

CURRENT BY-LAWS

The Church was incorporated by an Act in 1808. An amendment to the Church Charter was filed in 1929 with the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia. Further amendments to the Charter dated December 18, 1947, January 3, 1952, January 17, 1958, August 12, 1974 and March 5, 1979 were filed with the Georgia Secretary of State, all of which served to amend the Bylaws of the Church, i.e., the bylaws were incorporated in the Charter. The Church adopted bylaws in 1947, but those bylaws did not include provisions from the Church Charter as revised through December 18, 1947, and were not updated with the charter amendments from 1952, 1958, 1974 and 1979. The attached bylaws are the 1947 bylaws with all of the revisions to the charter from 1947, 1952, 1958, 1974 and 1979 incorporated therein.

BY-LAWS OF CHRIST CHURCH St. Simons Island, Georgia

The corporation called "CHRIST CHURCH" operates under a Charter granted October 10, 1929, by the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia. This Charter provides:

On the first Sunday in December of each year, unless some other day, not to exceed sixty (60) days before or afterwards be designated by the Vestry as the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Christ Church, Frederica, the congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Town of Frederica, called Christ Church, shall elect Vestrymen from the Communicants of said Church sixteen years of age or older in accordance with the following provisions:

The Vestry of Christ Church shall consist of a Senior Warden appointed by the Rector, a Junior Warden and ten other Vestrymen.

At each Annual Meeting of the congregation of said Church, four persons, qualified as set out above, or such number as may be required to bring the number of Vestrymen to a total of twelve, shall be elected for a term of three years.

No Warden or Vestryman shall, when his or her term expires, be eligible to be re-elected until after the lapse of one year.

The twelve persons so comprising the Vestry of said Church each year shall elect from among themselves a Junior Warden.

Said Vestry also shall elect, each year, from the Communicants of said Church, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

If any vacancies in the Vestry or in any of said offices, the Vestrymen shall have the power to fill such vacancies.

The following persons 16 years of age and over, shall be entitled to vote at any election under this Charter: Any communicant in good standing of Christ Church, Frederica. A communicant of Christ Church, Frederica, in good standing shall be one who has been confirmed by the Bishop of this Diocese and whose confirmation is recorded in the Registry of Christ Church, Frederica, or whose record of confirmation has been transferred by letter and is recorded in the Registry of Christ Church, Frederica, and who is a frequent and regular attendant at the worship of the church and is a giver of record, unless for good cause prevented.

ARTICLE I.

The Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia are hereby recognized as authority for the guidance of this Parish.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Congregation of this Parish to be held following the annual Parish supper on the first Sunday In December of each year or at such other time as may be set by the Congregation in a duly assembled meeting.

Section 1. The Rector shall preside over this meeting. In his absence or in the event of a vacancy, the Senior Warden shall preside.

Section 2. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer who shall govern his decisions by the terms of the Charter, the aforementioned Constitution and Canons, and these By-Laws.

Section 3. The qualifications of those entitled to vote are prescribed in the Charter.

Section 4. The Congregation shall elect the Vestry composed of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and five Vestrymen, or any other number set by the Congregation within the limits fixed by the Charter.

Section 5. The election shall be by secret written ballot. The Senior Warden shall first be elected separately. Then the Junior Warden shall be elected separately. The remaining five (or whatever number is prescribed by the Congregation) shall be voted upon as a unit, each voter casting one vote for each Vestrymen to be elected.

Section 6. The Wardens and Vestry shall be elected for a term of one year or until successors are elected and qualified.

Section 7. The Congregation, in its discretion, shall be authorized at any meeting to decide upon a rotating Vestry. That is it may limit the number of consecutive years Vestrymen can serve.

Section 8. A special meeting of the Congregation may be called by the Vestry by sending written notice to each member of the Congregation eligible to vote ten days in advance of such special meeting. Such notice shall set out the time and purpose of the meeting.

Section 9. The Congregation shall consider such other business as may be deemed appropriate at its meetings.

ARTICLE III.

The Board called the Vestry composed and elected as prescribed in Article II of these By-Laws shall have entire charge of the property, interest, business, and transactions of the Parish and Church, with full power to manage and conduct same. While the Vestry is empowered to vest some of its authority in special committees or officers it may create, such committees shall always be subject to the control of the Vestry.

Section 1. The Vestry shall hold regular monthly meetings at such time as may be fixed by the Vestry.

