

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
Special Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, February 10, 2019
12:30-1:00



COVENANT: We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness and respect for each other as we carry out our elected responsibilities to do the business of this church to the best of our abilities. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** Dan Hale
2. **Review of Agenda**..... Dan Hale
3. **Amendments to Bylaws re Nominating Committee**.....Deanna McGraw
4. **Election of Nominating Committee** Dan Hale
5. **Updated Membership Process** Deanna Mc Graw
6. **Results of Congregation Poll**..... Dan Hale

Adjournment [1:30 pm]

**Proposed By-Laws amendment
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Current By-Laws:

Article VIII — Committees

B. The Nominating Committee shall: (i) Consist of five (5) members to be elected by the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting;

(ii) The committee shall elect a committee Chair;

(iii) Nominate candidates for President, Vice-President, Trustees, Delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly and MidAmerica Regional Assembly, and the Nominating Committee, with at least three (3) nominees of the Nominating Committee having served in elective office;

Recommended Changes:

ADD UNDERLINED SENTENCE:

B. The Nominating Committee shall:

(i) Consist of five (5) members to be elected by the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting; A sixth person will be elected as an alternate member to serve whenever an elected nominating committee member is unable to serve and resigns or is removed by the board president when member does not fulfill responsibilities of the nominating committee.

REMOVE UNDERLINED ITALICIZED SECTION

(iii) Nominate candidates for President, Vice-President, Trustees, Delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly and MidAmerica Regional Assembly, and the Nominating Committee; with at least three (3) nominees of the Nominating Committee having served in elective office;

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE NAME	ELECTED EXPERIENCE
Dave Vaillencourt	Yes
Suzanne Baker	
Sally Borden	Yes
Jody Wise	
Kathe Stevens (Alternate)	Yes
Joel Batterman	Yes (Current Member)

UU Detroit Membership Committee Report February 10, 2019

1. Membership requirements shown below were reviewed and no changes are needed

At the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit, we believe membership begins the journey of a deeper commitment. Newcomers are always welcome in our congregation. There is no formal conversion process, so becoming a Unitarian Universalist is simply a matter of self-identification. Membership is voluntary and does not require renouncing other religious affiliations or practices.

By-Laws - Section 1. Membership is open to all interested persons who: are at least sixteen (16) years old; sign the membership book; make a monetary pledge of support and/or make a financial contribution of record. We welcome all who are in general agreement with Unitarian Universalist principles and purposes. No test of belief shall be imposed as a condition of membership.

2. Revised membership process

Joining the church can be done in one of two ways as determined by the potential member with a two week notice to a Membership Committee member. All new members are expected to attend Intro to UU Detroit

- a. At the end of any church service at a ceremony in front of congregation
- b. At any time in a private ceremony in front of at least two (2) witnesses
 1. Membership Chair/committee member REQUIRED
 2. Minister
 3. Board Chair/member of the board
- c. A membership packet is given to all new members