

12 Really Weird Church Bylaws

Sometimes reading a church's bylaws is like taking a trip to the twilight zone.

Some are lengthy, very lengthy. Some are irrelevant. Some are unreadable.

And others are weird, really weird.

Knowing that I would get some incredible responses from my Twitter followers, I simply asked them if they were a part of a church with some weird bylaw provisions. Keep in mind, these are provisions in bylaws, not in a policy manual.

Here are my 12 favorites:

1. No one can bring a colored drink to church, especially red Kool-Aid. *I wonder how many church members were sneaking that stuff in their flasks.*
2. An active member is defined as one who gives at least one penny a year. *Oh my. That would cut the Baptist church rolls in half.*
3. There will be very specific guidelines regarding the church van (but the church doesn't own a van). *The new bylaws amendment will be called "the Uber amendment."*
4. Men serving communion are required to wear a coat and tie. *I am totally flabbergasted they don't have to wear pants.*
5. The church has to have a minimum of five deacons (but the church only has 20 members). *It may get complicated if one of the available deacon candidates is a preschooler.*
6. No one can sell cassettes on church grounds. *But 8-track tapes and vinyl records are fine.*
7. No one is allowed to bring glitter to church. *I am definitely boycotting this church!*
8. No church member can be a part of a secret society. *I*

wonder if that includes Democrats and Republicans.

9. No church member can drink alcohol except during the Lord's Supper. *So that's why the Lord's Supper day is always such a high attendance day!*
10. No one can sell paintings on church grounds. *This issue is indeed a pervasive sin in many churches.*
11. No one can come to church with diarrhea. *That's okay. They probably wouldn't pay much attention to the preaching anyway.*
12. Members cannot have assigned pews. *But you are allowed to bring your own personal chair.*

I know you readers have some good ones to add to this list! If not, give me your prayerful insights into these twelve issues.

It should be fun.

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