By-Laws for The Huntington Chapel

The Lord Jesus Christ is recognized as the Head of the Church and the Holy Scriptures the supreme guide. The earthly government of this church is vested in its Elder Board who exercises the right of control in all of its affairs, limited only by the constitution and by-laws. This church is free and independent of other churches and ecclesiastical authorities, unaffiliated with any denomination. It will, however, work in harmony with other individuals, churches or organizations of like precious faith.

ARTICLE 1. THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. - Stated Officers.

The Stated Officers of this Church shall consist of the Senior Pastor, Church Treasurer, and a Board of Elders ("Elder Board"). All stated officers must be members of The Huntington Chapel and must be at least 21 years of age.

Section 2 - Specific Outline of Functions of the Elder Board

Without in any manner limiting the authority of the Elder Board, but solely for the purpose of enumerating and defining some of its functions, the Elder Board shall have the authority to:

- A. Call Informational Meetings for any purpose it deems necessary or proper, provided that notice of such meetings shall be given as may be provided for in the By-Laws.
- B. Receive, consider, and dispose of any grievances, suggestions or recommendations by any member or organization of the Church.
- C. Collaborate with the Pastoral staff of such other organizations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Church and its work.
- D. To assist in the selection of staff and advise in such other matters as shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

Section 3 - The Senior Pastor

- A. The Choosing of a Pastor. The Pastoral Candidate shall be chosen upon the unanimous recommendation of the Elder Board, after prayerful investigation and thoughtful consideration. The candidate will then be presented to the congregation for their prayerful deliberation and input to the Elder Board. The appointment of the Pastor shall be determined by a unanimous vote of the Elder Board and as further outlined in the by-laws.
- B. The Duties of the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor shall discharge all the functions of the ministry, and shall with the prayerful support of the Elder Board have control of all the religious meetings and spiritual affairs of the church. He shall shepherd the flock, preach and teach the Word, and promote the Spiritual welfare of the church and those whom it serves. He shall hold his office without limitation of time. The Senior Pastor shall without further election be a member of the Elder Board. The Senior Pastor may be excused from the Board meetings when matters concerning him are considered. The Senior Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees. The Senior Pastor shall make a report of the year's work at the Annual Meeting.
- C. <u>Pastor's Request to be released.</u> If at any time the Pastor requests to be released from the pastorate of this Church, he shall address a letter of his intention to the Elder Board. After

consultation with the Elder Board, a formal announcement shall be made of the Pastor's resignation to the Congregation, at an information meeting. The Pastor may be released by a written notice of such intention, three months in advance, by the church or the pastor. A shorter notice may be given by mutual consent. Pastors may be terminated upon unanimous vote of the Elder Board.

- D. <u>Guidance in the Disciplining of the Pastor.</u> If at any time the Pastor's beliefs, preaching or teaching shall change from that which he professed when he accepted the pastorate of this church, so that he no longer is in accord with the doctrinal, spiritual and ethical standards as represented by the Statement of Faith, Constitution, and By-Laws, he shall be dealt with scripturally (I Timothy 5:19; Matthew 18:15-20), and in the grace of the Holy Spirit, by the Elder Board. If the matter is not resolved by this first method of exhortation and appeal, then the Elder Board shall proceed to its resolution.
- E. <u>Action toward the Pastor when Strained Relations Exist.</u> If relations between the Pastor and the Congregation, or the Elder Board, or both, become such as to be detrimental to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Church; the Elder Board shall have authority to review the matter causing contention and facilitate the resolution.

