

By-Law Changes

Article 4 – MEETINGS

<p><u>Section B – For Business</u></p> <p>The Annual Business Meeting of the Church shall be held on the last Sunday of January, and may be rescheduled by the Church Council because of weather, etc.</p> <p>The Annual Faith Proposal Meeting of the Church shall be held during the month of October (the specific date to be set by the Council) to consider and sanction the proposed budget for the succeeding year, to elect chairs of the committees (Congregational Life, Administrative Life, Diaconate, Outreach, Membership, Educational Ministries, Finance, Maintenance, Pastor/Staff Relations) as proposed by the Nominating Committee and to consider such other important business as may come before it.</p> <p><u>Section C – Notice of Meetings</u></p> <p>All Annual and Special Business Meetings shall be called by posting a notice stating the purpose thereof upon the Church bulletin boards and in the Church Bulletin at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. The notice shall be read to the congregation by the Church Council Chair on the Lord’s Day preceding the meeting.</p>	<p><u>Section B – For Business</u></p> <p>The Annual Business Meeting of the Church shall be held on the last Sunday of January and may be rescheduled by the Church Council because of weather or other issues that may affect church member attendance.</p> <p>The Annual Faith Proposal Meeting of the Church shall be held during the month of October, typically the last Sunday of the month with the specific date to be set by the Church Council. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Council Chairperson, Committee Chairpersons, and Committee Members for the next year as proposed by the Membership Committee. In addition, the meeting will consider any other important business needing church member approval.</p> <p><u>Section C – Notice of Meetings</u></p> <p>All Annual and Special Business Meetings shall be called by posting a notice stating the purpose thereof upon the Church bulletin boards and in the Church Bulletin at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. The notice shall be read to the congregation by the Pastor or the Church Council Chair on the Lord’s Day preceding the meeting.</p>
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Article 5 – ELECTIONS

<p><u>Section A – Of Committee Members</u></p> <p>The election of the various committee members, except the Minister and Committee Chairs, shall be held at the Annual Business Meeting of the Church. The Committee</p>	<p><u>Section A – Committee Chairs</u></p> <p>The Committee Chairs, as proposed by the Membership Committee, will be elected at the Annual Faith Proposal Meeting in October.</p>
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<p>Chairs will have been elected at the Annual Faith Proposal Meeting in October.</p> <p>Section B – <u>Vacancies in Office</u></p> <p>Section C – <u>Election Method</u></p> <p>Election may be by ballot; or, with the approval of the members present, the Church Council Chair may be authorized to cast a single ballot for the election of the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>All committee members will serve one-year, renewable terms, not to exceed 5 consecutive terms.</p>	<p>The Committee Chair will represent the Committee at the Church Council meetings.</p> <p>Section B – <u>Committee Members</u></p> <p>The Committee Members, as proposed by the Membership Committee, will be elected at the Annual Faith Proposal Meeting in October.</p> <p>Section C – <u>Vacancies in Office</u></p> <p>Section D – <u>Election Method</u></p> <p>Election of the slate of committee members at the Annual Faith Proposal Meeting in October, being proposed by the Membership Committee, may be a voice or show of hands, by approval of the Active Church Members present.</p> <p>All committee members will serve three-year terms, with an option to be renewable for a second 3-year term followed by a mandatory 1-year reprieve.</p>
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Article 11 - CHURCH COUNCIL

<p>Section A – <u>Membership</u></p> <p>The Church Council consists of the Minister, the Congregational Life Chair, the Administrative Life Chair, and the chairs of the following committees: Finance, Pastor/Staff Relations, Maintenance, Diaconate, Outreach, Membership and Educational Ministries. Six of the ten members will constitute a quorum.</p>	<p>Section A – <u>Membership</u></p> <p>The Church Council consists of the Pastor, Council Chairperson, Congregational Life Chair, Administrative Life Chair and the chairs of the following committees: Finance, Pastor/Staff Relations, Facilities, Diaconate, Outreach, Care and Concern, Membership, Educational Ministries and Hospitality. Two-thirds of the members will constitute a quorum.</p>
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