

**Congregational Meeting Business Items
September 27, 2020**

ITEM #1. Vote on an increase to the annual budget due to income from The Principal Project.

The income from The Principal Project this year is projected to be \$400,000, which is in excess of 10% of our annually approved budget. (See Constitution guidelines below.)

The Constitution Section 6.04 – Restrictions on Disbursement reads: *No disbursement of Church money or property shall be made unless it is in the annual budget approved by the Regular Members of the Church. However, the Lay Elders shall have the authority to appropriate specific sums to fulfill the objectives and purposes for which the Church was formed and to direct officers of the Church from time to time to make disbursements to implement said appropriations as long as such disbursements, in the aggregate, are not in excess of ten percent (10%) of the annually approved budget.*

ITEM #2. Vote to amend the Constitution as follows:

Current Constitution Section 3.04: Quorum. *At all meetings of the Regular Members of the Church – whether annual, special or adjourned - the presence in person of one hundred and thirty (130) Regular Members of the church shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.*

Proposed Addition to Constitution Section 3.04: Quorum. *Should the Board of Elders find it necessary for a particular meeting to either allow remote attendees to virtually participate, or to conduct the meeting entirely in a virtual setting, this will be allowed by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Elders. Under such a circumstance, remote attendees who are members will be counted towards quorum and be allowed to vote.*

What does this mean?

In the event that the Elders determine that it is necessary because of circumstances such as the recent lockdown, the amendment listed above would allow a church meeting to be conducted with some members participating in person and others participating virtually or to conduct the entire meeting virtually.

Members who participate virtually would be counted towards quorum and be allowed to vote. Approval of this action requires a vote of two thirds of the Elders. The Elders would need to take a separate vote for each meeting at which virtual participation would be allowed. It is not the intent of the Elders to replace in person meetings with virtual meetings or to routinely allow virtual participation.

If you have questions or would like to discuss these proposed changes, please contact Chairman of the Board Bob Ketterling at robertketterling@gmail.com.