

Governance Changes to Accommodate electronic meetings.

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FROM CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XVII Meetings

Section 1.

Two Congregational Meetings are to be held each year in January and June at a time and place to be fixed by the Governing Board. The call to the June meeting shall include a list of the nominees for election to Boards and Committees. At the June meeting the members will receive reports, elect Governing Board officers and Board and Committee members and conduct any business properly brought before the meeting. At the January meeting the members will approve the financial statements and proposed budgets for the next year, and conduct any business properly brought before the meeting.

Section 2.

Special meetings of the church members may be called by the Governing Board, or upon the written request of twenty-five or more voting members. A request for a special meeting shall state the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. At any special meeting, the transaction of business shall be limited to the subjects stated in the call for said meeting. Special meetings shall be held within thirty days of receipt of a valid request for such a meeting.

Section 3. In-person meetings may be conducted at the church or other locations. Meetings may also be conducted via virtual video conference format. Further, whenever possible, in-person meetings conducted at the church, or other locations, shall provide members the means to attend via virtual video conference format. Virtual member meeting attendees must have the same access as in-person attendees to pertinent information and the ability to discuss and vote on business items.

Section 4 3.

The Congregational Meetings and all special meetings shall be announced by written notice at least ten days in advance to all active church members. Fifty voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the church members.

Section 5 4.

All questions properly coming before a meeting of the church members shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present and voting except as provided in Article V, Section 5 (election or dismissal of Pastors) and Article XX (amendments to the Constitution).