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| 6  | Attorneys for Nominal Defendant<br>Dwelling Place Anaheim, f/k/a Vineyard                                                                |                                                                         |  |
| 7  | Christian Fellowship of Anaheim (erroneously named<br>as Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim, Inc.<br>d/b/a Dwelling Place Anaheim) |                                                                         |  |
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| 10 | SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA                                                                                                |                                                                         |  |
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| 12 | CAROL WIMBER, STEVE BRAY, NANCY                                                                                                          | Case No. 30-2022-01291272-CU-FR-WJC                                     |  |
| 13 | BRAY, STEPHANIE RUPPE, DAVID<br>EDMONDSON, LANCE PITTLUCK, DON                                                                           | REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN                                          |  |
| 14 | SALLADIN, JOE GILLENTINE, JAMES<br>GILLENTINE, each individually and                                                                     | SUPPORT OF NOMINAL<br>DEFENDANT'S DEMURRER TO<br>DLAINTHEES' COMPLAINT: |  |
| 15 | derivatively on behalf of VINEYARD<br>CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ANAHEIM,                                                                   | PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT;<br>EXHIBITS 1-6                                  |  |
| 16 | INC., dba DWELLING PLACE ANAHEIM, a California Nonprofit Religious corporation,                                                          | Hon. Sheila Recio                                                       |  |
| 17 | Plaintiffs,                                                                                                                              | Date: June 2, 2023<br>Time: 9:30 a.m.                                   |  |
| 18 | v.                                                                                                                                       | Dept. W08<br>Reservation ID: 73949067                                   |  |
| 19 | ALAN SCOTT, an individual, KATHRYN<br>SCOTT, an individual, JEREMY RIDDLE, an                                                            | Reservation 1D. 73747007                                                |  |
| 20 | individual, KATIE RIDDLE, an individual,<br>GREGORY SCHERER, an individual,                                                              | Action Filed: November 10, 2022                                         |  |
| 21 | BANNING LEIBSCHER, an individual,<br>JULIAN ADAMS, an individual, and DOES 1-                                                            | Action Filed:November 10, 2022Trial Date:No Date Set                    |  |
| 22 | 50, inclusive,                                                                                                                           |                                                                         |  |
| 23 | Defendants.                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |  |
| 24 | DWELLING PLACE ANAHEIM f/k/a                                                                                                             |                                                                         |  |
| 25 | VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF<br>ANAHEIM, a California Nonprofit Religious                                                            |                                                                         |  |
| 26 | corporation,<br>Nominal Defendant.                                                                                                       |                                                                         |  |
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1 Pursuant to California Evidence Code sections 452(c), 452(h), and 453, and Rule 2 3.1306(c) of the California Rules of Court, Nominal Defendant Dwelling Place Anaheim, f/k/a 3 Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim (the "Church" or "Nominal Defendant") respectfully 4 requests that the Court take judicial notice of the following documents and their contents in 5 support of its Demurrer to Plaintiffs' Complaint: 6 Exhibit 1. Articles of Incorporation. A certified copy of the Articles of 7 Incorporation of Calvary Chapel of Yorba Linda/Placentia as filed with the Secretary of 8 State of California on September 11, 1979 (the "Articles"), which is authenticated through 9 the accompanying Declaration of James W. Renwick. Judicial notice is appropriate under 10 Evidence Code sections 452(c) and/or 452(h). See Jones v. Goodman (2020) 57 Cal. App. 11 5th 521, 528 n.6 (taking judicial notice of articles of incorporation obtained from 12 Secretary of State's website). 13 Exhibit 2. Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation. A certified 14 copy of the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation as filed with the 15 Secretary of State of California on May 28, 1982, reflecting that Calvary Chapel of Yorba 16 Linda/Placentia had changed its name to Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Placentia, 17 which is authenticated through the accompanying Declaration of James W. Renwick. 18 Judicial notice is appropriate under Evidence Code sections 452(c) and/or 452(h). See 19 Jones v. Goodman (2020) 57 Cal. App. 5th 521, 528 n.6 (taking judicial notice of articles 20 of incorporation obtained from Secretary of State's website). 21 Exhibit 3. Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation. A certified 22 copy of the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation as filed with the 23 Secretary of State of California on November 17, 1983, reflecting that Vineyard Christian 24 Fellowship of Placentia had changed its name to Vineyard Christian Fellowship of 25 Anaheim, which is authenticated through the accompanying Declaration of James W. 26 Renwick. Judicial notice is appropriate under Evidence Code sections 452(c) and/or 27 452(h). See Jones v. Goodman (2020) 57 Cal. App. 5th 521, 528 n.6 (taking judicial notice 28 of articles of incorporation obtained from Secretary of State's website). - 2 -

Exhibit 4. <u>Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation</u>. A certified
copy of the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation as filed with the
Secretary of State of California on January 9, 2023, reflecting that Vineyard Christian
Fellowship of Anaheim has changed its name to Dwelling Place Anaheim, which is
authenticated through the accompanying Declaration of James W. Renwick. Judicial
notice is appropriate under Evidence Code sections 452(c) and/or 452(h). *See Jones v. Goodman* (2020) 57 Cal. App. 5th 521, 528 n.6 (taking judicial notice of articles of
incorporation obtained from Secretary of State's website).

