

October 31, 2023

Dear Member Congregations of the UUA,

The Article II Study Commission (A2SC) has released its final version of the proposed revision to Article II of the UUA Bylaws, taking into account the amendments that passed at General Assembly in June 2023. The UUA Board of Trustees will officially receive this final proposed revision at our next scheduled meeting on November 13, 2023. Everyone is invited to read the new proposed revision now, absorb it, and see how it resonates with you.

So, what are the next steps? And what will happen at General Assembly (GA) in June 2024?

The UUA Bylaws allow for amendments to the proposal. Any proposed amendment needs to be endorsed by at least 15 certified congregations. This endorsement needs to be by action of their governing boards or their congregations. Bill Young, UUA Secretary, will provide a form to document these endorsements. Your UUA Board of Trustees requests that a single individual is identified as the primary contact for each proposed amendment. As we prepare for GA 2024, we will coordinate with amendment sponsors.

The deadline for submitting an amendment is 5:00 p.m. Eastern on February 1, 2024. Your UUA Board looked for ways to extend this deadline, but the limited timeline was confirmed by legal counsel based on UUA Bylaws requirements.

The Bylaws also require that all qualified amendments be considered by the General Assembly, so it will be up to our member congregations to decide which amendments the GA should consider. The Board may also choose to submit amendments this spring, but we have not yet begun any conversations on this possibility.

At GA, Article II amendments require a 3/4 approval to be incorporated. Once any amendments have been resolved, a 2/3 approval vote is required to adopt a new version of Article II.

Thank you for your engagement in this process. This is one of the ways that Unitarian Universalism is alive in this world. We thank the A2SC for all of their work and all Unitarian Universalists for engaging in this process.

Yours in peace,

UUA Board of Trustees

