

General Assembly 2018

Board Statement on Bylaw Amendment for Commission on Social Witness

Motion Maker: Moved that the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to substantially alter the social witness process and which communities can participate in this process in to bylaw Article IV, Sections 4.12 and 4.16 [and as amended in mini-assembly], found on pages 80–83 of the final agenda be adopted

Moderator: The motion to adopt the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to substantially alter the social witness process and which communities can participate in this process in to bylaw Article IV, Sections 4.12 and 4.16 has been made and seconded.

The chair calls on Greg Boyd, Trustee-At-Large, to make the board's statement in support of the bylaw amendment.

Greg Boyd: The social witness process has seen many changes over the past decades. Increases in the speed of communication as well as our understanding of who joins together in Unitarian Universalist communities has changed the way we do the work of expanding justice in the world. The proposed amendments enable us to respond more quickly to urgent issues by shortening the process of witnessing for justice. Further, the proposed amendments expand the circle of Unitarian Universalists in covenant who can study and take action on these issues. These amendments come to us from the Commission on Social Witness after years of deliberation. Your Board strongly supports these changes to our formal justice making process.