

Bylaws of the Calumet Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches

ARTICLE I: NAME

This association of Regular Baptist Churches shall be known as:
The Calumet Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches (C.F.R.B.C.)

ARTICLE II: CONDITION OF FELLOWSHIP

Section 1. The bond of union in the formation of the Association shall be its Confession of Faith. The Confession of Faith shall be identical to the Confession of Faith of the national General Association of Regular Baptist Churches as contained in literature item no. 1 and as clarified in the 1975 and 1976 annual meetings.

Section 2. Any Baptist Church which is sound in its doctrine, regular in its order, Scriptural in its practice, uses the name Baptist in its legal and advertised titles, and which is not in compromise with apostasy in its affiliations, may be received into the fellowship in the following manner:

It must request association by vote of the church, and at the same time adopt the Confession of Faith of the Association and approve its by-laws

The Extension Committee shall review its application and make any investigation it may deem necessary and being satisfied shall propose the church for association at the first session of any regular meeting. If any shall object to the reception of a church he shall communicate his objection to the committee before the next session. If the committee shall receive no objection which it deems valid it shall recommend the church at a subsequent session. A three-fourths majority shall receive.

Section 3. Churches which are so organized that voting privileges are regularly extended to other than proper members, duly received by immersion upon profession of faith, shall be ineligible for association.

Section 4. Associated churches which shall fall out of active fellowship shall be communicated with the hope of restoring them. All efforts failing, such churches may be disassociated by a majority vote of any annual meeting.

Section 5. When doubts shall arise as to the doctrines, policy, practices, or affiliations of any associated church, the associations of any associated church, the association shall refer the matter to a special committee, which shall investigate the charges and report its findings to the association at a regular meeting, the church in question having been duly notified. After hearing the report, the Association may disassociate the church by a three-fourths majority.

Section 6. An associated church may disassociate itself by notifying the Clerk of the Association of such action.

ARTICLE III: REPRESENTATION

Each church shall be entitled to six voting messengers, all of which shall be designated as members of the Election Committee.

ARTICLE IV: OBJECT

To maintain a Fellowship of sovereign Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Baptist churches; to promote the spirit of evangelism, to spread the Gospel; to advance Regular Baptist educational and missionary enterprises at home and abroad; to raise and maintain a testimony to the truth

of the Gospel and to the purity of the church; and to raise a standard of Biblical separation from worldliness, modernism and apostasy.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Fellowship shall be a council composed of nine members, who will select their own chairman, secretary, and treasurer, to be composed of laymen and pastors at the will of the churches. At least four weeks prior to the annual meeting a letter shall be sent, by the secretary, to each church inviting them to send as many names as they see fit of men they believe are qualified to serve as council members. Those lists will be totaled by the officers of the council. The three names mentioned most frequently will be added to the council. Each man will be contacted as to his willingness to serve. If one declines, the next name on the list will be contacted. Vacancies will be filled in the same manner. In case of a tie, it will be broken by a secret ballot of the council. The term of office shall be three years with three council members being elected each year.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Council of Nine of the local Fellowship to receive and hold in trust all moneys and properly donated or acquired for the objects of the association and shall expend, invest, or dispose of the same as they may be directed by the fellowship. They shall keep an accurate record of all their doings and report the same at the annual meeting. It shall be their further duty to arrange the programs for all official meetings of the fellowship.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held, beginning at a convenient hour and day, during the last of October. Any additional meetings to be held during the year will be called at the discretion of the Council of Nine.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Sunday School Committee to encourage and assist the Sunday Schools of the associated churches by use of conventions, institutes, contests, or other means consistent with the tenor of these by-laws which it shall deem useful.

Section 2. The Youth Committee shall have general oversight of the youth work of the association and youth rallies. The chairman of the committee shall be a pastor (Christian Education Director or Youth Director are considered pastors).

Section 3. The Extension Committee shall act for the association in the reception of churches into the association. It shall have for its object the strengthening and encouragement of the smaller churches and the establishing of new churches, yet without infringement upon the sovereignty of any local church.

Section 4. Other committees may be appointed at the will of the association of the Council of Nine.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws and the Confession of Faith may be changed at any annual meeting by a two thirds majority vote of the Elections Committee.

