

**Proposed Changes to Make the Bylaws Neutral Regarding the Governance Structure of
Districts & Regions
Amendments Proposed in the Mini-Assembly**

Incorporated Amendment 1:

Line 289: Strike "or region."

Line 437, now line : Strike " with no more than 20 of the 50 congregations from the same district or region."

Lines 450-451: Strike " in at least five districts or regions"

Lines 487-488: Strike ", including no fewer than five certified member congregations located in each of no fewer than five different districts or regions"

Incorporated Amendment 2:

Lines 641-644: Substitute the following language for the text being deleted:

"Authority to recognize a new district or region as a unit of the UUA, or to remove that recognition, shall reside with the General Assembly; provided, however, that a district or region may request that the UUA cease to recognize it without approval from the General Assembly. The UUA Secretary shall maintain a current list of the districts and regions of the UUA as recognized by the General Assembly."

Incorporated Amendment 3:

Lines 306-308

1. Rather than the deletion proposed, maintain the current text, adding "or region" following each occurrence of the word "district."

2. Following the current text, add the following two sentences: "In a district or region that does not maintain a formal governance structure, a meeting for this purpose may be convened by

vote of the governing bodies or membership of at least fifteen congregations in that region in good standing with the UUA. A quorum for such a meeting shall require that at least one-third of the congregations of the district or region be represented by one or more formally credentialed delegates."

Lines 305, 309, 311, and 314 would remain as they currently read.

Lines 611-614:

1. Rather than deleting the text as proposed, maintain the current, adding "or region" following each occurrence of the word "district."

2. Following the current text, add the following two sentences: "In a district or region that does not maintain a formal governance structure, a meeting for this purpose may be convened by vote of the governing bodies or membership of at least fifteen congregations in good standing. A quorum for such an assembly shall require that at least one-third of the congregations of the district or region be represented by one or more formally credentialed delegates." Please note: This language is not fully inserted into the revised text as the document would not format properly. If this bylaws revision is adopted, it will be inserted properly with the final edited version of the bylaws.

Lines 606 and 610 would remain as they currently read.

Lines 633-637 would remain as they currently read, with the substitution of "districts, and regions" wherever "and districts" currently appears.

Incorporated Amendment 4

Previous line 312, now line 314: (do not change) strike proposed change to "November 1 of preceding year" and retain "February 1 of year in which GA is held".

Unincorporated Amendment 1

Reason for not incorporating: This was an alternative proposal to the incorporated amendments 1, 2 and 3. The approach that was incorporated retained the intent of the proposed bylaws provisions, which was to establish a position of neutrality for all congregations regardless of the governance structure of the region or district. The unincorporated proposal

did not accomplish that goal. Both this proposal and the proposal that was incorporated preserve existing prerogatives of districts or regions.

On pages 102, 103, 104, 109, AND 110 of the 54th Annual General Assembly Agenda regarding the “Proposed Changes to make the Bylaws neutral regarding the governance structure of districts and regions”

- On pages 103 and 104 in Sec. 4.11, delete the proposed brackets and retain the existing language of subparagraph (f).
- In line 305, delete “and”.
- In lines 306 through 308 retain the existing language (delete the brackets) and further amend the existing subparagraph (f) by inserting after “district” each time it appears the words “or region”.
- In line 309 restoring the lettering of subparagraph (g).
- In line 311, delete “and”.
- In line 311, (delete the brackets) retain the existing words “and (f)”.
- In line 312 (delete the brackets) retain the existing word “February” and delete “November” and “of the preceding year”.
- In line 314, (delete the brackets) retain the existing words “and (f)”.
- On pages 104 and 105, in Sec. 4.12, in line 334, (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert after “district,” the word “region,”.
- In line 345, (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert after “ , district,” the word “region,”.
- In line 379 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “and the regions” after “districts”.
- In line 385 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “and the regions” after “districts”.
- On page 105, in Sec. 4.13
- In line 429 and 430 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “ , the regions” after “ , the districts”.
- On page 109, in Sec. 15.2, in line 606 delete “or”.
- In lines 610 through 614 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “or region” after “district” each time that it appears.
- On page 109, in Rule G-4.12.1, in line 617 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert after “and districts” the words “and regions”.
- On page 109, in Rule G-4.12.2, in line 621 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and replace “congregations” with “congregations₂” and insert after “districts,” the words “regions,”.

- On page 110, in Rule G-4.12.3, in line 630 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert after “Districts,” the word “Regions,”.
- On page 110, in Rule G-4.18.1
 - in line 633 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “and Regions” after “Districts”; and
 - In line 636 (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert “and region” after “district”.
- On page 110, Rule G-13.2.1 (delete all brackets) retain all of the existing language; and retain all of the proposed inserted words that are underlined.
- On page 110, Rule G-15.2.1, in line 662, (delete the brackets) retain the existing language and insert after “district” the words “or a region”.