



Watertown Community Church
Church Renewal Proposal
August 2022

I. Renew commitment to each other

- A. Adopt New Membership Covenant
- B. Change Constitution to place the adding or removing of members under the authority of the whole congregation

Change to be made: Article III - Membership

Article III, Section A, add Subsection F:

Agrees to remain in good faith membership with Watertown Community Church or another like-minded church for the remainder of their earthly lives

Article III, Section B, Subsection D change:

FROM: Membership shall be granted upon unanimous vote of the Elder Board

TO: Membership shall be granted upon the unanimous recommendation of the elder board followed by the verbal affirmation of the church during a Sunday service

Article III Section D change:

- 1. The Board of Elders may grant a request to transfer membership to another church to a member in good standing of Watertown Community Church upon notification of the whole church during a Sunday Service
- 2. Any Member who is refusing a call to repentance from the elder board, including but not limited to willful sin, non-attendance or otherwise refusing to fulfill the responsibilities summarized in the Membership Covenant, must be brought before the church for the church to exercise its care through church discipline
 - 1. A member may be removed from church membership under the discipline of the church by a church vote in a church business meeting

Article IV Membership Covenant

Replace with new Membership Covenant

Article V Section B add:

- 7. The binding and loosing of church members
- 8. The raising of deacons

II. Empower ourselves to accomplish Jesus' Mission through partnerships and cooperation

A. Purpose

- 1. Allow us to cooperate and partner with very like-minded church planting efforts in Wisconsin
- 2. Enable us to develop our own efforts to plant churches in Watertown and our surrounding community

3. Allow access to the five largest and most robust centers for theological training in the world
 4. Enable us to partner with one of the most robust overseas missions groups in the world
 5. Join a network of 48,000 other American churches that believe every church is independent and self-governing but voluntarily partner together to plant churches, sent missionaries and train/educate Christians
 6. Provide the ability for our members to join well organized and funded Christian WI-MN based disaster relief team
 7. Enable us to help other like minded local churches and their efforts through domestic short term mission work
 8. Allow us to learn from other churches how we can do things in our town through
 - a) Example: a short term team coming to visit us and help us run our first VBS
 9. Gain 50% tuition discount for our members to attend partnering Christian colleges and seminaries
- B. Cooperate/partner with:
1. The Great Commission Baptist (also known as The Southern Baptist Convention), along with its state and local associations
 2. The Pillar Network

III. Raise up Deacons

- A. See *accompanying organizational chart for the responsibilities of deacons and coordinators*
- B. Purpose
1. Brings clarity and empowerment for the individuals who are already leading ministries
 2. Helps church members know who does what
 3. Helps the church care for one another through clearer structure, better organization and collaboration and more defined goals
- C. *Constitutional Amendment needed:*
1. Article VI, Section A, Subsection 3
 - a) Deacons will be nominated by the elder board and raised to the office by a church vote during a church business meeting
 2. Also see amendment to place authority to raise deacon in Article V Section B on Church Governance (placed above for simplicity and clarity)

IV. Update Building

- A. Purpose: to make our church building more welcoming and usable for all people
- B. Painting/design
1. Introduce a coherent design scheme through the church
 - a) Cost
 - (1) Painting - Around \$10,000
 - (2) other elements see below
 2. Add additional lighting to help with visibility within the building and help the building feel more welcoming
 - a) Cost TBA
 3. Add directional signage to help guests find the sanctuary, restrooms, fellowship all etc
 - a) Cost TBA
 4. Introduce additional aids for individuals with additional physical needs
 - a) Cost TBA
- C. Sound system
1. To be determined
- D. Baptismal
1. Around \$3,500