Exhibit 5. Bylaws of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim. A copy of theBylaws of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim, as approved and adopted by theBoard of Directors on or about July 13, 2006, which is authenticated through theaccompanying Declaration of James W. Renwick. The Bylaws are expressly referenced inthe Complaint at paragraph 41 and underlie Plaintiffs' allegations concerning thegovernance of the Church. Judicial notice is appropriate under Evidence Code section452(h). See, e.g., Requa v. Regents of University of California (2012) 213 Cal. App. 4th213, 224 n.7 (bylaws and meeting minutes generally be subject to judicial notice if ineffect at relevant times); Align Technology, Inc. v. Tran (2009) 179 Cal. App. 4th 949, 956n.6 (documents referred to in the complaint are an appropriate matter for judicial notice).

Exhibit 6. Amendment to Bylaws of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim.A redacted copy of the minutes of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim Boardof Directors Meeting of March 26, 2018, reflecting Board approval and adoption of anamendment to the Church's Bylaws, authenticated through the accompanying Declarationof James W. Renwick. The Bylaws are expressly referenced in the Complaint at paragraph41 and underlie Plaintiffs' allegations concerning the governance of the Church. Judicialnotice is appropriate under Evidence Code section 452(h). See, e.g., Requa v. Regents ofUniversity of California (2012) 213 Cal. App. 4th 213, 224 n.7 (bylaws and meetingminutes generally be subject to judicial notice if in effect at relevant times); Align

| 1       | Technology, Inc. v. Tran (2009) 179 Cal. App. 4th 949, 956 n.6 (documents referred to in |                                                                                           |  |
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| 2       | the complaint are an appropriate matter for judicial notice).                            |                                                                                           |  |
| 3       |                                                                                          | Respectfully submitted,                                                                   |  |
| 4       | Dated: February 9, 2023                                                                  | BROWN & STREZA, LLP                                                                       |  |
| 5       |                                                                                          |                                                                                           |  |
| 6       |                                                                                          | By: John C. Peiffer II                                                                    |  |
| 7       |                                                                                          | Casey S. Hale                                                                             |  |
| 8<br>9  |                                                                                          | Attorneys for Nominal Defendant<br>Dwelling Place Anaheim, f/k/a Vineyard                 |  |
| 9<br>10 |                                                                                          | Christian Fellowship of Anaheim (erroneously<br>named as Vineyard Christian Fellowship of |  |
| 11      |                                                                                          | Anaheim, Inc. d/b/a Dwelling Place Anaheim)                                               |  |
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# **Exhibit 1**

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### OF

#### CALVARY CHAPEL OF YORBA LINDA/PLACENTIA

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The name of this corporation shall be CALVARY CHAPEL OF YORBA LINDA /PLACENTIA.

#### II

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

(A) The specific and primary purposes are:

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- (1) To proclaim the good news of salvation by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ by any suitable method or media which includes but is not limited to the following:
  - (a) Establishing and operating a local church for the worship of Jesus Christ, using personal evangelism, television and radio for crusades, conventions, preaching, teaching, missions and other Christian purposes;
  - (b) Assisting and furthering the task of providing Biblical Scripture to groups of the world through the Holy Scriptures and other printed material by providing speakers and other instructional and educational programs which may be deemed necessary or convenient in effecting the above purposes; and
  - (c) Establishing of new programs of outreach and ministry, and the strengthening of existing programs and organizations which have a similar purpose and dedication to presenting Christ as Saviour.
- (2) To license and ordain ministers of the Gospel and missionaries for the furtherance of the work of this corporation and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the United States and all foreign countries in accordance with such regulations for ordination as shall be promulgated by the Board of Directors.

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(3) To be obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

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- (4) To serve as an instrument through which men may be witnesses unto our Lord Jesus Christ ". . . in Jerusalem and unto all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth;" and
- (5) To do only that which glorifies the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- (B) The general purposes and powers are:
  - (1) To engage in spiritual work and services based upon the authority of the Holy Bible;
  - (2) To solicit, collect, receive, acquire, hold and invest money and property, both real and personal, including money and property received by gift, contribution, bequest, or device; to sell and convert property, both real and personal, into cash, and to use the funds of this corporation and the proceeds, income, rents, issues, and profits derived from any property of this corporation for any of the purposes for which this
  - (3) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, dispose of, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or encumber, shares, bonds, notes, debentures, or other securities or evidences on indebtedness or any person, firm, corporation, or association and, while the owner or holder of them, to exercise all rights, powers, and privileges of ownership;
  - (4) To purchase or acquire, own, hold, use, lease (either as lesson or lessee), sell, exchange, assign, convey, dispose of, mortgage, hypothecate, or encumber real and personal property;
  - (5) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit on amount, with any person, firm, association or corporation, municipality, county, parish, state, territory, government, or other municipal or governmental subdivision;
  - (6) To borrow money, incur indebtedness, and to secure repayment by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or other hypothecation of property, both real and personal; and

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(7) To do all things necessary, expedient, or appropriate to the accomplishment of any of the objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed.

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

This corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

III

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California.

IV

The county in this State where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located is Orange County.

