

6/4/19 ANNOTATIONS FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION:

(Comments in green have been added in June)

The Constitution has been kept fairly intact in essence but has been rearranged to reflect the church philosophy and polity and the details of the organization have been moved to the Bylaws.

NAME: Added the UCC as an affiliation rather than part of our official name so as not to have to change the original Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I: FAITH – The introduction to the UCC Statement of Faith is new.

ARTICLE II: COVENANT AND MISSION

Article II has been renamed COVENANT AND MISSION. It incorporates the former Article II (Purpose) and IV (Doctrine) from the old constitution. The Covenant statement has been reworded to update the language. An introduction to the resolutions is added and the resolutions are moved to the Bylaws

The resolutions are now found in the appendix to the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3: Membership Privileges was added to reflect our common practice.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS (opening paragraph)

Two called annual meetings came from RTF2 vote and are alluded to, but not specified in old constitution.

This now reads two regularly called meetings.

Article VI (paragraph 2) added: A constitutional amendment must be presented at one regularly called meeting and voted on at the next regularly or specially called meeting. This was changed to reflect a necessary amount of time to consider a change to the constitution.

ARTICLE VII: CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Church Organization is a new title. Here are the greatest changes to the constitution. All systems in the church are under one article. They are listed in order of our congregational polity or our organizational structure. The following paragraphs are generalizations. The details of all the various sections have been moved to the Bylaws.

Section 1: Church Council membership does not include a youth representative due to common practice in the last few years.

ARTICLE VIII: CHURCH PROPERTY

This section is completely new – seen in many other church constitutions and covers legal aspects not found in our present constitution.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDING THE CONSTITUION

The title has been changed to include amending the Bylaws.

Sec. 3: Bylaw amendments have been added. The Church Council may make amendments to the Bylaws and live into them until the next called congregational meeting when they must be voted on and approved by a simple majority of the quorum.