

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

A request to amend the bylaws is being proposed. It requires a 2/3 vote of the active church members present. The reason for the proposed changes are as follows:

- Language defining the makeup of the Church Board is confusing, e.g, it says that the Church Board includes members of "standing committees" but "standing committees" is not defined. The new language specifies the committees by name and makes other clarifications.
- The current Church Board is larger than typical and that makes it hard to get an accurate count of all people on the board and to get a quorum. The suggestion is to have only the chairpersons of the designated (sub)boards and committees be eligible to be on the Church Board rather than the members of all those groups.
- Language concerning the requirement that the Pastor be a member of the UCC could have a little more clarity.

Article VI. A. 1. a.

Current language:

"The Church board shall consist of the Pastor, the Moderator or Vice Moderator as Chairperson, the Clerk as Secretary, the Treasurer, and the members of all standing committees. A quorum shall consist of a Presiding Officer plus nine board members including one Trustee and one Diaconate member."

Proposed change:

Replace the language in its entirety with:

"The Church Board members are the Pastor, the Moderator, the Vice Moderator, the Clerk, the Treasurer, and a representative of the following organizations: the Trustees, the Diaconate Board, the Mission Board, the Ladies Aid Committee, and the Christian Life Education Committee. The Moderator (or alternatively the Vice-Moderator) shall serve as the Chairperson and the Clerk shall serve as the Secretary of the Church Board. A quorum shall consist of an officer who will preside over the meeting plus five board members including one Trustee and one Diaconate member."

Article VI, Section B. 1. b.

Current language:

"The Pastor shall become a member of the Church and proceed through the appropriate channels to become ordained and/or installed as the Pastor and as a member of the Southeastern Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference, U.C.C."

Proposed change:

Replace the language after the phrase "and as a member" with:
"*in good standing* of the Southeastern Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC."

Article VI, Section B. 1. e.

Current language:

"The Pastor shall give sixty (60) days notice of a desire for termination. *Should the Pastor lose ministerial standing*, relations between the Church and the Pastor shall cease at once. (While the term of the Pastor shall be indefinite, the Church may at any time, by a 2/3 majority vote, at a special meeting called for that purpose, request his/her resignation, with the expectation that it will be presented within sixty (60) days."

Proposed change:

In the second sentence, replace the words "Should the Pastor lose ministerial standing" with "Should the pastor lose ministerial standing with the Southeastern Association and the Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC"