

# Bylaw Changes

Section	Current	Revision	Rationale
Throughout	Update pronouns throughout the bylaws from 'he/she' and 'his/her' to 'they' and 'their'		<i>Update to inclusive language</i>
Throughout	Change 'Membership Committee' to 'Connections Committee'		<i>Per request of this committee to reflect their mission</i>
Article 6 Congregational Meetings, Section 6.6 Procedures	Change use of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> at congregational meetings to <i>Democratic Rules of Order</i> ( <u><i>Democratic Rules of Order</i></u> )		<i>Similar to Robert's Rules, but less complex and more accessible.</i>
Section 5.5. Ongoing Requirements for Membership	5.5.a. To continue in membership, members must make an annual financial pledge of support for the next fiscal year before June 30 of the current fiscal year and also make a recordable financial contribution during each year that they pledge.	Add: 5.5.b. The Board of Trustees, with input from the minister when applicable, has the authority to waive the ongoing requirements of membership for reasons of compassion, such as health and ability issues. If possible, the matter should first be addressed with the individual, to clarify their desire to continue membership.	<i>Allows an option to retain membership in a time of need or vulnerability.</i>
Section 16.1. Selection and Terms of Stewardship Chair		Add: 16.1.e <i>Two people may be appointed or elected to fill the position of Stewardship Chair or Vice Chair; in which case they serve as Co-Chairs or Co-Vice Chairs.</i>	<i>Foster a culture of sharing leadership responsibilities.</i>