V

The authorized number and qualifications of members of this corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and

their liability to dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

IV

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall every inure to the benefit of any director; officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If this corporation holds any assets in trust or the corporation is formed for charitable purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County in which the corporation has its principal office, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

#### VII

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the election of their successors are:

- (1) Pastor John R. Wimber 4751 Palm Avenue Yorba Linda, CA 92686
- (3) Sam Thompson 2117 S. Della Lane Anaheim, CA 92802

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(5) Randy Swanson 1060 Magnolia Placentia, CA 92670

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- (2) Robert Fulton 18901 J & J Lane Yorba Linda, CA 92686
- (4) David W. Morton
   18261 Ayolinda Drive
   Yorba Linda, CA 92686

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the persons hereinabove named as the first directors, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 26 day of AUGUST, 1979.

PASTOR

JOHN R. WIMBER, Incorporator

THOMPSON. Incorporator

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ROBERT FULTON

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MORTON, Incorporator

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) )ss.

COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the <u>26th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 1979, before me, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared PASTOR JOHN R. WIMBER, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) )ss. COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the 26th day of (uquil, 1979, before me, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared ROBERT FULTON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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)ss. COUNTY OF ORANGE )

On the 26th day of <u>unful</u>, 1979, before me, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared SAM THOMPSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ) ss.

COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the 26 day of <u>Authorit</u> 1979, before me, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared DAVID W. MORTON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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> > CRANGE COUNTY

My comm. expires AUG 1, 1981

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF ORANGE

On the 2/2 hday of 1979, before me, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared RANDY SWANSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D., Secretary of State

# Exhibit 2

NAME CHG. TO: VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF PLACENTIA 930604

OF CONTRACTOR

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#### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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WRCH FONG EU. Secretary of State

JOHN R. WIMBER and SAM J. THOMPSON certify that:

 They are the president and the secretary, respectively, of CALVARY CHAPEL OF YORBA LINDA/PLACENTIA, a California Corporation.

 ARTICLE I of the articles of incorporation of this corporation are amended to read as follows:

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The name of this corpration shall be VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF PLACENTIA.

3. The foregoing amendment of articles of incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of members of the board of directors.

John R. Wimber, President

Sam J. Thompson, Secretary

The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury that the matters set forth in the foregoing certificate are true of their own knowledge.

Excecuted at Placentja, California on the 15th day of April, 1982.

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# Exhibit 3

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Name changed to: VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ANAHEIM

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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JOHN R. WIMBER and SAM J. THOMPSON certify that:

I. They are the president and the secretary, respectively, of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Placentia, a California. non-profit Corporation.

II. ARTICLE I of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended as follows:

The name of this corporation shall be VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ANAHEIM.

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III. The foregoing amendment of Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of members and of the board of directors.

hn R. Wimber, President

Sam J. Thompson, Secretary

The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury that the matters set forth in the foregoing certificate are true of their own knowledge. Executed at Placentia, California on the 21st7 day of September, 1983.

John/R. Wimber

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Sam J. Thompson

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ALAN P. SCOTT and JAMES W. RENWICK certify that:

1. They are the president and the secretary, respectively, of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim, a Galifornia nonprofit corporation, with California Entity Number C930604.

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2. ARTICLE I of Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended as follows:

The name of this corporation shall be DWELLING PLACE ANAHEIM.

- The foregoing amendment of Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the board of directors.
- 4. The foregoing amendment of Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of the members.

The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of their own knowledge.

DATE: 01

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Alan P. Scott, President

James W. Renwick, Secretary



I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of <u>1</u> page(s) is a full, true and correct copy of the original record in the custody of the California Secretary of State's office. n

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# Exhibit 5

# BYLAWS OF VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ANAHEIM

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal King. He is an infinite, unchangeable spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, goodness, justice, power and love. From all eternity He exists as the One Living and True God in the three persons of one substance, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory.

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting. From His throne, through His Son, His eternal Word, God created, upholds and governs all that exists; the heavenly places, the angelic hosts, the universe, the earth, every living thing and mankind. God created all things very good.

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great, good angel, rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and, as a usurper of God's rule, established a counter-kingdom of darkness and evil on the earth.

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His image, male and female, for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth. Under temptation of Satan, our original parents fell from grace, bringing sin, sickness and God's judgement of death to the earth. Through the fall, Satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation. Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin. Human beings are born in sin, subject to God's judgement of death and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness.

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon His rule over the earth which He continues to uphold by His providence. In order to bring redemption, God established covenants, which revealed His grace to sinful people. In the covenant with Abraham, God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them.

WE BELIEVE that as King, God later redeemed His people by His mighty acts from bondage in Egypt and established His covenant through Moses, revealing His perfect will and our obligation to fulfill it. The law's purpose is to order our fallen race and to make us conscious of our moral responsibility. By the work of God's Spirit, it convicts us of our sin and God's righteous judgement against us and brings us to Christ alone for salvation.

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King, God established the monarchy in Israel and made an unconditional covenant with David, promising that his heir would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever.