Section 4 - The Elder Board

- A. Members of the Elder Board. The Board shall consist of the Senior Pastor, and the Elders.
- B. The choosing of an Elder. The Candidate for Elder shall be chosen by a unanimous recommendation of the Elder Board, after prayerful investigation and thoughtful consideration. The candidate will then be presented to the congregation for their prayerful deliberation and input to the Elder Board. The appointment of the Elder shall be determined by a unanimous vote of the Elder Board and as further outlined in the by-laws.
- C. <u>Organization of the Elder Board.</u> The Elder Board at its first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, shall select such officers as may be needed for the proper care of the business of the Church. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be selected from and appointed by the Board of Elders as this meeting.
- D. <u>Duties of the Elder Board.</u> The Elder Board shall assist the Pastor, and shall be charged with the leadership and spiritual oversight of the Congregation. They shall also assist the Pastor in matters relative to pulpit duties and act in any emergency in the absence of the Pastor. When the church is without a Pastor, it shall be the duty of the Board of Elders to supply the Pulpit with men whose character and teaching are in accord with the Statement of Faith and Doctrine of this Church.
- E. <u>Number of Elders</u>. The maximum number of Elders is not limited; however, a minimum of three is required excluding the Senior Pastor. Their term of office shall be a maximum of six years, with approximately one-fourth of the terms expiring each year. Any Elder who has served for six consecutive years shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for at least one year. Only those who are members of this church for two full years shall be eligible for election as Elders. Each year the Board shall choose one of its members as chairman and one as the Vice Chairman.
- F. <u>Elder's Responsibility</u>. The Elders are authorized by the congregation to oversee all the affairs of the church. They shall be the spiritual leaders of the church and be responsible for the spiritual welfare and congregational care of its members. They are to guard the purity of the doctrine and life of the church. The Elders shall interview and approve applicants for

membership, conversely they shall discipline and terminate the membership of church members in accordance with the Bible. The Elders shall, in the absence of the Senior Pastor, or a vacancy in the pastorate, assume or arrange for the execution of the duties of the pastor.

- G. Property and Finance. The Board of Elders shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance of the property of the church and its financial operations. The Board shall assure that designated monies have been directed to the proper funds and accounts. To carry out its responsibilities with regard to the finances and property of the church, the Board may, at its discretion, appoint a chairman of a Property and Finance Committee (P&F), who in turn will appoint other members of the committee. All appointees are limited to church members at least 21 years old. The Property and Finance Committee will prepare, post, and distribute to the church membership two weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting, an annual budget for the church. The Committee will also provide the necessary financial and administrative guidance and supervision to the church staff, officers and members to assure that expenditures from the budget remain within the available funds and approved total budget of that year. The P&F Committee shall supervise all repairs to the buildings and take all necessary measures for the protection and maintenance of the physical plant of the church.
- H. Quorum of the Elder Board. The Quorum of the Elder Board necessary to conduct business shall include the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and two additional Elders. Also other decisions rendered by the Elder Board shall be made by a ¾ majority vote of the entire Board.
- I. <u>Meetings of the Elder Board</u>. The Elder Board shall meet at least once in each month for the regular transaction of Church business, and for spiritual evaluation of and prayer for the Lord's work at The Huntington Chapel. Special meetings of an emergency nature may be called by any member of the Elder Board.
- J. <u>Duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairman</u>. The responsibility of the Chairman of the Elder Board shall be to perform such duties as usually pertain to that office, which include but are not limited to; setting meeting agendas, presiding over the meetings, communicating regularly with the Pastor, and presiding over the business meetings of the church. The Chairman of the Elder Board shall act as the President of the Corporation as well. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.
- K. <u>Disciplining an Elder.</u> If at any time an Elders beliefs change from that which he professed when he accepted the position, so that he no longer is in accord with the doctrinal, spiritual and ethical standards as represented by the Statement of Faith, Constitution, and By-Laws, he shall be dealt with scripturally (I Timothy 5:19; Matthew 18:15-20), and in the grace of the Holy Spirit, by the other members of the Elder Board. If the matter is not resolved by this first method of exhortation and appeal, then the Elder Board shall proceed to its resolution. Also, if a member of the Elder Board is absent for a period of two to three months from the regular meetings of the Board, and in effect disassociates himself with the other Elders, he shall be automatically suspended from the Board and the congregation will be advised of the suspension. The delinquent member may request to be reinstated to the Elder Board at which time his request will be considered and voted on by the Elder Board. The congregation will be advised upon resolution of the matter.
- L. <u>Policy Changes Tabled for Later Action.</u> Matters of business calling for a basic change of Church, and or, Elder policies, or setting a precedent, shall not be acted upon at the same

meeting when presented. The members of the Elder Board shall be given the time between meetings to evaluate the matter and pray about it before making a decision.

