

2021 Annual Membership Meeting

February 21, 2021

Business Agenda

❖ Board Members Elections

- Two board members are running for-election:
 - Ira Hilf for a second three-year term
 - Donald Fouts for a first three-year term

❖ Bylaws Changes

- **Article 7: Administration, Management and Leadership: Add section F as recommended by UWM.**
 - UWM Emergency Clause: In the case of a national emergency declared by the President of the United States, a State Emergency declared by the governor, or a local emergency as determined by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the local ministry trustees present and voting, the Board of Trustees is authorized to meet by electronic means and to have the full power to adjust budgets and cancel/postpone events or reschedule them as electronic meetings. As long as the emergency lasts, the Board of Trustees may take any other emergency actions deemed helpful and necessary to assure the welfare of this ministry.
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 - **Rationale:** To empower the leadership of ULV to be of service in the highest possible way during unprecedented circumstances.
- **Article 6: Board of Trustees: Amend Section 1 on Membership to read:**
 - The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Senior Minister or Co-Minister(s) and no fewer than five (5) other trustees and one alternate trustee (recommended but not required).
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 - **Rationale:** The current bylaws require six board members plus an alternate. As community engagement has narrowed during COVID, a five-member board with a recommended alternate will better represent and serve the size of our community and help to streamline productivity and decision making. In addition, the Board has additional leadership support from the Leadership Team and newly formed Production Team.

- **Article 4: Members: Amend Section 3 on Classes of Members to read:**
 - There shall be two classes of active members in this ministry: Community and Governing Members
 - Community Member Requirements:
 - Commitment to Spiritual Growth
 - Sacred Service to the Ministry
 - Monthly Financial Commitment
 - Governing Member Requirements
 - All Community Member commitments listed above
 - Has been a Community Member for at least one year
 - Voting privileges at Annual Meetings.
 - The ULV leadership is committed to a soft roll out of this new model over the next 12 months giving prayerful consideration as to the most appropriate spiritual growth and sacred service programs for these times of COVID. In addition, all current members (as of 2.21.21) shall immediately be grandfathered into Governing Member status.
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 - **Rationale:** This membership model, developed by Rev. Gary Simmons, has been successfully implemented in several Unity Churches. The vision for this model is to strengthen our spiritual community by:
 - Creating a more powerful attraction field through a deeper commitment to our mission, vision and core values
 - Building a stronger financial foundation that is more sustainable and future oriented.
 - Becoming a more powerful force for Love on the planet by shifting from a local to a global ministry.