Bylaws of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim Revised November 2005

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time, God honored His covenants with Israel and His prophetic promises of salvation by sending His only Son, Jesus, into the world. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, as fully God and fully man in one person, He is humanity as God intended us to be. Jesus was anointed as God's Messiah and empowered by the Holy Spirit, inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth, overpowering the reign of Satan by resisting temptation, preaching the good news of salvation, healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead. Gathering His disciples, He reconstituted God's people as His Church to be the instrument of His kingdom. After dying for the sins of the world, Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day, fulfilling the covenant of blessing given to Abraham.

In His sinless, perfect life Jesus met the demands of the law and in His atoning death on the cross, He took God's judgement for sin which we deserve as lawbreakers. By His death on the cross, He also disarmed the demonic powers.

The covenant with David was fulfilled in Jesus' birth from David's house, His Messianic ministry, His glorious resurrection from the dead, His ascent into heaven and His present rule at the right hand of the Father. As God's Son and David's heir, He is the eternal Messiah-King, advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power, baptizing believers into the Body of Christ and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them. The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us for spiritual worship, personal sanctification, building up the Church, gifting us for ministry, and driving back the kingdom of Satan by the evangelization of the world through hearing the word of Jesus and doing the works of Jesus.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is our abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide.

WE BELIEVE in the filling or empowering of the Holy Spirit, for healing, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God as ordained to lead and serve the Church.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture so that the Bible is without error in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books for the Old and New Testaments as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Bylaws of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim Revised November 2003 WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of Satan and that all people are sinners by nature and choice. All people therefore are under God's judgement. Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, God regenerates, justifies, adopts and sanctifies through Jesus by the Spirit all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign.

WE BELIEVE in one, holy, universal Church. All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and form the living Body of Christ, of which He is the head and all are members.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism and the Lord's Super. Both are available to all believers.

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom has come in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, that it continues to come in the ministry of the Spirit through the Church, and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ – His return to the earth as King. After Christ returns to reign, He will bring about the final defeat of Satan and all of his minions and works, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgement and the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal conscious punishment of the wicked. Finally, God will be all in all and His Kingdom, His rule and reign, will be fulfilled in the new heavens and the new earth, recreated by His mighty power, in which righteousness dwells and in which He will forever be worshipped.

### PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for the transaction of the business of the corporation is fixed and located at 5340 East La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, California 92807. The Board of Directors may at any time or from time to time change the location of the principal office from one location to another in this county.

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. Qualification and Reception to Membership

The associate membership of this corporation shall be open to any believing and confessing Christian, who acknowledges and accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who is willing to subscribe to the policies of this corporation.

#### SECTION 2. Membership Rolls and Corporate Records

A list of active associate members who attend and give regularly shall be maintained by the corporation Administrator. This list is reviewed and updated from time to time throughout the year. Associate members are not voting members except in the case of termination of the Senior Pastor. Only the voting members will have access to the membership rolls and corporate records.

#### SECTION 3. Voting Members; Board of Directors

The voting members of this corporation shall be the persons who from time to time are the members and Officers of the Board of Directors of this corporation in the capacity of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Secretary will act as recording secretary and not be a voting member of this corporation. Appointment of a successor director as provided in these Bylaws shall operate to appoint that director to voting membership in this corporation.

#### **SECTION 4. Associate Members**

Members who are not voting members shall be associate members. Each associate member shall be entitled to attend meetings of the corporation and to serve on committees of the corporation, but no associate member need be given notice of any meeting of this corporation. These meetings will be for the purpose of providing general information to the associate members of the corporation on vision and direction of the corporation. Each associate member shall be entitled to attend general meetings of the corporation. The general meetings shall be called from time to time by the Senior Pastor for such purposes as hearing reports on the business of the corporation, making inquiries of the pastors regarding the affairs of the corporation, both business and spiritual, and seeking God as to the progress, vision, and direction of the corporation. The general

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meetings will be announced to the associate members at least one week prior either from the pulpit on Sunday, by written communication, or telephone.

#### SECTION 5. Rights of Members

Each voting member of this corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Notice shall be given to the voting members two weeks in advance of the board meeting. It shall be delivered by written communication, or telephone.

#### **SECTION 6.** Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Board of Directors of this corporation shall be held in the first quarter of each year at the principal office of this corporation. Written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be delivered by mail or other written communication, charges prepaid, to each voting member, addressed to him/her at his/her address as it is shown on the records of the corporation, or if it is not shown on the records or is not readily ascertainable, at the place where the meetings of the members are regular held. Any notice shall be mailed, faxed, or emailed at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting. Purpose of the Annual Meeting will be to hear reports on the business of the corporation, make inquiries of the Associate Pastors regarding the affairs of the corporation and transacting such business as needed.

#### **SECTION 7. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the voting members of the corporation (Board of Directors) for any purpose or purposes, may be called at any time by the President (Senior Pastor) of the corporation or by any two (2) directors.

Written notice of the time and place of special meeting of the members shall be given in the same manner as for Annual Meetings of the members.

The transactions of any meetings of the members of this corporation, however called and noticed, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting held after regular call and notice if a quorum is present, and if, either before or after the meeting each of the voting members not present signs a written waiver of notice or a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting. All the waivers, consents of approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or be made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

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SECTION 8 Quorum

A quorum for any meeting of the members shall be a majority of voting members.

A voting member of the corporation may submit in writing a vote on corporate business if he/she is unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors. The vote must be delivered by written communication one week prior to the meeting.