M. <u>Approving Committee Chairs.</u> All committee chairmen are required to meet with and be approved by the Elder Board.

Section 5. - President of the Corporation.

The Chairman of the Elder Board shall act as the President of the Corporation. Duties of the President shall be those that are required by that office.

Section 6. - The Church Treasurer

- A.The Church Treasurer is appointed by the Elder Board. The duties of the Treasurer include administering and overseeing the proper collection, custody, depositing, and accounting of all funds received by the Church. The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks. The Treasurer attends regular Property and Finance Committee meetings as a voting member and is responsible for providing that committee quarterly financial status reports. The annual professional audit is overseen by the Treasurer. For the protection of the church, the Treasurer will be bonded for no less than twenty five percent of the annual church budget.
- B. The Church Treasurer shall deposit in a single bank account, opened and maintained in the name of The Huntington Chapel, all receipts designated for the General Fund. The General Fund shall consist of the regular Sunday School and Church offerings, and shall be used for the operating expenses of the Church, such as salaries, utilities, services and supplies, furniture and equipment, insurance and taxes, and the maintenance and repairs of buildings and equipment. Expenditures from this fund shall be made at the direction of the Property & Finance Committee.
- C. The Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer shall be present when church offerings are counted, and shall prepare or witness the preparation of the deposit.
- D. The Treasurer shall verify all bills before payment. All checks disbursed shall be handled through a single bank account. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to ensure that each check disbursement is recorded. The record shall contain the check number, payment date, amount, payee, and description of each transaction. A running check balance shall be maintained.
- E. The Treasurer shall make a monthly report to the Elder Board and an annual report to the Congregation.
- F. The Treasurer shall submit his books for an annual audit after the close of the Church fiscal year, May 31.
- G. A member of the Elder Board shall assist the Treasurer and perform the duties of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer in their absence.

Section 7. - Adjusting a Serious Difference

Should it ever occur that a serious difference of opinion arises in which the Pastor is convinced that the policy of the majority of the Elder Board will jeopardize and hinder the work of the Church, the Pastor may, with the approval of a simple majority of the Elder Board, require that the matter be held in temporary suspension until decided by and determined by a unanimous vote of the Elder Board.

Section 8. - Terminations.

Members of any board or committee or persons holding positions in the church may be terminated from the board, committee or position by a majority vote of the Elder Board for sufficient misconduct after an appropriate investigation and interview with the person involved.

ARTICLE 2. INDEMNIFICATION

The church shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as officers against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, counsel fees, and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced) actually and necessarily incurred by such persons in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, suit, or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, or which may be asserted against any and all of them, by reason of being or having been officers, except in relation to matters as to which any such officer or former officer shall be adjudged in any action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for his own negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any law, bylaw, agreement, or otherwise.

ARTICLE 3. IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Church, any assets must be distributed to a non-profit Christian Ministry as designated by the Elder Board.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Offices and Positions

All individuals who hold offices and positions in The Huntington Chapel require membership in The Huntington Chapel. Exception will be granted if the individual expresses intent to join and also agrees with the doctrine of The Huntington Chapel.

Section 2 – Application.

Any "born-again" person, who professes to have the leading of the Holy Spirit to unite with The Huntington Chapel, shall give evidence by his confession and conduct that he has a desire to live in fellowship with Him. They shall meet with at least one Elder to be questioned as to his or her Christian experience, assurance of salvation, and doctrinal beliefs. They shall sign the Statement of Faith. Any person desiring to unite with this Church upon letter of recommendation from other churches "of like precious faith," shall present a letter in person to the Elders, and shall be questioned concerning his or her Christian experience, assurance of salvation, and doctrinal beliefs.

