

LOCAL CHURCH RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL DEED

WHEREAS, neither the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) nor the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] with general offices in _____ [City], _____ [State], provides through one general organization of the church for the holding of title to all local church real property, but each congregation is autonomous with respect to its business and the holding of real property; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that if the local church solely holds its real property in the name of its trustees, or in the name of the local church corporate entity, there is real risk that the property could be sold, transferred, or otherwise handled in a manner that is inconsistent with the purposes, practices, or doctrine of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) or the Church of God in _____ [State/Region]; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) and the General Assembly of the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] recommend a plan of conditional deeding, whereby local church property may be safeguarded consistent with the purposes for which it was obtained, namely, for use by and for the local church as a congregation affiliated with Church of God (Anderson, Indiana):

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of _____ [Name of Local Church] of _____ [City], _____ [State] do hereby approve the plan of conditional deeding recommended by the General Assembly of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) and the Church of God in _____ [State/Region]; and **be it further**

RESOLVED, the our pastor, _____ [Name], the officers of the business organization of this congregation, and/or the Board of Trustees of our congregation are hereby authorized to implement conditional deeding to safeguard the real property of our church located at _____ [Street Address/City/State], which is legally described as follows:

[Give property description as it appears in the deed(s) to the property]

and **be it further**

RESOLVED, that authorization be, and is hereby, given to officers of the business organization of this Local Church and/or Board of Trustees, and our pastor to take such steps and execute such agreement(s) or documents as are necessary to include in the deed(s) to the property described above safeguarding language substantially similar to the following:

The Local Church of God known as _____ [Name of Local Church], located at _____ [Street Address], _____ [City], _____ [State/ZIP Code] agrees to comply with the following requirements for Church of God congregations affiliated with the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) and the Church of God in _____ [State/Region]:

1. The Local Church must call and retain only senior pastors who are approved, or likely to gain approval, by the state, regional or national assembly of the Church of God under whose jurisdiction the pastor resides, and the Local Church must abide by the procedures for calling a new pastor as set forth in the latest version of the Credentials Manual of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana);

2. The Local Church must invite and receive the advice and counsel of the state/regional assembly's credentialing committee, regional pastor/overseer, and/or Church of God Ministries, Inc., Anderson, Indiana, during times of pastoral change or congregational conflict that could lead to a church split;

3. The Local Church must follow, teach, and implement the Biblical doctrines and teachings commonly accepted as the teaching heritage of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana);

4. The Local Church must maintain liability insurance for the real property and personal property stored therein, which must include coverage for loss due to fire, storm, vandalism and any other casualties and for claims of sexual misconduct; and

5. The Local Church must register annually for the Yearbook of the Church of God to affirm its affiliation with the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana.

In the event that the Local Church fails to comply with one or more of the above-stated requirements, or if the Local Church ceases to operate or falls into disuse, or if in the opinion of [the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] or Church of God Ministries, Inc.], the Local Church is no longer in fellowship and doctrinal unity with Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), then this property shall go to, vest in, and become the property in fee simple of _____ [the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] or Church of God Ministries, Inc.] pursuant to the recording of a subsequent Quit Claim Deed held in escrow by [the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] or Church of God Ministries, Inc.];

and **be it further**

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, certified by the secretary and pastor of the Local Church, shall be sent to the office of _____ [the Church of God in _____ [State/Region] or Church of God Ministries, Inc.].

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This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a duly called business meeting of _____ [Name of Local Church], located at _____, [Street address/City/State] held on _____ [Date/Year] at _____ [Place], a quorum being present; and there having been announcements of said business meeting made consistent with and as required by the Bylaws of this congregation, prior to the time of meeting, and that there were _____ [Number] voting members present with _____ [Number] voting in favor of the resolution and _____ [Number] voting against it.

Date: _____

(Signed) _____
[Pastor]

(Signed) _____
[Secretary]