

## Suggested Amendments to the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

§2. The right to vote at any meeting shall be limited to active members eighteen years of age and older, but any member may speak at any meeting. **New members shall not have the right to vote until thirty days after their effective date of membership. In matters involving the sale of Real Estate or a purchase requiring a withdrawal of invested funds in excess of 10 percent of the value of the total invested funds of the church, the right to vote shall be limited to those individuals who have been members for a minimum of two years.** Approval of such transactions shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present qualified to vote.

**Suggested amendment:** Removal of these limitations to the voting rights of new members. Members should have the right to vote in any congregational meeting.

### ARTICLE V – ADMINISTRATION

§1. The administration of the affairs of the Church shall be vested in the Board of Trustees which shall consist of the following officers: the President, the Vice President, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Chairpersons of the Finance and Property Committees, and **three (3) Trustees-at-Large.**

**Suggested amendment:** Reducing the number of at-large Trustees to one.

§7. Vacancies in any office, except for the Minister ~~or the Vice President~~, shall be filled until the expiration of the term by the Board. Should the office of the President become vacant, the office shall be assumed by the Vice President. ~~The office of the Vice President shall be filled by a vote of the congregation at a regular or special meeting to be called within two months of vacancy.~~

**Suggested amendment:** The vacancy of the Vice President's office shall be filled until the expiration of the term by the Board.

### ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

§2. The Clerk shall give notice of all meetings of the Church and of the Board and shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of said meetings, shall have custody of all books, papers and records pertaining to the administration of the Church except such as properly belong in the custody of other officers, shall keep a register especially provided for the purpose of recording the names of members of the Church, their dates of membership, dates of death or withdrawal together with a record of **baptisms** and such other records as the Church or Board may require, and shall maintain a record of all members who have previously served as members of the board.

**Suggested amendment:** Replace the term "baptisms" with "child dedications."