BY-LAWS OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF LA MESA

ARTICLE I - MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission is to contribute to the well-being of the general population of our community including individuals, families and those at risk community members through the resources and actions of the Interfaith Council's membership.

ARTICLE II - VISION AND VALUES
The Interfaith Council of La Mesa is committed to:

• Promoting mutual understanding, appreciation, and respect among the region’s diverse religions and cultures;
• Seeking opportunities for conversation, partnership, education, hospitality and celebration among its members;
• Honoring each other's religious festivals and, where appropriate, sharing together in common prayer;
• Addressing concerns and pursuing common goals that impact the religious communities of the La Mesa area;
• S[erving poor, hungry, homeless and marginalized people;
• Fostering peace, compassion, kindness, openness and trust; and
• Encouraging one another in embracing these commitments.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS AND CHAIR
A. The Interfaith Council typically shall meet on a monthly basis.

B. Like other councils, meetings of the Interfaith Council are open. Any member of the La Mesa community may attend a meeting.

C. Like other councils, minutes of the Interfaith Council will be made available via the Interfaith Council website.

D. At the first meeting each year, members of the Interfaith Council shall select a Chair using a typical procedure of nominations and election. A chair should be a pastor, rabbi, etc... of a La Mesa/East County congregation...???

E. The Chair of Interfaith Council will serve for one year, with the possibility of reelection in subsequent years.

F. The Chair of Interfaith Council shall appoint a secretary to take minutes at each meeting.

G. The Chair of the Interfaith Council will be an ex officio member of the Council.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP
A. Membership of the Interfaith Council will welcome heads of congregations and/or a representative of that church to become a member of the council.
ARTICLE IV - PROGRAMS

Section 1. On-going Programs.
The Interfaith Council, in keeping with its mission, may, with the approval of its members be the sponsoring and "umbrella" body for various unified outreaches of its members.

Section 2. Temporary Programs.
The Interfaith Council may, with the approval of the members, temporarily sponsor, co-sponsor, or be the organizing body for, groups, causes or needs consistent with its mission.

Section 3. Procedure.
Each program shall have an advisory board or steering committee with oversight for its mission, program, activities, funding, volunteers, and staff which shall be accountable to the Interfaith Council, consistent with the latest approved Program Guidelines.