

# **Recommended Changes to the CUUC Bylaws**

## **Notes/Explanations**

Many of the changes are simply in formatting: correcting typos, alignment, incorrect links/references, clarifying teams and responsibilities. These changes will show up in different colors. The language in the Leadership Development Team and Trustees sections was adjusted to define their composition and remove references to them being optional.

For Trustees (Article IV), Leadership Development Team and Shared Ministry Team (both in Article VI), the composition of those teams has been changed back to what we had in past years, those that our leadership agrees that we should have as we move forward. If the positions are not filled, the Board shall continue to work on filling those positions.

## **Any substantive changes are listed below.**

### **Article I Definitions (pages 4-6)**

Added Affinity Teams (1.01).

Changed definitions of Board Teams (1.05) and Standing Teams (1.20).

Changed 1.04 Board of Trustees to two (2) Trustees instead of 0-4 Trustees.

### **Article IV Board of Trustees**

4.05 d, (page 9). Clarified that Minutes of all Board meetings need to be made available to the Congregation after being approved by the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

### **Article VI Congregational Teams**

Leadership Development Team. 6.02 b (page 12): Changed team from “at least two Members” to three Members. Changed term from two years to three years.

Shared Ministry Team: 6.03 d (page 12): Changed from “at least two Members” to three members.

### **Article VIII Congregational Meetings – Section 8.02 Regular Congregational Meetings**

8.02 a (page 14): Added approval of minutes of previous Congregational Meeting and consideration of the goal budget for the next fiscal year.

8.02 b (page 14): Added approval of minutes of previous Congregational Meeting, and election of Officers and Trustees.

### **Article IX Minister**

9.01 (page 14). Wrote a new and more comprehensive Preamble.

### **Article X Miscellaneous**

10.10 - Initial Elections (page 18): Deleted since it became void several years ago, after the church’s first three elections took place.

10.11 - Pilot Programs (page 18): Deleted since it opens up the possibility of serious Bylaws violations without due process.