

# **Changes to Mt. Zion Christian Church Constitution & By-Laws**

As of March 21, 2014

The Mt. Zion Christian Church Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed by outside counsel. At the recommendation of counsel, the Church Board has made the following changes. The congregation will be voting to accept the By-Laws on Sunday, March 29, 2014.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding these changes, please send an email to [MTZIONCCBOARD@gmail.com](mailto:MTZIONCCBOARD@gmail.com) or contact any one of the Church Board members.

## **Article III By-Laws – Elders**

Section 3.2 – Age changed from 65 to 35.

Section 3.5 – Added “by two-third vote”.

## **Article VI By-Laws – Deacons**

Section 4.2 – Length of service removed.

## **Article V By-Laws – Trustees**

Section 5.1 – Changed from “Church Board members for two week terms” to “Church members”.

## **Article VI – Ministers**

Section 6.7 – Vote by the Church Board changed from three-fourths to two-thirds. Changed last sentence from “by either the Elders or Church Board shall be held to the *ne bis in idem* standard” to “by the Elders and Church Board shall be restricted by protections against double jeopardy.”

## **Article VII – Church Board**

Section 7.2 – Changed last sentence to include a Church approval of new Board members by two-thirds a two-thirds vote.

Section 7.3 – Added “at which time a quorum must be present”.

## **Article VIII – Congregation Oversight**

Section 8.1 – Added “approved by a two-thirds vote of the Church”.