

By-Laws
Ministerio Zoe "Vida"

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of Ministerio Zoe "Vida" shall be to establish a body of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who will:

1. Be governed by the Lord Himself in the council of the elders with the senior pastor.
2. Grow strong in the Lord and in power of His might through prayer, bible study, and praise.
3. View the Houston and surrounding areas as their spiritual responsibility.
4. Establish home prayer and praise meetings for the edifying of the local church.
5. Ultimately sponsor a world missions thrust out of Ministerio Zoe "Vida."

Article II Statement of faith

1. The Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, equally in all parts and in the whole and is totally inerrant in the original manuscripts. We further believe it is the supreme revelation from God and of God, superior to conscience and reason, through not contrary them; and it is therefore our infallible rule in all matters. We believe that all the scriptures center about the Lord Jesus Christ and hence that no portion is properly read nor understood until it leads to Him. (John 5:39; II Timothy 3:16-17; Peter 1:23-35; Hebrews 4:12).

2. The Godhead

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit; and that these are one God, having the same homage and obedience. (Mathew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; acts 5:3-4; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6)

3. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the pre-existence, incarnation and virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ who came into the world to reveal the Father, and was brightest of His glory and the express image of His persons; that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, for by Him the world was made. We believe that in Christ dwelt all the fullness of Godhead bodily, and that He was very God and very Man, The I AM, the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

We further believe in the sinless life of our Lord Jesus Christ, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His bodily ascension into heaven, and His imminent return. We further believe that He is presently seated at the

right hand of God the Father, interceding for His redeemed. We also acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord over all things in heaven, and in earth, and under earth. (John 1:1-2, 14; I Timothy 3:16; Acts 7:37-38; Philippians 2:9-10; Hebrews 7:25).

4. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, though omnipresent from all eternity, after the glorification of Jesus Christ was sent on the day of Pentecost, dwells in every believer, unites all to Christ in one body, and is the source of all power and all acceptable service. We believe that ministries are committed to the Holy Spirit including the restraining of evil in the world; the convicting of the world respecting sin, righteousness, and judgment, the regenerating of all believers; the sealing of all believers unto the day of redemption; and the continued filling for power and service of those among saved who are yielded to Him and to His will. We believe that the fruit of the Spirit is the manifestation of the character of Christ in the believer's life. We further believe that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to Christians today and that all of the gifts of the Spirit should be and must be operative in the church for the church to manifest her fully glory under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Jon 3:6; 16:7-15; Romans 8:9; 12:2-22; I Corinthians 6:19; 12:8-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:22; 4:11-13).

5. Angels, Unfallen and Fallen

We believe that God created an innumerable company of sinless spiritual beings known as angels; the one, "Lucifer, son of the morning," the highest in rank, sinned through pride, thereby becoming Satan, that a great company of the angels followed him in his moral fall and have now become demons and are active as his agents, (Isaiah 14:12-17. Ezekiel 28:11-19; II Peter 2:4; Jude 6)

We believe that Satan is the originator of sin, and that, under the permission of God, he, through subtlety, led our first parents into transgression, thereby accomplishing their moral fall and subjecting them and their posterity to his own power and that he is the enemy of God and His people. However, we also believe that Satan was defeated by Jesus Christ at Calvary and that He has delegated this authority over Satan to His body the church. At the second Coming of Jesus Christ, Satan will be bound and cast into the abyss for a thousand year, and after the thousand years he will be loosed for a little season and then cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where he shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:12-14; II Corinthians 4:3-4; 11:13-15; Ephesians 6:10-12; II Thessalonians 2:4; I Timothy 4:1-3; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:1-3, 10).

We further believe that a great company of angels kept their holy estate and are before the Throne of God, from whence

they are sent forth as ministering spirits to minister for those who are the heirs of salvation.

(Luke 15:10; Ephesians 1:21; Hebrews 1:1, 26-27; 2:4).

6. The creation of the World and of Man

We believe that God sovereignly created the world out of nothing. We further believe that man was created in the image of God and by a direct and immediate act of God. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 2:4).