A voting member of the corporation may not have someone represent them at the Board of Directors Meetings.

### GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. The Headship of Christ

The government of the corporation shall be founded upon the Lordship and direction of Jesus Christ. Everyone in authority shall continually seek His mind and will, through His Spirit and the Word of God in all actions and decisions.

SECTION 2. The Oversight of His Body by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall serve under the leadership of the Senior Pastor, who is to function as the President of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the corporation in respect to matters concerning business being done by the corporation (i.e., financial investment, buying or leasing of facility, maintenance, contract negotiation, etc.).

The Board of Directors exists to pray for the corporation (church), to borrow money and to incur indebtedness for the purposes of the corporation. For that purpose, to cause to be executed and delivered, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evident of debt and securities.

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### **SECTION 3.** The Board of Directors

#### A. Job Description

(1) The Board of Directors shall oversee the business of the corporation under the leadership of the President (Senior Pastor).

(2) Subject to limitation of the Articles of Incorporation, other sections of the Bylaws, and of California law, all corporate powers of the corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Directors which shall be responsible to review the corporate financial records and handle financial related matters under the leadership of the Senior Pastor and the Senior Level Pastors (Oversight team). Any single expenditure that exceeds 5% of the calendar year budget must have the consent of the Senior Pastor and be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve a yearly budget which shall constitute approval of all budgeted items.

(a) To select and remove all officers, agents, and employees of the corporation, prescribed such powers and duties for them as may not be inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Bylaws, fix their compensation, and require from them security for faithful service.

(b) To approve the borrowing of money, incurring indebtedness by the corporation and for that purpose to execute and deliver, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evidence of debt and securities.

B. Number of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than ten (10) members and at least three (3) members until the number of directors is changed by amendment to these Bylaws.

C. Appointment and Term of Office of Directors

The term of office of each director shall be three (3) years or until his successor is appointed. Successors for directors whose term of office are then expiring shall be appointed at the first Annual Meeting of the members in the year such terms expire. A director may succeed himself in office.

### D. Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### E. Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the President (Senior Pastor) and ratified by the Board of Directors then in office even though less than a quorum or by the sole remaining director. A successor director so appointed shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

# F. Place and Time of Meeting

Regular meetings (other than the Annual Meeting) of the Board of Directors may be held at any place that has been designated by the Board of Directors and at any time designated by the Board of Directors.

# G. Organization Meeting

At each Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting for the purpose of organization, appointment of officers and the transaction of other business, such as licensing, ordination, etc.

#### H. Meetings

Meeting of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President (Senior Pastor) or any two (2) other directors.

Written notice of the time and place of meetings shall be delivered personally to each director or sent to each director by mail, or by an other form of written communication, charges prepaid, addressed to him at his address as it is shown on the records of this corporation, or if it is not so shown on the records or is not readily ascertainable, at the place at which the meetings of the directors are regularly held. The written notice shall be sent at least one week (5 working days) before the time of the meeting. The Annual Meeting requires one-week (5 working days) notice.

The transaction of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and notified and wherever held, shall be as valid as though had a meeting held after regular roll call and notice if a quorum is present and if either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice or a consent to hold the meeting or an approval of the minutes. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

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Any meetings, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all directors participating in the meeting can hear one another, and all such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

J. Action Without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board of Directors shall individually or collectively consent in writing to that action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Such written consent of consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

K. Removal

A director other than the President (Senior Pastor) may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the directors. The President (Senior Pastor) may only be removed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members and by 3/4 vote of the congregation (associate members).

The Board of Directors will call such meeting. Notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting will be delivered by written communication to the voting members and the associate members two weeks in advance.

L. Compensation

The directors shall receive no compensation for their services as directors. Directors may also serve as officers of this corporation for which they may be compensated.

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# OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

#### SECTION 1. Officers

The officers of this corporation shall be a President (Senior Pastor), Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may appoint. One person, other than the President (Senior Pastor) may hold more than one of these offices. Officers other than the President (Senior Pastor) need not be members of the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 2.** Appointment

The Senior Pastor as President shall appoint all officers of the corporation, and these shall be ratified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 3. Vacancies**

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled by appointment of the President (Senior Pastor) and ratified by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 4. President (Senior Pastor)

The Senior Pastor shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the needs of the organization.

#### A. Job Description

The Senior Pastor shall be the President of the corporation, its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall oversee the business of the corporation on a daily basis and give leadership to the Associate and Assistant Pastors, the Board of Directors, the general corporation body and its ministries. The President (Senior Pastor) shall have general supervision of the entire corporation and charge of all services, gatherings, and meetings.

B. His Appointment

(1) The Search Committee shall seek and appoint a new President (Senior Pastor). The Search Committee shall comprise four (4) Board Members, four (4) Senior Level Pastors (Oversight Team) and two (2) lay leaders. The Vice President will name the Board members and seek approval by a majority of the Board of Directors. The Board Members will appoint one (1) lay leader and the Senior Level Pastors (Oversight Team) will appoint one (1) lay leader.

(2) The resigned or retiring President (Senior Pastor) may nominate a successor and/or participate in the appointment of his successor.