Section 3. - Reception of Members.

Members shall be received into the fellowship of this church only by confession of a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. All candidates shall appear before at least one Elder to bear testimony to their faith and to acknowledge that they have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Candidates shall profess and agree to all articles in the Statement of Faith.

Section 4. - Age and Privileges.

No persons may be received into membership before they have reached their twelfth birthday. No member under eighteen years of age may vote on matters as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 5 - Conduct of Members

- A. <u>Faithful Attendance</u>. All public and private means of grace such as regular attendance at the services in God's House, partaking of the Lord's Table, the daily reading of the Word of God, private and family prayer, personal and public testimony, and active interest in the winning of the lost to Christ, shall be urged upon our members as dedicated and spiritual people of God.
- B. <u>Proportionate Giving.</u> We also assert our conviction that proportionate giving is a distinct and positive command in the Scriptures, and agree to a systematic contribution for the support of the Church of such portion of our income as we believe God requires of us, according to the principle laid down in I Corinthians 16:2. Indiscriminate solicitation for the support of the ministry of this Church or any of its enterprises shall not be practiced. We believe that "God is no man's debtor," and, therefore, He is well able to maintain His own work through the spiritual and sacrificial giving of the Lord's people.
- C. <u>Scriptural Christian Conduct.</u> We shall require of each other in our daily walk and conversation, loyal obedience to all the moral precepts laid down in the Bible.

Section 6 - Discipline of Members

- A. <u>Discipline</u>. Church discipline shall be performed in accordance with I Corinthians and Matthew 18:15-20. Corrective discipline has as its objective the glory of God, the welfare and purity of our Church, its reputation in the community, and the spiritual growth of the offender. Discipline of the members shall be the responsibility of the Board of Elders, and shall be in accord with the Scriptures. Any member guilty of gross misconduct and not evidencing real repentance after being admonished by the Elders, may be terminated from membership from the church by the Elders. A public notice of such action shall be given to the congregation following the dismissal.
- B. Restoration of Excluded Members. The right to exclude persons or the withdrawal of fellowship is in harmony with the teaching of the New Testament. (II Thessalonians 3:6; Matthew 18:16,17; I Corinthians 5:9-13) The Apostolic Church had also the right to restore excluded members who gave satisfactory evidence of being repentant. (II Corinthians 2:6-8; Galatians 6:1) The object of the exclusion or suspension having been accomplished, the Board of Elders shall have the right to restore the penitent member to full membership.

Section 7. - Termination of Membership.

Any member desiring to withdraw membership shall present a resignation, in writing, to the Elder Board. Action must be taken promptly by the Elders provided however, the Pastor or other Elders have had an opportunity to investigate fully the reason for such request. The resignation letter should state the reason(s) for the requested resignation. Also, members who have been inactive in the church for one year (not including military duty), or have broken their covenant with the church, shall, when practical, be contacted by one of the Elders to determine the reason for their inactivity and to resolve the matter.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Church shall be June 1 through May 31 each year.

Section 2 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation must be announced on two successive Sundays prior to the meeting, and shall be held on a night or Sunday afternoon as selected by the Elder Board in the month of June each year. The meeting will be held in the Church building, for the purpose of presenting reports, the transaction of any official business of interest to the Congregation for the new fiscal year, and to vote on any constitutional matters.

Section 3 – Special Meetings

- A. Special meetings of the congregation may be called by the Elder Board at any time, provided that notice of the time and place and purpose thereof, shall be given at all services on two consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting. If the Board of Elders is unable to call a special meeting then the Pastor, adhering to guidelines for calling a special meeting, shall call for the meeting provided such a meeting is necessary under the provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws.
- B. Should a member want to call a special meeting they should contact the Elders and the Elder Board will follow the appropriate guidelines and procedures for calling the special meeting
- C. The Elder Board shall arrange the details and facilitate all Congregational Meetings. Careful preparations shall be made to assure the interest and success of the meeting.

