

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

(For consideration at the October 5 – 11, 2020 Fall Stated Meeting)

Living during times of a pandemic has made us acutely aware that we must adapt to new ways of gathering as a people of God. Presbytery's bylaws did allow a degree of flexibility in regards to meetings, but it has become evident that more would be required in this time of uncertainty. With one exception, the proposed amendments are an attempt to provide greater flexibility. The proposed amendment to B-7.2d will bring that provision into compliance with Alaska state non-profit statutes. Proposed additions are underlined; deletions are indicated by a strikethrough.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

B-4.2 B-4.2a	Stated Meetings Presbytery shall have two stated meetings annually, with at least one face-to-face meeting, <u>if it is safe and practical to do so</u> . Stated meetings shall ordinarily be held as follows, <u>unless the Leadership Team decides otherwise</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Meeting – Starting on the Fourth Friday of February• Fall Meeting – Starting on the First Friday week after World Communion Sunday
B-4.6 B-4.6a	Regional Meetings The two regions of the Presbytery shall meet a minimum of two times per year. Each region may organize additional meetings as necessary. <u>When practical</u> , two of these meetings shall be at the Stated Meetings of Presbytery. <u>If the way is clear</u> , In order to facilitate the regional connections , Presbytery shall set aside at least two hours at the Stated Meetings <u>in order to facilitate</u> for regional connections.

ARTICLE VII: LEADERSHIP TEAM

B-7.2	Leadership Team Membership
B-7.2d	Vacancies occurring on the Leadership Team between annual meetings may be filled by the Leadership Team. The term of office of persons appointed shall expire at the time of the next Annual Meeting, when their successors shall be elected. <u>A person appointed to fill a vacancy, shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term of their predecessor.</u> In accordance with state statute, no vacancy may continue for a period longer than six months or until the next annual meeting of the members, whichever occurs first.
B-7.3	Leadership Team Meetings
B-7.3a	<u>If it is safe and practical to do so</u> , the Leadership Team shall meet face-to-face just prior to each stated meeting of Presbytery and at least one other time, at a time and place designated by the co-chairs. <u>Telephonic and videoconference meetings may be called at other times by a Leadership Team co-chair.</u> Immediately Upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as practical, the Leadership Team shall meet to elect corporation officers and conduct other necessary corporation business.

ARTICLES X: RULES OF ORDER

B-10.1	<u>The Presbytery, Leadership Team, commissions, committees, and task forces may use telephone, internet or satellite-enabled audio or video-conferencing or any other technology to conduct meetings provided that participants are able to hear one another and such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. Such means of conducting meetings shall be in accord with bylaw meeting provisions and other guidelines which the Presbytery has established for itself.</u>
<u>B-10.2</u>	New reference number for text previously under B-10.1 (no change is proposed.) [The Presbytery, Leadership Team, committees, commissions, and task forces may use mail,

	electronic mail, fax, or similar technology to act on time critical or non-controversial motions provided such means adhere to guidelines Presbytery has established for itself.]
<u>B-10.3</u>	<u>Voting procedures for virtual meetings shall be in accord with other guidelines which the Presbytery has established for itself.</u>

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

B-11.1	These bylaws may be amended, subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Alaska, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at any stated meeting of Presbytery by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment(s) are included in the call to the meeting.
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