

Proposed Update to bylaws regarding Virtual Membership

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ARTICLE III Membership: Section 2 Voting

The privilege of voting at congregational meetings shall be open to both Traditional Voting Members (all members that are not Virtual Members or Traditional Non-Voting) and to Virtual Members, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinbelow.

Traditional Voting Members and Virtual Members

The privilege of voting at congregational meetings shall be open only to those members, Traditional Voting and Virtual, who have been members for at least one month and who have made a recorded financial contribution within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the vote. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to set a minimum level of financial support necessary to qualify as a voting member, provided: however, that the Ministerial Staff may temporarily or permanently waive such requirement as to any member. All votes must be cast in person, on-line, via text message or telephone subject to procedures governing on-line voting approved by the Board of Trustees; No vote may be cast by absentee ballot or by proxy. A majority of votes cast at any congregational meeting shall decide any question. Non-voting members and Friends of the Church may, at the discretion of the Officer presiding at such meeting, be given the courtesy of the floor at all congregational meetings, but cannot vote. Members may, at the discretion of the Officer presiding at such meeting, be given the courtesy of the floor at all congregational meetings

Traditional Members only

With respect to matters pertaining to the sale, purchase, mortgage, or other acquisition or disposition of real property, or to enter into contracts, modify endowments or fiduciary agreements or to expand or remodel the Church building or to amend these bylaws, or any other matter designated by the Board of Trustees. Voting shall be limited to those members who: (a) are 18 years of age or older; (b) are Traditional Voting Members and have been members for at least one full year immediately preceding the vote, and (c) have made a recorded financial contribution within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the vote.

Section 6: Virtual Membership

Virtual membership

Virtual Membership in the Congregation of the Church will be open to all persons 14 years of age or older. A person shall become a Virtual Member of the Church by completing the Virtual Membership form and committing to participation in the Church by means of financial support as an indication of sympathy with the Church's purposes and objectives. Virtual Members shall be permitted to hold elected office on the Board of Trustees or serve on a Ministerial Relations Committee. Virtual Members shall have the limited right to vote as set forth in Article II, Section 2