7. Man's Fallen Condition

We believe that man by willful transgression fell from state of righteousness and holiness in which he was first created into total spiritual depravity; a state of death in trespass and sins in which he is held as a slave of sin and an enemy of God, being unable to attain divine righteousness by his own efforts, but must be redeemed and delivered by the power of the Gospel. (Romans 3:23-25; 5:12-21; I Corinthians 15:1-4; II Corinthians 4:3-4).

8. Salvation Only Through Christ

We believe that repentance and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ produces the work of justification in the believer through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, he is justified and made a partaker in the death of Jesus Christ. Further, we believe that, owing to universal spiritual death through sin, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless born of the Spirit. We also believe that solely the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died as our substitute, has accomplished our redemption. (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9)

9. The Walk of the Believer

We believe that a continues walk in grace should be the emphasis of heart righteousness and purity, believing in the keeping power of God, walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh in conduct that demonstrates the character of Jesus Christ, not being conformed to the world, but being transformed by the renewing of the mind. We further believe that each believer must lay a foundation of Biblical truth and experience upon which he builds his life. Through the Lordship of Jesus Christ, these foundation stones are established in the new birth and include repentance from dead works, faith toward God, the doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. (Romans 4:1-5; 8:25; 12:1-1; I Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 5:16-25; Hebrews 6:1-2; Jude 2:4).

10. The Doctrine of Baptisms

We believe that the New Testament teaches at least three baptisms. First, there is the baptism whereby the repentant sinner, upon trusting Jesus Christ as his Savior is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:13)

Second, there is water baptism by immersion for believers only. This we believe to be an ordinance of the church, whereby the believer experiences the reality of co-crucifixion and co-resurrection with Lord Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:3-6).

Third, there is the filling or baptism in the Holy Spirit by the Lord Jesus Christ, which may occur at or subsequent to conversion. We believe that speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is the normative evidence of this baptism. Further, we believe that by the believer's continued yieldingness to the Holy Spirit his very weakness is transformed into strength to witness for Jesus Christ in power and to live according to the will of God. (Acts 1:5; 8; 2:4, 38; 10:46; 11:28; 19:6).

11. Divine Healing

We believe in divine healing for the whole man through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; Acts 4:30; 9:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14; I Peter 2:24-25).

12. The Church

We believe that all who are united by the new birth to Jesus Christ are members of the Universal Church, the body of Christ. We also believe that the local congregation of Christian believers is divinely instituted and is the chosen instrument of God for the furtherance of God's work upon the earth. While appreciating the work of Para church group's we believe that the local church is God's chosen vehicle for world evangelization, and the nurture of Christians. We further believe in the spiritual unity of all believers and in working together with others who believe in salvation through the shed of Jesus Christ for the causes of evangelism, missions and benevolences. (Matthew 16:16-18; John 17:21; Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 3:14-15).

13. The Ordinances

We believe that water baptism is for believers only and should be administered by the mode of immersion and in the authority of the Lord. Jesus Christ to the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We further believe that water baptism is the means whereby we receive the New Covenant sign of circumcision of the heart. We also believe that we are identified with Jesus Christ and participate in His death, burial and resurrection through water baptism.

(Matthew 28; 10-20; Acts 8:16; Romans 6:4)

We believe that through the Lord's Supper the believer renews and affirms the reality of the New Covenant. It is memorial commemorating the death of Jesus Christ for us and a reaffirmation of His imminent return.

The elements are to be received with joy and gratitude upon confession repentance from every known sin. We also believe that

this ordinance is open to all Christian believers who have no unconfused sin in their lives. (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-24).

We believe and practice the ordinance of foot washing for all believers as instructed by the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 13: 14-15).

14. Worship

We believe that the whole purpose of worship is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Therefore, we believe in the act of worshipping God with one's total being as set forth in the Holy Scriptures. (Psalm 150; Mark 12:29-31; Ephesians 5:18-21).

15. Ministers to the Church

We believe in the divinely called, commissioned and equipped five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teacher as given to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ after His ascension. We further believe that all Christians are called to be ambassadors for Christ and that all believers have been given the ministry of reconciliation. (Ephesians 4:11-13; II Corinthians 5:20).

16. Laying on of Hands

We believe in the doctrine of the laying on of hands for:

- a. The confirming of believers to commitment and ministry in the local church
- b. The confirming of one's call by God to special ministry in the local church (Acts 13:1,3)
- c. The imparting of spiritual gifts (I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6)
- d. The experiencing of filling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17-18)
- e. The ministering of healing through the Lord Jesus Christ of the sick (Mark 16:16)
- f. The blessing and dedicating of children to the Lord (Mark 10:16).

We further believe that, in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, we should lay hands on no man suddenly but that the laying on of hands confirms a ministry which is already observable and has been proven (I Timothy 5:22).

17. Evangelism and Missions

We believe that it is explicit message of our Lord Jesus Christ to those whom He has redeemed that they are sent forth by Him into the world to be witnesses of His saving grace and that their primary purpose in life should be to glorify God by obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to preach the Gospel to every creature. (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:18-20; I Peter 1:17; 2:11).

18. The Restoration of All things

We believe that all that was lost by the Fall is now being restored by Jesus Christ in and through His Church in and through His Church and that there will be total and ultimate restoration of all things by the Lord Jesus Christ. (Daniel 7:14; Acts 3:21; revelation 21:1-5).

19. The Eternal State

We believe that at death the spirits and souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ pass immediately into His presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the glorified body when Jesus Christ comes for His own, whereupon soul and body reunited shall be with Him forever in glory; but the spirits and souls of the unbelieving remain after death conscious of condemnation and in misery until the final judgment of the Great White Throne, when soul and body reunited shall be cast into the lake of fire; not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. (Luke 16:19-26; 23:42; II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15).

Article III. Officers

The Officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Finance Advisor and Treasurer.

1. President and Chairman of The Board of Elders

The President of the Corporation shall be the Pastor and he shall also be an active member of the Board of Elders.

2. Vice-President

The Vice-President of the Corporation shall act as Chairman of the Board of Elders in the absence of the President.

3. Secretary

The Secretary of the Corporation shall be the Secretary of The Board Elders.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Corporation shall be the Church Administrator.

5. Multiple Officers

Within the exception of the President any other two positions may be held by a single individual.

Article IV Organizational Chart

Senior Pastor-5-Fold Ministry-According to Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Ephesians 4:11-list & Teacher

Implement Vision Spiritually- Elders- According I Timothy 3:1F

Implement Vision Physically-Deacons- According to I Timothy 3:8f, Article II, pt. 15

Worship Witness-Body- According I Corinthians 12:14-Romans 12

Explanation:

1. The five-fold ministry will be ordained and establish through the Senior-Pastor
2. The Vision of the church flows through the Senior Pastor with the spiritual stimulation of the ministry team.
3. The Elders flow with the ministry team to implement the spiritual aspects of the church vision.
4. The Deacons respond to the physical needs of the church vision
5. The Deacon provides the implementation of the church vision and world missions.

Article V. Elders

1. Elders

The elders shall be composed of men who met the Scriptural qualifications contained in I timothy 3 and Titus 1.

2. Selection

The Selection of elders will be determined by the Senior Pastor in the council of the existing elders.

3. Number

The number of elders shall be determined by the discretion of the Senior Pastor in the council of the existing elders.

4. Terms

Elders shall serve for as long as they are active in the fellowship of Ministerio Zoe "Vida" and as they continue to fulfill the Scriptural qualifications for elders.

5. Termination

A person's position as an elder shall be determined by:

- a. Termination of church membership
- b. Resignation
- c. Engaging in activities unbecoming spiritual leader as set forth in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1

d. Death

e. The pastor, with the advise of the existing elders

6. Hearing

If requested by the elder, whose membership is sought to be terminated, a hearing shall be held before the existing elders to determine if one or more grounds for removal exist. An elder shall not be removed except by the assent of the Pastor in the council of the remaining elders.