#### C. His Compensation

The President's (Senior Pastor) initial compensation shall be specified by the Board of Directors at the time of his calling. The corporation shall provide adequate salary, housing allowance, health insurance, expense allowance, pension, conference fund, continued education, and other special funds as needed for his ministry. The corporation shall also defray the costs of sending the President (Senior Pastor) to out-of-town conferences or conventions attended for the corporation, as approved by the Board of Directors via the budget presented at the Annual Meeting.

D. Potential Termination

The President (Senior Pastor) may only be terminated upon a threequarters (3/4) vote of the Board of Director and a <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> vote of the congregation concurring that the President (Senior Pastor) should terminate his pastorship of the corporation.

### **SECTION 5.** Associate or Assistant Pastors

### A. Job Description

The President (Senior Pastor) shall define an Associate or Assistant Pastor's ministry upon his/her appointment. He/She shall serve under the President's (Senior Pastor) direction and with the President (Senior Pastor) in the administration and oversight of the corporation and its business.

### B. Their Appointment

The President (Senior Pastor) shall appoint and the Board of Directors shall Ordain/License an Associate or Assistant Pastor to share in the ministry.

#### C. Their Compensation

The Associate or Assistant Pastor's compensation shall be specified by the President (Senior Pastor) to be ratified by the Board of Directors at the time of their calling. For a full-time Associate or Assistant Pastor, the corporation shall provide adequate salary, housing allowance, health insurance, expense allowance, pension, conference and continued education funds. For a part-time Assistant, the corporation shall provide as seems appropriate to the Board of Directors.

#### D. Potential Termination

It shall be the prerogative of the President (Senior Pastor), after counseling with the Board of Directors, to ask for the resignation of Pastoral Associates or Assistants if they are not in harmony with the ministry of the corporation as directed by the President (Senior Pastor).

#### **SECTION 6. Vice President**

In the absence or in case of disability of the President (Senior Pastor), the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President (Senior Pastor) and in so acting shall have all the powers of the President (Senior Pastor). The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 7. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep the Seal of the corporation and affix it to such papers as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make services of such notices as may be necessary or proper. The Secretary shall supervise the keeping of the records of the corporation and shall discharge

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such other duties of the office as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall have no voting capacity.

**SECTION 8. Treasurer** 

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the corporation and deposit them in the bank or banks that may be designated by the Board of Directors. Those funds shall be paid out only on checks of the corporation signed by the President (Senior Pastor), Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, or by such officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

# INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The corporation may, to the maximum extent permitted by the Corporations Code of California, indemnify each of its directors and officers against expenses, judgements, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising by reason of the fact any such person is or was a director or officer of the corporation and shall advance to such director or officer expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding to the maximum extent permitted by such law. For purposes of this section, a 'director' or 'officer' of the corporation includes any person who is, or was, a director or officer of the corporation, or is, or was, serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, or other enterprise, or was a direct or officer of a corporation or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor corporation. The Board of Directors may in its discretion provide by resolution for such indemnification of, or advance of expenses to, other agents of the corporation, and likewise may refuse to provide for such indemnification or advance of expenses except to the extent such indemnification is mandatory under the Corporations Code of California.

# **RITES OF ORDINATION**

SECTION 1. Principles of Ordination

Only our Sovereign Holy God can truly call and ordain His children for service in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The calling of a minister is not the result of a title, rather the title is a result of His calling. This calling is recognized by the corporation as from the true and living God.

It is man's privilege and specifically the privilege of the overseers of the true church of Jesus Christ to ratify and recognize the ordination of God when such is obviously placed upon a man's life.

The purpose of this Article is to provide for the ordination rites of ministers of the Gospel.

**SECTION 2.** Qualifications

The qualifications for ordination are as follows:

A. A candidate for ordination must be a 'Born Again' believer in Jesus Christ as described by our Lord in the third chapter of the Gospel of John.

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B. A candidate must believe that there is only one God, who manifests Himself in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C. A candidate must meet the scriptural requirements for the office of elder as described in the Holy Bible, references 1 Timothy 3: 1-7 and Titus 1: 6-9.

D. A candidate must believe and render evidence of his belief that the Holy Bible is the complete and divinely inspired Word of God and that God has not added, deleted, or altered this work with subsequent writings and revelations.

E. A candidate must believe in the objectives of this body and its concepts concerning the work of the Holy Spirit today.

F. A candidate should have evidenced the obvious calling of God upon his life in terms of ministerial experience and report.

SECTION 3. Procedure for Ordination

The procedure or ordination shall be as follows:

A. Each person fulfilling the above qualifications, and upon their presentation to the Board of Directors of this body, will receive consideration for ordination as follows:

(1) Full, permanent ordination into the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

(2) Provisional ordination (licensure) on a year to year basis until said candidate has established an independent body with rites of ordination who will thereafter ordain the candidate. Upon said subsequent ordination the provisional ordination (licensure) shall be deemed null and void.

B. The Board of Directors may make exceptions to these qualifying standards wherein the unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors and under the strong compelling conviction of the Holy Spirit such exception is according to the will of God and consistent with His Word.

C. Upon unanimous approval of the Board of Directors, the candidate will be ordained, whether permanently or provisionally according to paragraph A above, as a minister of the Gospel with the right to perform ministerial functions in accordance with the laws of the land and the

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ordinances of God's Holy Word with all prerogatives of such a calling and office.

