daily affairs of the church.

Article VIII. Church Finances

Section 1. Offerings.

The work of the church shall be supported with offerings such as tithes, pledges and gifts in keeping with the teachings of the New Testament on the doctrine of giving.

Section 2. Accounting Procedures.

A. For the protection of the Treasurer, and the ushers taking the offerings, a tasking group shall be elected by the Church Body for the purpose of counting and making a written record of the money. All monies, along with the written report prepared by the teller tasking group, shall be placed in the church safe to be deposited on the next working day by the Treasurer.

B. All funds and gifts received for any and all purposes shall pass through the treasurer office, and be properly recorded on the books of the church.

Section 3. Budget.

The Financial Stewardship Committee shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all local and other expenses. A financial report shall be given to the church body on a monthly basis.

It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular, proportionate gifts. Offering envelopes will be provided for members' use.

Section 4. Budget Year.

The church budget year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Article X. Amendments

Changes in the bylaws may be made by a called business meeting of the church provided each amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous business meeting or, in the event of proposed changes at the annual church conference, mailed to the membership at least two weeks prior to that meeting. Amendments to the bylaws shall have a concurrence of a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

Article XI. Sole Constitutional Authority

All rules, regulations, bylaws and constitution, if any, of this church, in conflict with this constitution and bylaws are each and all hereby repealed, set aside, and superseded, and this constitution and bylaws shall be, and is hereby established as the sole constitution and bylaws of this church.

Article XII. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)

In the event of the dissolution, winding-up or abandonment of this Corporation, its property and assets, of every type and description, shall be applied and distributed as required by the laws of the State of Texas regulating said liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, or abandonment, and any assets remaining shall be distributed to and become the property of such funds, foundations, and/or corporations as are selected and designated by the members of this corporation, which said funds, foundations and/or corporations shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes or for such other charitable purposes, provided, however, that such funds, foundations, and/or corporations shall qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended.