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IRVINE UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BYLAWS

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1 **ARTICLE 1 NAME**

2 The name of this Church is Irvine United Congregational Church, as incorporated under
3 the laws of the State of California.

4 **ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE**

5 The purpose of this Church is to provide an environment open for all to worship God,
6 develop Christian values, share life's experiences, strive for truth, justice and peace,
7 and respond with compassion to the needs of others.

8 **Section 1 MISSION STATEMENT**

9 Irvine United Congregational Church provides a radically inclusive community, declaring
10 to neighbors and strangers alike, no matter who you are or where you are on life's
11 journey, you are welcome here. We celebrate the Creator's diversity as we worship God
12 and grow in our faith. Guided by God's unconditional love as taught by Jesus Christ, we
13 see ourselves as children of one God, brothers and sisters of all people. As servants of
14 God, we take responsibility to act with compassion, to work for peace and justice, and to
15 share the joy of Christian community.

16 **Section 2 VISION STATEMENT**

17 Irvine United Congregational Church seeks growth in spirit, fellowship, and number by
18 strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors and community; by caring for each
19 other as God cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and
20 by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's
21 love in human action.

22 **ARTICLE 3 DEFINITIONS**

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| A. Association | The Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. |
| B. Bylaws | References these Bylaws. |

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C Church or IUCC (reference <i>this Church</i> or <i>the Church</i>)	Irvine United Congregational Church.
D Conference	The Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ.
E Congregation	Member and non-member participants of the Church.
F. Corporate Member	A Member who is an adult as defined by the State of California.
G Director	A staff person designated to work with a specific committee.
H Inactive Member	A person who has, by vote of the Administration Board, made “Inactive” if the person has not been attending Church and does not render financial support for a period of one (1) year.
I. Licensed Pastor	An employee who has been licensed by the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and hired by the Administration Board on behalf of the Congregation to serve as a pastor of this Church.
J. Member	A person who has publicly accepted the covenant of the Church.
K. Ministry	A formal group created to implement the covenant of the Church.
L. Non-Member	A person who has not publicly accepted the covenant of the Church.
M Pastoral Leadership	A group made up of the Senior Pastor and/or other Pastoral Staff.

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N Pastoral Staff	An employee who has been ordained and called by the Congregation to serve as a pastor or has been licensed by the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and hired by the Administration Board on behalf of the Congregation of this Church.
O Regular Meeting	A Regular Meeting will take place twice each year known as the Winter Congregational Meeting and the Spring Congregational Meeting.
P Senior Pastor	An employee who has been ordained and called by the Congregation to serve as the lead pastor of this Church.
Q Staff Person	A person hired and paid by the Church who is recognized as an “employee” by the State of California.
R Standing Committee	A formal group created to perform an on-going, identified role.
S Special Committee	A group of people brought together to perform a specific task or tasks for an indefinite period of time, with reporting responsibility to an established entity of the Church.
T Special Meeting	A Special Meeting may be called to conduct business of the Church between Regular Meetings.
U Task Force	A group of people brought together to perform a specific task in a specific time-frame, with reporting responsibility to an established entity of the Church.
V Youth Member	A Member who is a minor, as defined by the State of California.

1 **ARTICLE 4 POLITY**

- 2 A. This Church recognizes God as the ultimate source of authority in all things.
3 This Church is guided in matters of faith and discipline by the Holy Scriptures,
4 the Holy Spirit, reason and conscience.

- 1 B. This Church is governed by its Members, subject to the laws of the State of
2 California relative to non-profit religious corporations.
- 3 C. This Church is autonomous, yet seeks mutual counsel, cooperation and
4 fellowship of the United Church of Christ and other organizations which share
5 its aims and work.
- 6 D. This Church shall recognize the Conference as an instrumentality of the
7 Church's life and service, and shall utilize the staff and facilities of the
8 Conference to the mutual benefit of this Church and the Conference. This
9 Church shall recognize the Association as the body that grants standing to
10 clergy.

11 **ARTICLE 5 COVENANT**

- 12 A. We join together with God and with each other
- 13 1. to provide an environment open for all to worship God,
14 2. to develop Christian values,
15 3. to share life's experiences,
16 4. to strive for truth, justice and peace, and
17 5. to respond with compassion to the needs of others.
- 18 B. We do this in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God in all
19 things.

20 **ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP**

21 **Section 1 QUALIFICATIONS**

- 22 A. Membership of this Church shall be open to all those willing to publicly accept
23 its covenant.

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1 B. The Irvine United Congregational Church has historically been an open,
2 inclusive church, welcoming persons of all races, genders, ages, marital
3 status, and physical abilities. Furthermore, as a conscious emphasis and
4 clarification of this policy, the Church has adopted the designation of Open
5 and Affirming Congregation, and hence offers all of the privileges and
6 responsibilities of church membership to all people, including people who
7 identify themselves as gay men, lesbians, bisexuals or transgender in
8 sexual/affectional orientation. "Open and Affirming" is an official designation
9 of the United Church of Christ.

10 C. Unless otherwise stated herein, the term "Member" or "Members" shall mean
11 all Corporate Members and Youth Members collectively.

12 **Section 2 RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

13 A. Persons desiring to be Members will be received at a worship service by
14 affirming their acceptance of the covenant either in person or in absentia with
15 written affirmation.

16 B. The date of said worship service and the name of each new Member will be
17 duly recorded and entered in the official membership roll of the Church.

18 C. Written documentation of membership will be delivered to each new Member
19 as soon thereafter as practical.

20 **Section 3 MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

21 A. All Members have the right to voice their opinions at any regular or special
22 Meeting of the Church.

23 B. Members shall have the rights enumerated in Section 5056(a) of the
24 California Corporations Code, with the following exception: Youth Members
25 shall not have the right to vote on financial matters, as designated by the
26 Administration Board.

1 **Section 4** MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

2 The Church will receive letters of transfer from other churches affiliated with the United
3 Church of Christ and issue letters of transfer to other churches that may be willing to
4 accept such letters.

5 **Section 5** ENDING MEMBERSHIP

6 A. A Member may be considered an "Inactive Member" if for a period of one (1)
7 year, the Member is inactive in attending Church and does not render
8 financial support.

9 B. The designation as Inactive Member shall be made by vote of the
10 Administration Board, and the Inactive Member shall be notified of this
11 inactive status in writing as soon thereafter as practical.

12 C. An Inactive Member may be removed from the membership rolls for
13 continued inactivity for a period of one (1) year following the time of his/her
14 designation as Inactive Member.

15 D. The person removed shall be notified of such action in writing.

16 E. An Inactive Member shall lose all voting rights.

17 F. An Inactive Member may be reinstated, without rejoining the Church, by vote
18 of the Administration Board.

19 G. A Member will be removed from the membership rolls at the request of said
20 Member.

21 **ARTICLE 7** SERVICES AND WORSHIP

22 **Section 1** REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

23 Public services of worship shall be held regularly each Sunday, and at such other times
24 as the Pastoral Leadership, acting under the guidance of the Ministries Board, shall
25 determine.

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1 **Section 2 SACRAMENTS and CEREMONIES**

2 A. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be celebrated at the discretion of
3 the Pastoral Leadership.

4 B. The Sacrament of Christian Baptism shall be held when appropriate, at the
5 discretion of the Pastoral Leadership.

6 C. Ceremonies celebrating life experiences shall be held when appropriate, at
7 the discretion of the Pastoral Leadership.

8 **Section 3 EDUCATION**

9 The Church shall provide appropriate educational programs to inform of Christian
10 values, to inform of worship and fellowship experiences with God, to inform of the
11 traditions and purpose of the United Church of Christ and to introduce persons into the
12 community of faith.