7. Elections

At first meeting in January of each year, a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and finance Advisor shall be selected who shall serve for on (1) year term or until their successors shall have been selected. The Secretary shall keep detailed minutes of all meetings and official actions of the Board of Elders and preserve these minutes in permanent form.

8. Meetings

The Board of Elders shall meet as often as deemed necessary to discharge the responsibilities as spiritual leaders of Ministerio Zoe "Vida."

9. Charge

The Board of Elders, with the ministry team, shall be charged with the overall spiritual care of Ministerio Zoe "Vida."

10. Committees

The Chairman of the Board of Elders shall be an ex officio member of all committees of Ministerio Zoe "Vida", and he may appoint any elder to act as his representative in this regard.

Article VI. Deacons

1. Qualifications

Persons selected, as deacons shall be men or women who meet the Scriptural requirements as contained in I Timothy 3:8-14.

2. Selection

A candidate for selection as a deacon shall be recommended by the Pastor in recognition of a divine call of God to such position. Deacons shall be selected in the council of the elders with the senior pastor.

3. Powers

A deacon shall have such authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities as shall be vested in him by the Board of Elders, and he shall be subject to the direction of, and be responsible to the elders.

4. Term

Deacons may serve for as long as they are active in the fellowship and as long as they continue to fulfill the scriptural qualifications for deacons.

5. Termination

A person's position as deacon shall be terminated by:

- a. Termination of church membership
- b. Resignation
- c. Engaging in activities unbecoming a spiritual leader as set forth in I Timothy 3:8-14
- d. Death

6. Charge

Deacons shall be charged with such specific spiritual and temporal duties as may be delegated to them by the Chairman of the Board of Elders in the council of the elders.

Article VII Apostle/Pastor

1. Establishment of the Church

Ministerio Zoe "Vida" is established as a sovereign work of God not acting through any existing denominational or local church structure.

2. Call of Elisandro Sanabria

In April 2006, Elisandro Sanabria was called of God to "establish My People in Ministerio Zoe "Vida" and commissioned to an apostolic/pastoral work and sent to Ministerio Zoe "Vida" by God.

3. Removal

The Apostle/Pastor was not, selected, elected or otherwise chosen by man, and accordingly may not be removed by election or other action of man.

4. Apostolic Ministry

If and when called and commissioned by God to another work, the Apostle/Pastor shall resign as Pastor but shall retain an apostolic ministry to Ministerio Zoe "Vida."

5. Rights of Apostolic Ministry

When acting solely in apostolic ministry to the Church the Apostle/Pastor shall have at all times the unqualified right to address the Pastor, Board of Elder, or Church body for purpose of exhortation, chastening and correction.

6. Separation

When acting solely in the role of apostolic ministry to the Ministerio Zoe "Vida", the Apostle/Pastor shall not serve as an officer or upon any board of committee of the Church.

7. Term

The position of Apostle/Pastor is in recognition of the divine call of God to Elisandro Sanabria to this work and upon termination of his role in such position it shall no longer continue in existence.

Article IX Church Discipline

1. Discipline of Elders:

a. The discipline of the Elders for Ministerio Zoe "Vida," shall be in accordance with I Timothy 5:19, "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses." (KJV)

b. The two of three witnesses should be Elders and Should judge the matter.

c. If the accusation is meritorious, the offending Elder shall be brought before the church body, "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others may fear." I Timothy 5:40 (KJV)

2. Discipline of Church Body

a. Unscriptural conduct necessary for church Disciplinary action shall include, but shall no be limited to:

- I. Divisiveness
- II. Fornication
- III. Covetousness
- IV. Raillery
- V. Drunkenness
- VI. Idolatry
- VII. Extortion
- VIII. Heresy

b. The discipline of delinquent members shall be Administered by the Pastor and Elders after a full hearing of the case.

c. The following steps shall be observed, as the occasion requires. (Matthew 18:16-20; Romans 6:17-18; I Corinthians 2:6; II Thessalonians 3:12).

