

Recommended Bylaws Revisions*

Recommended Bylaws Revision #1:

To reduce member candidate review from 30 days to 15 days.

We recommend that the wording of Section 8.3, Reception of Members, be revised as follows:

8.3. Reception of Members. The elders will recommend to the congregation church-member candidates to be added as members, allowing time for a ~~15~~30-day evaluation period. The current church members shall then vote whether to affirm the elders' recommendation, in accordance with Section 8.8.3.

Recommended Bylaws Revision #2:

To allow non-staff elders to renew for a term of *up to* three years, rather than a fixed length of three years exactly.

We recommend that the wording of Section 4.1.1 be revised as follows:

4.1.1 Non-staff elders will serve an initial three-year term, ~~and there is no restriction on the number of terms an elder may serve.~~ As the end of each non-staff elder's term approaches, that elder, together with the other elders serving at the time ("other elders"), will reconsider that elder's calling for an additional term ("renewal"). An elder may renew for up to three years by mutual consent between the elder and other elders. There is no restriction on the number of renewal terms an elder may serve. If the elder under reconsideration and the other elders cannot reach agreement as to whether he is still called to serve as an elder, after careful prayer and discussion, they may proceed in accordance with Section 4.5.3.

*To be voted on at the Member Meeting on 5/19/24