D. All candidates, successful or otherwise, will be notified of the Board of Directors decision in writing within one (1) week of the final Board of Directors action. For provisional ordination (licensure) it will be the responsibility of the candidate to request in writing on a yearly basis a letter of good standing to verify continued ordination until the local body is properly established and ordination granted by the local body. Failure to request verification shall render the ordination void until re-established in writing by this corporation. Written verification of continued ordination shall be returned to the candidate within ten (10) days of request.

The candidate shall submit notification in writing of receiving local ordination and the Board of Directors shall thereafter notify the candidate in writing of the termination of the provisional ordination (licensure).

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## SECTION 4 Revocation of Ordination

Ordination is a privilege extended to the candidate and can be revoked at any time for cause. If charges are brought forth against any ordained minister, the matter will be handled according to the following provisions.

A. After thorough investigation and careful consideration, the Board of Directors may vote whether to consider revocation of Ordination. If the Board of Directors votes to further consider charges against any minister, a full explanation of charges giving rise to possible revocation shall be sent to the minister in writing thirty (30) days prior to a vote for revocation by the Board of Directors.

B. The candidate shall submit a defense to the charges either in writing or orally before the Board of Directors.

C. Following the defense or within thirty (30) days from notification, Board of Directors shall vote on the revocation of Ordination. Revocation shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

D. The outcome of the vote or revocation shall be communicated to the candidate in writing within seven (7) days of the vote of revocation.

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SECTION 5. Certificate of Ordination

The following is the text of the Certificate of Ordination to be issued to each successful candidate.

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_ was duly ordained by \_\_\_\_\_\_ as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has completed all studies and has met all of the requirements of this body for recognition of such office; further, by rite of ordination this date he is duly ordained to perform all ministerial functions without limit as accorded by the laws of the land and in compliance with the ordinances of God's Holy Church as set forth in the Holy Bible. We now pray for God's divine blessing and the power of the Holy Spirit upon him.

Given this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

President

Secretary

(SEAL)

# AUXILIARIES

Any organization, group, or club whose membership is primarily for a corporation activity, shall be considered an auxiliary of the corporation and shall be subject to the constitution and Bylaws of the corporation. An auxiliary organization shall exist only in cooperation with the President (Senior Pastor) and Board of Directors

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# AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended or replaced and new Bylaws adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Directors at a director's meeting.

## ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD

The annual accounting period for this corporation shall begin on the first day of September and shall end on the last day of August.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## SECTION 1. Execution of Documents

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or other person shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

SECTION 2. Inspection of Bylaws

The corporation shall keep in its principal office the original or a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection by the members (associate and voting members) at all reasonable times during the office hours.

**SECTION 3.** Construction and Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provision, rules of construction and definitions contained in the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern all business Board of Directors meetings of the corporation, except in instances of conflict between said Rules of Order and the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the corporation or provisions of law.

SECTION 5. Ecclesiastical Matters vs. Business Matters

All ecclesiastical matters relating to the spiritual health of the corporation, matters of doctrine and interpretation, matters of spiritual ordinances for the corporation, direction of ministry, leading and discernment for initiating or terminating ministry activities, and any other matters reasonably connected to spiritual leadership shall be the sole prerogative of the President (Senior Pastor) and the Senior Level Pastors (Oversight Team) and shall not be subject to the collective decision of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall be specifically concerned with matters of finance and facilities and the business matters of the corporation that directly relate to the public trust of the corporate assets.

SECTION 6. Identification and Consent of Members

It is the policy of this corporation under these Bylaws that any associate member of the corporation who is so identified by the Board of Directors as a regular attendee and/or giver whether or not officially on the associate membership roll, shall be subject to the President (Senior Pastor) and the Board of Directors, and consents to be bound by all provisions of these Bylaws and policies as set by the pastoral staff or Board of Directors. **SECTION 7.** Discipline of Members

All disciplinary actions are considered to be ecclesiastical matters under these Bylaws in keeping with spiritual mandates or righteous living and conduct according to the Christian Bible.

Due process shall be provided to any member to be heard by the President (Senior Pastor) and/or a special Disciplinary Board appointed by the President (Senior Pastor) either orally or in writing at the time and place set by the President (Senior Pastor) and/or disciplinary Board prior to any disciplinary action.

## CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

1. That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim.

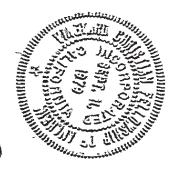
2. That the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of twenty one (21) pages, exclusive of cover sheet and table of contents, constitute the Bylaws of said corporation as duly adopted by the Board of Directors on  $Judy 13^{Th} 2006$ 

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate as of this 13 day of Turk, 2006

(Name) DANIE I

Corporate Secretary

(SEAL)



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## VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ANAHEIM ADDENDUM TO BYLAWS

## GLOSSARY

#### CORPORATION:

The term Corporation used in these Bylaws shall refer to the Church, Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim. The corporation is a legal entity consisting of a group of people who have a charter granting perpetual life that is invested with many legal powers given to individuals.

#### CHURCH:

All members who make up Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim shall be referred to as the "church".

#### VOTING MEMBERS:

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Corporation as set forth in the Bylaws are the voting members of this corporation.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

All other people who make up the congregation of the church, Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim. They are non-voting members except in the case of vacancy in the Senior Pastor position.

