



*Mission*  
*We are a vibrant spiritual community awakening each life to the Christ within.*  
*Vision*  
*Centered in Divine Love, we honor and celebrate a world awakened to peace, abundance, and respect for all creation.*

**Special Membership Meeting Minutes Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**12:30 PM**

The Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees has designated the August 7, 2022 Community Dialogue meeting as a Special Membership Meeting in accordance with Article XII of the Bylaws. It was held in a hybrid format including both in-person attendees and online attendees.

Quorum: A quorum was present in-person and online.

First chair Julie Fisher called the meeting to order.

**Scheduled Business:**

- Bylaw Amendments and Votes
  1. Annual Meeting: add the words “and/or online”
  2. Proxy: add the words “or e-signed”
  3. Regular Board of Trustees meetings: add the words “and/or online”
- Open Dialogue: Ideas and Comments

**Proposed Bylaw Change 1 to Article V, section 1.A** - see text below in Appendix 1.  
A voice vote was taken in-person and online, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Proposed Bylaw Change 2 (two parts) to Article V, section 1.F**- see text below in Appendix 2.  
A voice vote was taken in-person and online, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Proposed Bylaw Change 3 to Article VI, section 4** - see text below in Appendix 3. A voice vote was taken in-person and online, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Closing, Pray-Out and Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

## Appendix 1

### Proposed Bylaw Change #1

#### **CURRENT Annual Meeting – Article V, section 1.A**

*Date and Location of Annual Meeting. The annual membership meeting shall be held at the principal location of Unity of Fairfax on the first Sunday in November. The meeting shall begin no later than one hour after the conclusion of the last regular service.*

**PROPOSED** – Add the words “and/or online” so the section reads:

*Date and Location of Annual Meeting. The annual membership meeting shall be held at the principal location of Unity of Fairfax and/or online on the first Sunday in November. The meeting shall begin no later than one hour after the conclusion of the last regular service.*

**RATIONALE** – Currently all online meetings for business, including Board meetings, of Unity of Fairfax are allowed only because there is a Unity of Fairfax State of Emergency as described in Article XII of the Bylaws. The Board wants to declare the current pandemic-related emergency over, and acknowledge that inclusive, hybrid (in-person and online) is normative.

## Appendix 2

### Proposed Bylaw Change #2 (has 2 parts)

#### **CURRENT Article V, section 1.F.**

*Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, a majority vote of the Voting Members present and voting will be necessary for approval or disapproval of the action being voted upon. Each Voting Member, in addition to his or her own vote, may vote a maximum of one proxy vote. Such proxy must be completed and signed by one other Voting Member who does not attend the meeting. Absentee and electronic (Internet, email, fax, etc.) voting are not allowed.*

**FIRST PROPOSED CHANGE** – Add the words “or e-signed” so the sentence reads:

*Such proxy must be completed and signed or e-signed by one other Voting Member who does not attend the meeting.*

**SECOND PROPOSED CHANGE** – Delete final sentence.

#### **PROPOSED FINAL FORM Article V, section 1.F**

*Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, a majority vote of the Voting Members present and voting will be necessary for approval or disapproval of the action being voted upon. Each Voting Member, in addition to his or her own vote, may vote a maximum of one proxy vote. Such proxy must be completed and signed or e-signed by one other Voting Member who does not attend the meeting.*

**RATIONALE** – With active members who live far beyond our immediate area, Unity of Fairfax wants to remove barriers to active engagement.

## Appendix 3

### Proposed Bylaw Change 3

#### **CURRENT Article VI, section 4.**

*Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held at the principal executive offices of the ministry at a date and time mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and the Senior Minister.*

**PROPOSED CHANGE** – Add the words “and/or online” so the sentence reads:

*Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held at the principal executive offices of this ministry and/or online at a date and time mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and the Senior Minister.*

**RATIONALE** – Currently, the Board is only able to meet online because of the Unity of Fairfax State of Emergency as described in Article XII of the Bylaws. The Board wants to declare the pandemic-related emergency over and remove barriers to active engagement of Trustees.