

UUCSC Bylaws
Summary of amendments proposed for 2020

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

The word “justice” is added to “resource for social and environmental action and peace.”

ARTICLE 3 - DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

The reference to the Ballou-Channing District is deleted.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

In Section C, language on suggested minimum contributions is replaced with language distinguishing between the responsibilities and privileges of members and Friends of the Congregation.

ARTICLE 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In Sections A(1) and E(2), the number of Directors is reduced from five to three.

In Section A(2), language on budget preparation is deleted because that provision already appears in Article 5, Section B.

Section B(4) is amended to say that Board meetings shall be conducted according to standing rules adopted by the Board rather than by *Robert's Rules*.

In Section C, the President and Vice President are no longer automatically members of the Coordinating Council.

Section F. is deleted to make the Finance Committee Chair a Board appointment rather than an elected position.

Section G, the Past Presidents Advisory Committee, is deleted.

ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES OF THE CONGREGATION

In Section B, Committee on Ministry, amendments are made to correct omissions in the 2019 amendment (see below).

In Section C, Committee on Right Relations, language is added describing the purpose of the committee and providing for the appointment of members.

ARTICLE 9 - PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Two committees, the Adult Religious Education & Enrichment Committee and the Hospitality Committee, are deleted from the program committees established by the bylaws. Those

committees, or other committees with similar functions, can be established later by the Board without an amendment to the bylaws.

ARTICLE 13 - MEETINGS

Amendments to Section B, and a new Section C, distinguish between items that must be voted on at each annual meeting and material that must be distributed before each annual meeting.

Section D says that forty percent of the active membership of the Congregation, rather than twenty-five percent, constitutes a quorum at a meeting at which certain proposals will be voted on. Voluntary dissolution of the Congregation is being added to those proposals requiring a forty percent quorum to be present for voting.

THROUGHOUT

References to “him” and “her” are removed.

Friend of the Congregation is capitalized because it becomes a defined status.

Note: Incomplete amendments to Article 7 adopted in 2019

The minutes of the June 9, 2019 annual business meeting are not clear, but seem to indicate that an amendment to the bylaws was adopted changing the number of members of the Committee on Ministry from three to four and changing the terms from three to two years. However, corresponding changes in the remainder of the section were not made, and language providing for a transition from a three-member to a four-member committee serving terms of two years rather than three years was not adopted. The amendments that were adopted were not incorporated into the official copy of the bylaws.

To compound the problem, two members were appointed in 2017 to three-year terms, when one should have been appointed to a three-year term and one should have been appointed to serve the remainder of a two-year term that expired in 2019. As a result, the terms of the three members were not staggered.

Despite the fact that a seat was added to the committee in 2019, there is no record that anyone has been appointed to serve on the committee since 2018. The only available records show the following members and terms:

Pete Migliaccio 2017-2020
Mike Henry 2017-2020
Carla Bowman 2018-2021

Therefore, as of July 1, 2020, there will be one member of the committee.

This year’s proposed amendments to the bylaws include additional amendments to Article 7, Section B to resolve the inconsistencies explained above and create staggered terms.