

In accordance with the Bylaws and at the request of ten or more Local Churches to vote on the following proposed amendments to the Conference Bylaws:

1. Article V Meetings and Officers Section 1:

1. Powers of the Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be called by the Board of Directors and shall be held at a time and place within the area of the Conference to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall have the following powers:

- a) To organize as required for the transaction of business.
 - b) To carry on through the Board of Directors and other bodies, the work of the Conference, and provide for the financial support of this work.
 - c) To receive reports from the officers, Conference Minister, Associate Conference Ministers, Conference committees and other bodies.
 - d) To nominate and elect officers and persons to other positions as required elsewhere in these Bylaws.
 - e) To review and adopt the Conference budget for the ensuing year.
 - f) To review and act upon proposals and/or resolutions brought before the Annual Meeting.
 - g) To adopt bylaws for the Conference and, as hereinafter provided, amend them.
 - h) To transact any other business which may properly be brought before it.
- add "i) To approve the sale or lease of real estate located in Douglas County, Minnesota."*

2. Article VI Board of Directors Section 1:

1. Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the usual powers and duties of the Board of Directors of a corporation organized under the non-profit corporation law of the State of Minnesota. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Conference between Annual Meetings. The Board of Directors may establish rules, consistent with these Bylaws, for the regulation of its own proceedings and those of the officers, agents, employees and committees, subcommittees, work groups, ministry teams, task forces, etc., of the Conference. It may appoint such officers and agents and shall have the power to form committees, subcommittees, ministry teams, task forces, etc., and to appoint their chairperson(s) and members to forward the work of the Conference, as it shall from time to time deem advisable. It may, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, determine the duties of the officers and committees of the Conference and fix their compensation, if any. *add "The Board of Directors shall not have the power to sell or lease real estate located in Douglas County, Minnesota without the approval of the members."*

The following Local Churches requested these proposed amendments:

First Congregational UCC, Appleton voted at regular Church Council meeting on 29 July
St. John's UCC, Fairmont voted at regular Church Council meeting on 14 July
First Congregational UCC, Fairmont voted at regular Church Council meeting on 22 July
St. Paul's UCC, Welcome voted by Cabinet on 26 July
First Congregational, Alexandria voted by Church Council on 29 July
Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Benson voted at Special Council Meeting on 29 July
New Ulm UCC voted by Church Council on 28 July
First Congregational UCC, Princeton voted by Church Council (no date provided)
Union Congregational UCC, St. Louis Park all members of Executive Council contacted and responded letter received in Conf office by hand 31 July
Community UCC, St. Paul Park four council members signed and another sent email approval
First Congregational UCC, Mankato Church Council voted (no date provided) letter dated 31 July; received 5 August
Mizpah UCC, Hopkins Church Council voted on 12 August (past the deadline)