I. The offending individual should be confronted only by the one who has been offended and reconciliation attempted among themselves.

II. If reconciliation is not achieved, then two or three as the Scripture, instructs, (Matthew 18), shall confront the offending individual to seek reconciliation.

III. If reconciliation is not made at this point, the matter shall be brought before the entire Church body.

IV. The offending member who refuses to be reconciled is then called to be separated from the fellowship of the church until there is repentance and reconciliation.

V. When there is repentance and reconciliation, it shall be attested to by the Pastor and confirmed by the Elders.

Article X. By-Laws

1. Amendment

The Board of Elders may amend these by-laws at a meeting called for that purpose.

Article XI. Church Meetings

1. Annual Meeting

The Church shall conduct an annual meeting in which the pastors of those delegated by him shall report to the church concerning the yearly physical and spiritual growth of the church and any other matters requested of designated by the Board of Elders.

2. Notice

Notice of church meetings shall be given in such a manner and at such times as may be determined at the discretion of the Senior Pastor, provided that such notices shall be designed to reach the largest number of church members feasible.

Article XII Finance and Property

Execution of Documents

The corporation may borrow money and/or mortgage property only upon the approval of the Senior Pastor and the council of the elders. The President and Secretary of the corporation shall execute all documents in this regard. All checks and drafts shall be signed by the President, or Vice-President, and the Treasurer or Finance Advisor.

Article XIII Commissioning of Ministers

Ministers

This church, dependent completely upon the Holy Spirit of God, may license, ordain and commission individuals whom God directs. The Pastor and Board of Elders shall conduct selection of individuals in recognition of divine call of God to such position.

Article XIV Incorporated Officers

Ministers

These articles are hereby adopted and approved by the officers of the corporation Ministerio Zoe "Vida."

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Form 1023

Supporting Schedules and Attachments

Form 1023, Part IV- Narrative Description of Activities

Pastor Elisandro Sanabria received the calling to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ when he was at Living Water Teaching Bible Institute in Guatemala. In 2002 he started a family Bible study in Houston, Texas. In 2005 as the group began to grow, larger accommodations were needed. Ministerio Zoe "Vida" is currently meeting at 2314 Cochran St., Houston, TX 77009 in Harris County which is a church facility owned by Iglesia Luterana Evangelica "El Buen Pastor" also known as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The church currently uses their facilities Fridays and Sundays. We meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. for praise and worship, prayer, and to hear God's Word. The children are instructed separately in age appropriate Bible Study classes and Children's Church. On Fridays we meet at 7:30 p.m. for worship and prayer. Ministerial duties performed include preaching, baptisms, children's presentations and outreach events for the community. Some of the community activities we have performed are door to door evangelism in apartment complexes where we have a Bible Study and afterwards meals, refreshments and fellowship. Children were being taught a Bible story and games were played and prizes were given. Pantry and grocery items are also given away as part of these activities. Additionally, once a year and as part of the Christmas Season Celebration clothes for adults and children are given and as a special gift bicycles to the children are given. (See attachment with pictures).

In order to minimize conflict of interest and to assure reporting accuracy all books and records are being kept by a CPA.

Form 1023, Part V, 2a-Any officers, directors related

Pastor Elisandro Sanabria and Josephine Sanabria are related by marriage.

Form 1023, Part V, 5b-c-Conflict of interest

As of yet no one is being compensated. When the time comes to compensate a "Compensation Committee" will be selected from the general membership and from outside to determine compensation based on job description, market conditions and ability to pay.

Form 1023-Schedule A, 1a Describe form of worship

The style is open, all are welcomed and open to the invitation of the Holy Spirit.

Form 1023-Schedule A, 5a Established Place of Worship

Meeting at a rented church facility owned by Iglesia Evangelica Luterana El Buen Pastor. Address is: 2314 Cochran St. Houston, Texas 77009.

Form 1023-Schedule A, 11a Role of the Minister

Please see By Laws Article II, Section 15; Article V, Article VI and Article VII