

**FCCW/Governing Board**  
**Proposed Bylaws Changes for 2024**

Replace the **Faith, Covenant, and Polity** section with the **Bedrock Belief** statement from the Vision and Values work (II)

# Date for Congregational Meetings (MI.2A)

**Current:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January

**Proposed:** Last Sunday in January

# Quorum requirement for congregational meetings (MI.2.C)

**Current:** 35 members

**Proposed:** 25% of the average Sunday worship attendance averaged over the previous 6 months, excluding July and August.

Alter wording of **Qualifications of Church Membership** to emphasize support for the vision and mission of the church (III.1.)

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# Membership Qualifications

**Current:** The membership of this Church will consist of those who confess Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior. Prospective members may join this Church by letter of transfer from another Christian church. After undergoing an orientation process defined by the pastor and agreed to by the Governing Board, a person shall become a member by participating in the rite of reception of members. All those who join this Church agree to subscribe to the bylaws of the Church and to accept its faith, doctrine, and covenant.

**Proposed:** The membership of this Church will consist of those who support the vision and mission of the congregation. Prospective members may join this Church by letter of transfer from another Christian Church, confirmation, and/or participation in an orientation process defined by the Pastor and agreed to by the Governing Board. All those who join this Church agree to subscribe to these bylaws and use their gifts and talents as they feel called to further the congregation's ministry and mission.

Alter the **Termination of Membership** section to make it easier change status from Active to Inactive or Friend (II.5.D)

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# Termination of Membership (Part D)

**Current:** All members, resident and non-resident, are expected to communicate at least once a year with the Church and to make some contribution to its support. If any member neglects to do so for a period of three years, that member's name will be placed on an inactive list upon recommendation of the Clerk, and will no longer be reported in the active membership. The Stewardship Committee, with the assistance of the Clerk, will be responsible for an annual review of the membership lists.

**Proposed:** All members, resident and non-resident, are expected to communicate regularly with the Church and to make some contribution to its support. The Stewardship Committee, with the assistance of the Clerk, will be responsible for an annual review of the membership lists, and may place members on the inactive or friends list if they are not deemed active in the life of the Church.



## Clerk's Term of Office (V.4.1.)

**Current:** A Clerk to serve a **one-year term** will be appointed by the Governing Board and need not be a member of the Governing Board. The Clerk may serve up to five successive one-year terms.

**Proposed:** A Clerk will be appointed by the Governing Board to serve a **two-year renewable term** and need not be a member of the Governing Board. The Clerk may be replaced at the request of the Clerk or at the discretion of the Governing Board.

## Treasurer's Term of Office (V.4.2)

**Current:** A Treasurer, to serve a **two-year term**, will be appointed by the Governing Board and need not be a member of the Governing Board.

**Proposed:** A Treasurer will be appointed by the Governing Board to serve a **three-year renewable term** and need not be a member of the Governing Board. The term may be renewed at the discretion of the Governing Board. The Treasurer may be replaced at the request of the Treasurer or at the discretion of the Governing Board.

# Assistant Treasurer's Term of Office (V.4.3.)

**Current:** An Assistant Treasurer has the powers of and performs the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer, and gives assistance to the Treasurer

**Proposed:** An Assistant Treasurer will be appointed by the Governing board to serve a **renewable one-year term** and need not be a member of the Governing Board. The Assistant Treasurer has the powers of and performs the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer, and gives assistance to the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer may be replaced at the request of the Assistant Treasurer or at the discretion of the Governing Board.

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**The Revision of the role of the Diaconate  
will continue through 2024 (M.3.)**

## **Minor modifications in wording and definitions:**

- **Friends of the Church (III.5.)**
- **Governance (IV)**
- **Areas of Ministry (M.2)**
- **Appointment of Delegates (V.4.6.)**

**Finally.**

**Corrections of spelling, grammar, and punctuation  
too numerous to mention**