Section 4 - Quorum

The voting members present at any meeting of the congregation called in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws of the Huntington Chapel shall be considered a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5 – Members in Good Standing

Any person whose name appears on the Huntington Chapel's members list, who is not under discipline shall be presumed to be a member in good standing, and the burden of proving the contrary shall rest upon the person or persons who assert that such a member is not in good standing.

Section 6 - Roberts Rules of Order

All Congregational Meetings, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 6. REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ELDER BOARD

An annual report shall be prepared and provided to the Elder Board at the close of the church fiscal year on May 31 for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Other committees as directed by the Elder Board shall also prepare and give reports at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 7. MINISTRY CORE TEAMS

Section 1 - Definition

Ministry Core Teams shall be established to support and coordinate the various ministries of The Huntington Chapel. An Elder shall be assigned to each Core Team for oversight and support.

Section 2 – Establishing Ministry Core Teams

The Ministry Core Teams will be established by the Pastors as well as the Elders and be in accordance with the Bible.

Section 3 - Core Team Leaders

Each Core Team shall have a leader who will coordinate the activities of the Core Team and represent the Core Team at official meetings. Core Team leaders shall be nominated by a

consensus of the Core Team and approved by the Elders. Core Team leaders must be members in good standing of The Huntington Chapel.

Section 4 - Core Team Members

Each Core Team shall consist of an appropriate number of members. The Core Teams will select new and replacement members and report them to the Elder Board. Each Core Team member will serve for a period of one year from the date of their acceptance at which time they will be reviewed for renewal by the Core Team leader.

Section 5 - Core Team Spending Authority

Spending may be authorized by the Core Teams as outlined in the budget and within limits established by the Elder Board as funds are available and coordinated with the Treasurer. Specific spending authority within each Core Team may be delegated to individual members as funds are available and coordinated through the Core Team leader and the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8. ORDINANCES

Section 1 - The Lord's Supper.

In accord with our Lord's gracious words in I Corinthians 11:23-25 and other Scriptures, the Lord's Supper is to be observed in remembrance of Him to show forth the Lord's death until He comes. The elements of the Communion Service are to be set forth as symbols of our Lord's flesh and blood. The Lord's Supper shall be observed at least once per month and all who love the Lord and confess Him before men shall be invited to partake in the elements. This ordinance may also be observed on other occasions as the Elders see fit.

Section 2 - Baptism.

The ordinance of baptism shall be administered only to those persons who have repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. A Christian may be baptized whether or not he is contemplating membership. Baptism shall not be set forth as a condition of salvation, but as an initiatory, testimonial and symbolic act as taught and commanded in the Scriptures. The Huntington Chapel practices baptism by full immersion. If full immersion is not possible due to physical limitations, other methods will be explored

ARTICLE 9. MARRIAGES

Marriage services in the church buildings shall be only for those couples (man and woman) that are both professing Christians. No divorced persons shall be married except as may be permitted in Matthew 5 and 19, Mark 10, Luke 16, and I Corinthians 7:10-11.

ARTICLE 10. LICENSING, COMMISSIONING, ORDAINING

Section 1 - Licensing.

Members of the Church who are students for the Christian ministry or some other appropriate Christian work and who make request to the church for a Minister's License or specialized license shall be granted such a license upon examination and recommendation of the Pastor and Elder Board.

Section 2 - Commissioning.

Members of the church who are missionary candidates accepted by a mission board or who are candidates for Christian service under circumstances where the designation of missionary is applicable, may make a commissioning request to the Elder Board. An appropriate service shall be scheduled and a certificate issued by the Elders to the commissioned member.

Section 3 - Ordaining.

