1. CHANGE TO PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

As this proposed Bylaw change received over a four fifths vote at last year’s General Assembly, no amendments to this proposed change are allowed this year. The proposed Bylaw change comes to you in the form shown on page 76 of your Final Agenda.

2. CONGREGATIONAL LINKAGE

This proposed amendment was submitted by the Joseph Priestly District.

118 Section 6.16. Congregational linkage

119 The Board of Trustees shall establish and maintain means by which congregations may
120 communicate directly with the Board concerning governance of the Association, and receive from
121 the Board timely responses to such communications. The means established by the Board shall be
122 distributed to congregations

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INCORPORATED AMENDMENTS

A. Line 119: Strike “a”

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There were no unincorporated amendments.

3. VOTING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

123 Section 4.8. Delegates
124 (b) Minister Delegates and Religious Education Director Delegates. Each certified member
125 congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by the ordained
126 minister or ministers in ministerial fellowship with the Association settled in such
127 congregation, and by the [director or directors of religious education] religious educators who
128 are active members of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and employed in such
congregation. In addition, each certified member congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by any minister emeritus or minister emerita of such congregation in ministerial fellowship with the Association and by any [director of religious education] religious educator emeritus or emerita [having achieved Credentialed Religious Educator – Masters Level status by the Association] designated as such by a vote at a meeting of the member congregation not less than six months prior to the General Assembly, provided that any such minister has been settled previously in such congregation, and any such director of religious education who has been previously employed in such congregation.

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B. Line 127: Strike “the director or directors of religious education” and substitute “religious educators who are Active Members of the Liberal Religious Educators Association”

C. Lines 132-133: Remove “having achieved...Master Level status”
   Friendly Amendment for Line 132: [director of] religious [education] educator emeritus or emerita [having achieved Credentialed Religious educator - masters level status by the Association]

UNINCORPORATED AMENDMENT

Line 128: delete “Liberal Religious Educators Association”, and substitute “any religious educator organization recognized by the UUA and approved by the Board of the Trustees”

4. YOUTH TRUSTEE

Section 6.3. Membership.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of:

(a) the President, without vote, the Moderator and the Financial Advisor;
(b) eleven trustees; and
(c) two youth trustees who, as of the date they commence service as trustees, are of high schoolage, or the equivalent, and are able to complete their term while of high school age.

Section 6.4. Election of Trustees.

(a) One-third, as nearly as possible, of the non-Youth members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected at each regular General Assembly.
(b) The Board of Trustees shall assign a number to each trustee position for the purposes of electing trustees.
(c) One Youth Trustee shall be elected at each regular General Assembly.

Section 6.5. Term.

(a) Trustees shall take office immediately after the close of the General Assembly at which they are elected, and shall serve for terms of three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Any partial term of more than two years shall be considered a full term for purposes of this Section. No trustee may serve more than two successive full terms.

However, a trustee may at any time become one of the elected officers of the Association and serve as long in that office as if such trustee had not previously been a trustee. No person who has served as an elected officer for a full term or as a trustee for two full terms shall thereafter be elected a trustee without an interim of at least three years.

(b) A Youth trustee shall take office immediately after the close of the General Assembly at which they are elected, and shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are
Section 6.6. Qualifications of Trustees.

(a) Each elected trustee shall be a member of a member congregation. A trustee who ceases to meet these qualifications shall be disqualified and the office declared vacant. Not more than one trustee shall be a member of the same member congregation. If a trustee becomes a member of a member congregation in which another trustee is already a member, such Trustee shall be disqualified and the office declared vacant. The Board of Trustees shall adopt rules for the application of this Section to persons holding membership in more than one member congregation.

(b) Youth trustees shall be a member of a member congregation if their congregation allows for youth membership. If their congregation does not allow for youth membership, the President, Minister or Religious Educator of that congregation shall submit a written notice to the Nominating Committee of the Youth trustee’s affiliation with the congregation before the person may be nominated to serve as a Youth trustee. A Youth trustee shall not be a Member of or be affiliated with the same congregation as [the] any other [Youth] trustee [or a non-Youth trustee].

Section 6.11. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Moderator or President, and shall be called by the Moderator at the request of eight trustees. Notice of special meetings shall be given in writing not less than five nor more than sixty days before the meeting and shall state the agenda, time and place of the meeting.


On all ballots used in elections held by the Association, the order of names shall be determined by the drawing of lots done by the Secretary and witnessed by two other persons; provided, however, that the order of names for elections to the Board of Trustees, other than Youth trustee, shall be by Board position number first, and then as determined above. The Secretary shall certify the results of the drawing of lots, the certificate shall be attested by the witnesses, and the certificate shall be filed in the Secretary's office. This Rule shall be printed on all official ballots or on the instructions accompanying them.

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B. Lines 176-177: … as [the] any other [Youth] trustee [or a non-Youth trustee].

UNINCORPORATED AMENDMENT

A. Line 142: Omit “are able to complete their term while of high school age”