

**THE BY-LAWS OF  
THE CLARENCE CENTER – AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH, INC.**

(A Not-For-Profit Corporation)

As amended by the Board of Trustees on October 18, 2012.

**ARTICLE I  
OFFICES**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the Town of Newstead, County of Erie and the State of New York.

**ARTICLE II  
MISSION**

To know Christ and make Him known

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERS**

1. The persons signing the Certificate of Incorporation as Incorporators shall be the first members of the Corporation, unless they shall have resigned as such members or unless membership has otherwise terminated by death.
2. Church membership is open to any person who believes Jesus Christ to be the resurrected Son of God, accepts Him as personal Savior, and acknowledges Him as Lord of their life. Anyone who has confessed and repented of their sins, putting their trust in the love and mercy of God, the Father, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for a consistent Christian life, and is prepared to publicly witness to this position of faith, through the ordinance of a believer's baptism, or has already done this, is welcome to apply for membership.
3. Initially the members, at a special meeting of the members held after adoption of these By-Laws, may invite into membership any qualified persons interested in membership individually or as a group. Upon voting to accept that invitation, all invitees shall become members. Thereafter acceptance into membership shall be as set out in the governing documents.
4. The right or interest of a member shall not terminate except upon the happening of any of the following events: death, resignation, expulsion, dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation.
5. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October.
6. Special business meetings may be called at the request of any trustee.
7. The annual or any special business meeting shall be announced at least two Sundays preceding the time of meeting. Such notice shall be given orally and in the Church Bulletin.
8. A quorum for the annual or any special business meeting will consist of members present, and membership is required to vote. A simple majority vote is required to proceed.

**ARTICLE IV  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. The Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees. Each trustee shall be a member of the Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall consist of six persons. The chair of church council shall serve as chair of the board of trustees, who shall appoint a recording secretary.

2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of those trustees elected by the members. Each Director shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which s/he was elected, and until her/his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until her/his prior resignation, death or removal as hereinafter provided.
3. Any or all of the members of the Board of Trustees may be removed with or without cause by a vote of the members of the Corporation at an annual or special meeting of the members.
4. A trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Trustees or any member thereof. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board of Trustees or any member thereof. No acceptance is necessary by the Board of Trustees.
5. A regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held, without notice, immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members.
6. Special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority of the members of the Board.
7. Written, oral or any other method of notice of the time and place shall be given for special meeting of the Board of Trustees in sufficient time for the convenient assembly of the Board of Trustees. The notice of any meeting need not specify the purpose of such meeting.
8. A majority of the entire Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the trustees present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn a meeting to another time and place. Unless otherwise specified, the act of the Board of Trustees shall be by a majority of the trustees present at the time of the vote, a quorum being present at such time.
9. Trustees shall serve until voted out of office by the members of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE V** **GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

The governance of the Corporation shall be set out in these By-Laws, which can be amended by a vote of the Board of Trustees, and in a Constitution, which can be adopted or amended by a 2/3 Supermajority vote of the members present at an Annual or Special Business Meeting called for as set forth in these bylaws.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be announced to the members in writing at least two weeks prior to any such meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI** **DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of this church, all assets remaining after payment of liabilities shall become the property of the New York Mennonite Conference.

## **ARTICLE VII** **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the congregation will be from January 1 to December 31.