

By-laws Review and Revision Task Force Charge

25 Jan 2022

Purpose:

The purpose of the By-laws Review and Revision Task Force is to review the current By-laws and determine what changes are necessary to make them appropriate for the Fellowship as it has matured; to conform to Colorado law; and to enable the Fellowship to fashion and ultimately adapt the form of governance it chooses through the development of policies.

Membership:

The task force shall consist of members of each of the following groups:

- One member from the Board
- One member from the Governance Committee
- Two members from the Congregation not belonging to the above groups.

The Board shall communicate the existence of the By-laws Review and Revision Task Force to the Congregation and seek volunteers from the above groups. The Board will select and appoint the members of this task force from the interested volunteers to begin their work in March 2022. All members of the Task Force shall be members of the Congregation.

Chairperson:

The Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons of this Task Force will be chosen by the appointed members of this task force and subsequently approved by the Board.

Charge:

The By-laws Review and Revision Task Force shall use existing resources, such as UUA publications and example by-laws from other UU congregations, to familiarize itself with good practice in crafting congregational by-laws and UUFD's current by-laws in light of those practices. It may seek input from the congregation at large about the form of governance the Fellowship expects, insofar as by-laws limit or facilitate choice in the governance structures of a congregation.

Following this review, the Task Force should present recommendation(s) to the Board for either revisions to the existing by-laws or a complete rewrite. These recommendations should be presented by the April meeting of the Board to allow presentation to the Fellowship at the annual meeting in May.

With approval and possible amendment of these recommendations, the Task Force will proceed to craft the new by-laws (or revisions to current by-laws) for approval by the Fellowship in Fall of 2022.

Length of term:

Members shall be appointed to the Task Force at the February 2022 Board meeting and serve until completion of and acceptance or rejection of new by-laws in Fall 2022, at which time the Task Force will be disbanded.

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