

EXPLANATION OF WHY THE PROPOSED UPDATE IN BYLAWS

The Leadership Council is proposing an amendment to our Bylaws, which must be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of our church membership in attendance at our annual Vision Summit. The reasons for this proposed update are to:

1. **Increase focus on our Statement of Faith.** These are the essentials of our Christian belief. The new verbiage calls for an agreement to our statement of faith.
2. **Remove the language, “comply with the New Testament terms of Salvation”** This is covered in our statement of faith and the existing bylaws give an incomplete list of the new testament terms of salvation. The new language includes general terms of belief, formation, involvement, and growth.
3. **Add language to include membership is for those 18 and older.** We need a defined age at which people can become members. This was not defined in the past.
4. **Removal of “by water immersion” for baptism.** Our church will always baptize by immersion, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, but this amendment will allow us to recognize people coming from different Christian traditions, who were baptized at an age of understanding, to become members of the church without having to be baptized by immersion.

CURRENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. The church shall receive as members those who regularly worship with Boulder Valley Christian Church and support the mission, vision, and statement of faith. All members will comply with the New Testament terms of Salvation.
 - i. Repentance of sin
 - ii. Faith in our Savior Jesus Christ as the Son of God
 - iii. Confession of Jesus as Lord
 - iv. Complete the ordinance of Baptism as a personal act of obedience (by water immersion)
 - v. Commit to the continuation of personal growth in relationship with God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit

PROPOSED UPDATE

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. The church shall receive as members those aged 18 and older who regularly worship with Boulder Valley Christian Church and who align with the mission, vision, and agree to the statement of faith. Members shall:
 - i. Profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
 - ii. Pursue a lifestyle of repentance and obedience to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit
 - iii. Have been baptized at an age of accountability as a demonstration of faith
 - iv. Commit to ongoing spiritual formation and participation in the life and ministry of the church.

