

ARTICLE 9: Board of Trustees

9.0 The Board of Trustees shall consist of the following Trustee positions to be filled by Members of the Congregation for the indicated term:

<b>Trustee Position</b>	<b>Duration of Term</b>
President	1 year
President-Elect	1 year
Secretary	2 years
Treasurer	2 years + 4 months
Trustee-At-Large 1	2 years
Trustee-At-Large 2	2 years
Trustee-At-Large 3	1 year
<del>Past President</del>	<del>1 year</del>

9.1 Elections shall occur annually so that the results are determined prior to the end of the UUFCM operating year on June 30 in accordance with Article 8 of these by-laws. Each Trustee shall assume responsibility of the office at the beginning of the next UUFCM operating year on July 1. At each annual election the Congregation shall elect a Member to each of the offices of President-Elect and Trustee-At-Large 3. In years ending in an odd digit (i.e., 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9), the Congregation shall elect a Member to each of the offices of Secretary and Trustee-At-Large 1. On years, ending in an even digit (i.e., 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) the Congregation shall elect a Member to each of the offices of Treasurer and Trustee-At-Large 2.

9.2 A Nominating Committee appointed by the Board shall consist of ~~the Past President (chair),~~ **two additional Board members** and one non-Board member. The Committee shall announce the open positions on the Board in January, accept suggestions of interested candidates from the membership, and then nominate one candidate for each vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The slate of candidates shall be sent in writing to the entire membership at least six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

9.2.1 Alternative Nominating Procedure: After publication of the Nominating Committee's slate, other consenting candidates to the Board of Trustees may be nominated by petitions signed by three church members. Petitions must be presented to the Nominating Committee chair at least four weeks before the Annual Meeting.

9.2.2 All candidates nominated, either by the Nominating Committee or by the alternative nominating procedure, will be presented on the ballot at the Annual Meeting. The election will be conducted with a written ballot.

9.3 On July 1 of each new UUFCM operating year, the President-Elect from the previous term shall succeed to the office of President; ~~the outgoing President shall succeed to the office of Past President;~~ **and the outgoing Past-President shall leave the Board of Trustees to serve as a supportive consultant when needed.**

9.4 Trustees are eligible to serve up to two consecutive terms with three exceptions:

- a. The President-Elect/President/~~Past President~~ position serves one **two-** year term.

- b. The one-year Trustee position may serve the one-year position and then up to two consecutive two-year terms.
- c. Because the treasurer is a skilled position, a treasurer can be re-elected for more than two terms.

All Board member positions are eligible to be elected again after at least a one-year hiatus.

- 9.5 Should a Trustee retire from the Board of Trustees prior to completing the term, the Board of Trustees shall find a suitable candidate(s) from among the Members of the Congregation to fulfill the term of the retiring Trustee. The Congregation shall indicate approval of the replacement Trustee by election in accordance with Article 8 of these by-laws.
- 9.6 The Board shall have general charge of the property of the Fellowship and the conduct of all of its business affairs and the control of its administration, including the appointment of such committees, as it may deem necessary. It may fill vacancies on the Board until successors are elected and installed. Officers and trustees-at-large shall perform duties ordinarily incumbent upon such officers and trustees-at-large, including but not limited to the specific duties described below.
- 9.7 The Board shall be responsible for long range planning.

#### ARTICLE 10: Board Officers and Trustees-At-Large

- 10.0 The president shall act as the official representative of the Fellowship. The president shall preside at all business and Board meetings. The president shall form committees as needed, subject to the approval of the Board. The president shall also be responsible for assuring preparation of periodic audits of the Fellowship's financial status, with the proviso that no Member of the Board shall serve as auditor.
- 10.1 The president-elect shall substitute for the president in the event the president is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, temporarily or permanently. The president-elect will succeed to the office of president after one (1) year.
- 10.2 The secretary shall assure the recording and filing of the minutes of the Board and of the congregational meetings of the Fellowship.
- 10.3 The treasurer is responsible for custody of the Fellowship's funds, for keeping financial records, and for preparing the draft annual budget. The Board may designate a co-treasurer to assist with treasurer responsibilities when needed.
- 10.4 The trustees-at-large shall attend and participate in the Board meetings and shall advise the officers. The trustees-at-large may be assigned team liaison responsibilities.
- ~~10.5 The past president shall serve in this position for the year immediately following their tenure as president. This officer is to provide "institutional memory" to the Board and lead the Nominating Committee during this term.~~
- 10.5 The treasurer shall serve two years in office, plus four months as consultant to the newly elected treasurer.