A Christian who desires to be ordained to the Christian ministry must fulfill the Scriptural qualifications of an Elder as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7 and other Scriptures. He should not be considered unless and until the church has had an opportunity to have sufficient knowledge of his qualifications (I Timothy 5:22), after examination by the Elder Board, and also examined by an ordination council called by the church. See the document on the "Ordination Process: Drafted 1/10/05. The ordination ceremony shall take place at a subsequent meeting or service with or without other ministers and Christian laymen called in as witnesses. The ordination shall be a witness to the world that the church believers called the candidate to a particular work and that the church has subsequently set the candidate apart for this work (Acts 13:1-4).

ARTICLE 11. MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Section 1. - Meetings of Boards and Committees.

The secretaries of each board or committee shall be responsible for forwarding a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the Business Administrator for safekeeping within one month of the meeting.

Section 2 - Worship, Bible Study and Prayer Services.

The regular services of this Church shall be the Sunday morning Worship Services, the Sunday evening Service and the Midweek Prayer Service. Other regular and special services may be held as they are deemed needful or desirable.

ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended only by unanimous vote of the Elder Board. Such proposed amendments must be posted on the church bulletin board or inserted in the church bulletin for at least two Sundays prior to an informational meeting to discuss these proposed changes.

ARTICLE 13 RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions may be adopted by an affirmative vote of the Elders. The proposed resolution shall be announced to the Membership at least two weeks before the congregational Meeting. Resolutions shall be of equal force to the Statement of Faith.

Section 1 - The Sanctity Of Life. Whereas...

- ... the earth and all its fullness is the Lord's by His creation and sovereignty (Ps. 24:1)
- ... all souls belong to God and not to people (Ez. 18:3)
- ... a human life begins under the power of God at conception, is designed in all of its physical, mental, ethnic, and genetic characteristics by God and the days of that individual's life are determined by God, (Ps. 139:13-17)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...

- ...that as followers of Christ and as children of God we will respect all human life from conception to natural death as created in His image regardless of the differences endowed to it by the Creator or the estate brought on it as a result of the transgression of His law or the economic, social or health conditions in which the individual is found, and will seek the salvation of all souls through the Gospel of Christ,
- ...God, in condemning murder, has declared that the power of life and death are in His hands and that mankind transgresses God's law when another's life is taken from him through murder, (Ex. 20:13).

- ... abortion, infanticide, suicide, euthanasia and murder all destroy human life in violation of God's law.
- ... all forms of abuse of one upon another are violations of the biblical command to love our neighbor as our self.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...

...that as followers of Christ and children of God we must denounce, oppose and refuse such practices as violations of the law of our God and in obedience to our Savior and Lord will seek, God helping us, to minister through prayer, biblical counsel and necessary aid, the reconciliation, healing, restoration and forgiveness of Christ our Lord to those who have been victimized by these practices and seek to minister to those who have victimized others.

Section 2 - Regarding Marriage and Sexuality. Whereas...

- ...the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God, the source of absolute truth in all areas it addresses, and the final authority in matters of faith and practice (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-18)
- ...God created all things including male and female human beings (Genesis 1; Acts 17:24-26)
- ...God created marriage to be the union of one man and one woman for life with sexual intimacy legitimate only in that marriage (Genesis 2:24)
- ...God commands that intimate sexual activity outside of marriage of one man with one woman is prohibited and is therefore sinful activity (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5-7; Genesis 26:8-10; Leviticus 18:1-30; Leviticus 20:10-21; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)
- ...all humanity is subject to the laws of the Sovereign God, our Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and Judge (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 2:11-16)
- ...the moral and ethical relativity of the current culture has left our society in confusion over moral absolutes and is degenerating into an immoral mass preparatory to the judgment of God (Romans 1:18-32)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...

...that we the members of The Huntington Chapel in obedience to the Sovereign God and in response to His Holy Word, believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography is sinful perversion of God's gift of sex and is under the judgment of God. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5-7; Genesis 26:8 10; Leviticus 18:1-30; Leviticus 20:10-21;Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...

...that even in our biblical opposition to these practices we believe that the Sovereign God can forgive and restore the offending ones to Himself by His Grace through personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and we believe it is our privilege and duty to present this message to all who will hear. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)