

## EFCA EAST MOTIONS

### **Motion #1:**

WHEREAS, ministry to the churches, and cooperation between the churches, of the Evangelical Free Church of America (hereinafter EFCA), are accomplished through ministry groupings called Districts (EFCA Bylaws, Article III.A); and

WHEREAS, Article III.B.3 of the EFCA Bylaws provides that a District must “either (a) be organized and operated under written articles of incorporation or a comparable document, providing for an elected board, a District Superintendent as the principal administrative officer, and ultimate governance by its member churches; or (b) be organized and operated under the oversight of the President, as the Board of Directors shall determine”; and

WHEREAS, EFCA East, a district association of the Evangelical Free Church of America, constitutes a District of the EFCA and comprises all churches and affiliations and members thereof who are members of the EFCA and are located within the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania (eastern half of Pennsylvania), New Jersey, New York (east of Rochester), Virginia; and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, EFCA East is currently a Clause B District of the EFCA but wishes to transition back to a Clause A District of the EFCA; and

WHEREAS, the EFCA Board of Directors has authorized EFCA East to take all necessary steps to transition from a Clause B District to a Clause A District of the EFCA subject to certain conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MOVED that the member churches of EFCA approve and adopt the Articles of Incorporation of EFCA East, a copy of which is attached hereto. (Requires a 2/3rds vote.)

### **Motion #2:**

It is hereby moved that the member churches of EFCA East approve and adopt the Bylaws of EFCA East, a copy of which is attached hereto. (Requires a 2/3rds vote.)

### **Motion #3:**

It is hereby moved that the member churches of EFCA East hereby elect the following individuals as members of the EFCA East Board of Directors, with a direction that at its inaugural meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect officers from among the Directors and shall also stagger the individual terms of 1 to 3 years for each initial Director:

Kirk Belmont	Stephen Na
Paulo D. Freire	John D. Nesbitt
Tony Hunt	Matt Saxinger
Peter Hunter	Mark F. Woodard
Guy Kneebone	

(Requires a 2/3rds vote.)

### **Motion #4:**

It is hereby moved that the member churches of EFCA East hereby elect Anthony E. (Tony) Balsamo and Cedrick D. Brown as District Superintendents of EFCA East. (Requires 2/3rds vote.)

**Motion #5:**

It is hereby moved that the member churches of EFCA East approve the 2026 Budget as presented. (Requires majority vote.)

**Motion #6:**

It is hereby moved that the member churches of EFCA East hereby formally request that the EFCA Board of Directors recognize EFCA East as a Clause A District of the EFCA pursuant to Article III.B.3 (a) of the EFCA Bylaws as soon as mutually agreeable between the EFCA Board of Directors and the EFCA East Board of Directors and that all appropriate steps be undertaken to effectuate the transition of EFCA East from a Clause B District to a Clause A District of the EFCA. (Requires majority vote.)