

Proposed bylaws changes 1 and 2 to be voted upon separately

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE 1: The purpose of this proposed change is to revise term end dates. The new term end dates shall become effective immediately.

**7.3 Term of Office.** The members of the Board shall be elected by the Members of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. A Vice-President shall be elected every year to serve a three-year term: the first year of which as Vice-President; the second year as President; and the third year as Past President. Three At-Large Trustees shall be elected in odd numbered calendar years. The Clerk and three At-Large Trustees shall be elected in even numbered calendar years. Each At-Large Trustee shall serve a two year term. The newly-constituted Board shall assume its duties **at the beginning of the fiscal year following** ~~immediately at the conclusion of the~~ Annual Meeting. No person shall serve as President or Vice-President if s/he has served in that office any time during the past six years. The Clerk and At-Large Trustees may not serve more than two consecutive full terms in the same office. No individual may serve for more than three consecutive full terms on the Board in any position.

**9.2 Committee Chairs.** The Chairs of each committee defined in this Article, except as specified elsewhere in this Article, shall be elected by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee or nominations from the floor. The term of office shall be one year beginning **at the beginning of the fiscal year following** ~~immediately after the~~ Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee may nominate a pair of people to be Co-Chairs of a committee, jointly sharing the responsibilities of Chair. Only Members are eligible to serve as Chairs of the committees defined in this Article. An individual may serve as chair of a specific committee for not more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE 2: The purpose of this proposed change is to impose an identifiable annual contribution as a requirement for Membership. The requirement shall become effective applied in the 2016-17 church year based on financial contributions during the 2015-16 church fiscal year.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP (article in its entirety)

3.1 Any person fourteen (14) years of age or older may become a **Member** by signing **the membership book** in the presence of the Minister, a member of the Board of Trustees, or other **Member** designated by the Board. ~~, the following declaration in the membership book:~~

~~“We the undersigned, being in sympathy with the spirit and the goals of the UUCLV, as expressed in Article 2, and with the Mission Statement and Covenant of the UUCLV and the UUA's Principles, hereby subscribe our names as members.”~~

As a prerequisite to signing the membership book, an applicant should attend New UU classes or **and** consult with the Minister about the heritage of Unitarian Universalism, its principles, and the responsibilities of commitment to the Church.

~~3.2 There shall be two categories of membership, as defined in Sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 below. Hereinafter, in these Bylaws, when the word "members" refers only to those "Members" as defined in Section 3.2.1, it shall be capitalized (i.e., "Members"). When the word "members" is not capitalized, it shall refer both to Members and to "Associate Members" as defined in Section 3.2.2.~~

~~3.2.1 Members are those who have signed the membership book. Members shall~~ **a.) make an identifiable financial contribution each fiscal year and b.)** indicate their continued interest by attendance **or** participation in Church activities. ~~; financial support, or other responsible contributions.~~ The Board of Trustees may designate a **Member** as a Member Emeritus in accordance with Section 3.6 of this article.

~~3.2.2 Associate Members are those who have signed the membership book and wish to continue a nominal affiliation with the Church, but are not actively participating in church activities.~~

3.2.13 For the purpose of reporting membership rolls to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, hereinafter referred to as the UUA, only Members, including Members Emeriti, shall be counted.

3.3 Only Members shall have voting privileges.

3.4 The Membership Committee shall ~~inform~~ **notify** Members who have not met the criteria of membership listed in Section 3.2.4 above ~~for two consecutive years that they will be recommended for associate membership~~ **removed from membership** unless they **promptly** indicate that they wish to remain Members **and make an identifiable financial contribution.** ~~or be dropped from the membership roll. The Committee shall inform~~ **the Board of any such notifications and any response from those so notified.** ~~may then recommend removal from membership or associate membership of those who left the area or who have made known that they are no longer interested in membership in the Church. Upon approval of change by the Board, the Membership Committee shall make a reasonable effort to notify each person involved of change in membership status.~~

3.5 Members of the Church may voluntarily withdraw by indicating to the Membership Committee, the Minister, or the Board of Trustees, verbally or in writing, intent to withdraw from the Congregation.

3.6 The Board of Trustees, upon its own initiative or a recommendation from any Member, may designate a Member as a Member Emeritus, in recognition of the designee's exceptionally distinguished service to the Church. Members Emeriti shall have the same status and privileges as other Members, including the right to vote, except that Members Emeriti shall not be required to indicate their continued interest by attendance, participation in Church activities, financial support or other responsible contributions.

3.7 An individual who is not a member but gives financial support to the Church shall be considered a "friend."