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UUA Bylaws Taskforce Board Report

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UUA Bylaws Taskforce Goal

To present a complete rewrite of the UUA bylaws, done in manageable stages between General Assembly 2022 and General Assembly 2024.

Mission-Driven Bylaws that are:

- Simpler
- More straightforward
- Less cumbersome





Update

We are building familiarity and a shared understanding of the bylaws, through an article-by-article review.

Throughout this review, issues that surface are:





Named Issues



- The bylaws are heavy on procedural process, and light on defining roles, authorities and responsibilities of the governing bodies and officers of the Association.
 - Committee Structures
 - The role of the Moderator, President, and Financial Advisor, General Assembly and Board of Trustees.
 - What is in scope for the bylaws, and what belongs in policy/procedures?
- Who is a member of the UUA and who is the UUA accountable to?
- What is Ministry; and what is the UUA's role/interest in its definition and regulation?



General Assembly is where all the elements of our governance come together and interact. It's where roles, responsibilities and authorities need to be clearest.

Our question: What would the General Assembly of a mission-driven covenantal religious organization do/be/feel like?