#### **ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS:**

All ecclesiastical matters relating to the church, including but not limited to matters of doctrine and interpretation, matters of spiritual ordinances for the church, direction of ministry and discernment for initiating and determining ministry activities, and other matters reasonably connected to the spiritual leadership of the church shall be the ultimate responsibility of the Senior Pastor.

## ELDER:

A tithing member of the church of long standing who has shown evidence in his or her life of the following qualities:

Personal integrity, loyalty to the pastors and members of the church, a proven track record of trustworthiness, teachableness, an anointing for leadership and if married, have a strong and stable marriage with the support of the spouse.

#### **DISCIPLINARY BOARD:**

A group made up of Pastors and Board Members who have been appointed by the Senior Pastor to review accusations brought about a minister of this church for consideration of revocation of Ordination or license or other disciplinary action as resolved by the Disciplinary Board.

# Exhibit 6

# Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim Board of Directors Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Following are the minutes of a meeting of the board of Directors of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim, a California non-profit corporation.

Present:

Alan Scott, PresidentJoeDon Salladin (12/18)MaGreg Scherer (12/19)JueJamie Gillentine (12/20)KaDan Mahon, Sec/Tr. (non-voting) 12/20

Joe Gillentine, V-President (12/18) Mark Weber (12/18) Juergen Milczewsky (12/19) Kathryn Scott (Co-Senior Pastor) /20

## Absent:

 Alan opened the meeting with appreciation for gathering and the boards participation and role. Appreciation for their involvement in this season of transition. Alan asked Kathryn to prayer as meeting opened, 5:24 PM

6. Alan asked Joe to lead discussion about potential bylaw change regarding financial approval of funds over budget. Joe recapped history on this subject for the board from previous context and board conversations. He reviewed the current bylaw wording and a proposal of wording adjustment. Current Bylaw:

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors

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(2) Subject to limitation of the Articles of Incorporation, other sections of the Bylaws, and of California law, all corporate powers of the corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Directors which shall be responsible to review the corporate financial records and handle financial related matters under the leadership of the Senior Pastor and the Senior Level Pastors

 (Oversight team). Any single expenditure that exceeds 5% of the calendar year budget must have the consent of the Senior Pastor and be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

- The Board of Directors shall approve a yearly budget which shall constitute approval of all budgeted items.
- Recommended Change:

(2) Subject to limitation of the Articles of Incorporation, other sections of the Bylaws, and of California law, all corporate powers of the corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Directors which shall be responsible to review the corporate financial records and handle financial related matters under the leadership of the Senior Pastor. [and the Senior Level Pastors (Oversight team) is deleted] Any single expenditure that exceeds <u>the current year budget by \$?</u> [5% of the calendar year budget is deleted] must have the consent of the Senior Pastor and be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve a yearly budget which shall constitute approval of all budgeted items.

There was conversation of the options of rewording the current bylaws and various pro's and con's of the intent of this section of the bylaws. It was proposed that \$20,000 replace the question mark in the paragraph above for the single expenditure cap. Joe moved to accept the bylaws to be adjusted to this new wording, see paragraph title recommended change above, with any single expenditure exceeding \$20,000 requiring board approval. Greg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

12. The meeting ended with the end of business at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Mahon, Secretary of the Corporation March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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| 1                | Carol Wimber, et al. v. Alan Scott, et al.<br>Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2022-01291272-CU-FR-WJC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 2<br>3           | PROOF OF SERVICE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 3<br>4<br>5      | I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age<br>of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 600 Anton Boulevard,<br>Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626.                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 6<br>7<br>8<br>9 | On February 9, 2023, I served, in the manner indicated below, the foregoing document described as <b>Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Nominal Defendant's Demurrer to Plaintiffs' Complaint; Exhibits 1-6</b> on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof, enclosed in sealed envelopes, at Costa Mesa, addressed as follows: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 10               | See attached Service List.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 11<br>12         | ×                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | BY REGULAR MAIL: I caused such envelopes to be deposited in the United<br>States mail at Costa Mesa, California, with postage thereon fully prepaid. I am<br>readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing                            |  |  |
| 13<br>14         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | correspondence for mailing. It is deposited with the United States Postal Service<br>on that same day and that practice was followed in the ordinary course of<br>business for the service herein attested to. (C.C.P. § 1013(a)).                             |  |  |
| 15<br>16<br>17   | X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | BY ELECTRONIC MAIL/E-SERVICE: My office caused such document(s) to<br>be delivered electronically to the following email addresses,<br>nklein@tylerbursch.com; msarmiento@tylerbursch.com;<br>spadilla@tylerbursch.com; sgraham@swlaw.com; hprivette@swlaw.com |  |  |
| 17<br>18<br>19   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY: I caused such envelope to be delivered by air courier, with next day service, to the offices of the addressee(s). (C.C.P. § 1013(c)(d)).                                                                                                |  |  |
| 20<br>21         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | BY PERSONAL SERVICE: I caused such envelopes to be delivered by hand to the offices of the addressees. (C.C.P. § 1011(a)(b)).                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 22               | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 23               | Executed on February 9, 2023, at Costa Mesa, California.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
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