Section 2. A written or printed notice of the monthly meeting, stating the time and place, shall be prepared and mailed by the Secretary to all members of the Vestry at least two days before the date of such meeting.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Vestry may be called at any time by the Rector or Senior Warden, or in the absence of both, the Junior Warden, and he shall call it at any time upon the request of

three members of the Vestry. Notice of such special meetings may be given by telephone, in person, or by mail, provided such notice is given at least one hour before the time of such meeting. The notice shall state the time, place and object or objects of such meeting and no other business than that specified in such notice shall be considered at any such meeting without unanimous consent of all present. No action taken at such special meetings shall be valid unless approved by a majority of all the Vestry, which approval shall be given at a subsequent regular meeting.

Section 4. A regular meeting may be postponed by the Chairman of the Vestry only after he has obtained the approval of a majority of the Vestry to do so, which approval must be obtained within two days of the date of each meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The Rector shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Vestry, with the right to vote only in case of a tie, and in no event on the question of his own compensation. In the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden shall preside.

Section 2. The Vestry shall elect one of its number as Secretary of the Vestry who shall hold office for one year. It shall be his duty to keep the Minutes of the Vestry Meetings and perform such other duties as properly belong to his office.

Section 3. The Vestry shall elect a Treasurer of the Church, who shall hold office for one year. It shall be his or her duty to receive, care for, and disburse the moneys of the Church in accordance with the directions of the Vestry at its regular meetings. In addition, the Treasurer shall act as custodian of Securities. He or she shall furnish a surety bond at the expenses of the Church, in the amount designated by the Vestry. All offerings shall be counted by the Treasurer, and the amount recorded in a book supplied for the purpose. The Treasurer shall make such reports to the Vestry and at such times as the Vestry may direct.

Section 4. A majority of the Vestry shall constitute a quorum. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority thereof shall decide any question brought before such meeting, except as provided in Section 3 of Article III, and in Article V and Article VII.

Section 5. Any member of the Vestry who absents himself from three regular meetings, consecutively, shall ipso facto be considered to have tendered his resignation as a member of the Vestry, unless satisfactory excuse is offered for such absences.

Section 6. Whenever the office of Churchwarden or Vestryman shall become vacant during the term of such office by reason of removal, resignation, death or otherwise, a successor shall be elected by the Vestry to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term; said election shall be had at any monthly or called meeting. If said election shall be had at a special or called meeting, notice thereof shall be given in the call for said meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Among other properties of the Church which are in the charge of the Vestry is Frederica Cemetery. Frederica Cemetery has been subdivided into lots and Rules and Regulations concerning the sale and use of same were promulgated by the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church June 20th, 1940. Such Rules and Regulations may be changed, modified, or revoked at any time by the Vestry and new or additional rules promulgated.

Section 1. The proceeds from the sale of lots in the cemetery and any other income derived from the cemetery or through lot owners in the cemetery, or from gifts for the cemetery fund, shall be maintained in a

fund separate from the other funds of the Church and may be invested as provided hereinafter. The income received from individual lot owners and from such cemetery fund shall be used for the care, preservation, upkeep, and beautification of the cemetery including salaries of employees who may be retained to carry out these purposes.

Section 2. The Wardens and Vestryman are authorized to fix the price and terms of lots; to designate who shall sign deeds or contracts; to accept gifts to the fund; to make arrangements with individual lot owners for the care and maintenance of their lots; fixing and collecting fees for such service and to do all things necessary and proper to preserve and maintain Frederica Cemetery.

Section 3. The Vestry shall elect from its membership a Cemetery Committee to which the details in connection with the cemetery may be delegated. This committee shall supervise the collection and investment of the Cemetery fund, furnishing the Vestry with full information concerning such, provided, however, the actual purchase and sale of securities by the said Cemetery shall be made only by and upon the specific directions of the Vestry.

A vote of a majority of the Vestry shall be required to approve such sales or purchases.

The Cemetery Committee shall also be authorized to use the income from such investment in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Article.

The Cemetery Committee shall make a report at each monthly meeting of the Vestry detailing receipts and expenditures and shall report at each Parish meeting a list of all investments made and the status of the Fund.

ARTICLE VI.

The Vestry shall also elect such other Committees as may be required to properly administer the affairs of the Parish.

ARTICLE VII.

These By-Laws may be amended wholly or in part, or new By-Laws may be adopted in the following manner:

Such amendments or new By-Laws shall be submitted to the Vestry at one monthly or special meeting, approved by the Vestry at its next regular meeting and submitted for final approval at either a Special or Regular meeting of the Parish for final approval. Such amendment or new By-Laws shall require the approval of a majority of the Vestry and a majority of the eligible voters attending the Parish meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Nothing in these By-Laws shall prejudice the rights of the Rector or Parish or Vestry as guaranteed by the Canon laws of the Diocese or the General