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14 **ARTICLE 8 CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

15 **Section 1 REGULAR MEETINGS**

16 A. There shall be two Regular Congregational Meetings per year.

17 1. The Winter Congregational Meeting shall be held on the last Sunday of
18 January to adopt the budget and plans for the year, and transact
19 appropriate business.

20 2. The Spring Congregational Meeting shall be held on the third Sunday of
21 May to hear the yearly reports of Pastor(s), Officers, Ministries, Standing
22 Committees and organizations; to fill elective offices; and to transact
23 appropriate business.

1 3. By a majority vote of both the Administration Board and the Ministries
2 Board, either the Winter or the Spring Congregational Meeting may be
3 rescheduled 60 days forward or 60 days back from the set date, if the set
4 date is deemed unworkable. Rescheduling the date shall require 14 days
5 written notice, with written notice as defined in ARTICLE 8, Section 1-B.

6 B. All Members of the Church shall receive written notice of the Meeting at least
7 14 days preceding the time set for such Meeting. Written notice is deemed
8 received when delivered in person or when posted to the IUCC website or
9 when mailed or when transmitted by electronic mail to the Member's last
10 known address. For the Winter Congregational Meeting, a copy of the
11 proposed budget for that year shall be placed on the IUCC web site no later
12 than 10 days prior to the meeting. This provision may be waived by a 2/3
13 majority of Corporate Members voting at the meeting to allow no fewer than 7
14 days notice. A written copy shall be mailed to a Member upon request.

15 **Section 2 SPECIAL MEETINGS**

16 A. Special Meetings of this Church may be called by the Pastoral Leadership,
17 the Moderator, the Administration Board, the Ministries Board, or on written
18 request of any five Corporate Members addressed to the Moderator
19 specifying the nature and purpose thereof.

20 B. The Moderator shall be in contact with the proponents of the Special Meeting
21 to coordinate a date and agenda for said Special Meeting to be held no later
22 than 30 days following the date of the request.

23 C. All Members of the Church shall receive written notice of such a Meeting at
24 least 7 days preceding the time set for such a Meeting. Written notice is
25 deemed received when delivered in person or when transmitted by electronic
26 mail or when mailed to the Member's last known address.

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1 **Section 3 QUORUM**

2 A. A quorum for any Regular or Special Meeting shall consist of at least 25% of
3 the Members of the Church. In accordance with the California Corporations
4 Code, Section 5056(a), only Corporate Members are entitled to vote on
5 financial matters.

6 B. Once a quorum is present for any Meeting, such quorum shall be considered
7 to be present for all purposes for that entire Meeting even though Members
8 leave and less than 25% of the Members of the Church remain.

9 **Section 4 VOTING**

10 A. A majority vote of the Corporate Members present at any Congregational
11 Meeting shall be required to transact business and take action, except where
12 otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

13 B. Voting by absentee ballot or by proxy shall not be permitted. However,
14 messages of reasonable length from absentee Members may be submitted
15 for presentation by the Moderator.

16 **Section 5 ADJOURNING**

17 A. Meeting may be adjourned to any future date without requiring additional
18 written notice to Members of the Church except as to the date, time and
19 place.

20 B. If a quorum is not present at the originally scheduled Meeting, a majority of
21 those Members present may adjourn the Meeting in accordance with
22 ARTICLE 8, Section 5-A.

23 **ARTICLE 9 OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

24 **Section 1 NUMBER of OFFICERS**

25 A. There shall be six (6) Officers of the Church.

26 B. The Officers of this Church shall be the Moderator, Chair of Ministries, Chair
27 of Administration, Clerk of Ministries, Clerk of Administration, and Treasurer.

- 1 C. For purposes of the California Corporations Code, there shall be three (3)
2 Officers of the Church. Those Officers shall be the Moderator as President,
3 the Chair of Administration as Secretary and the Treasurer as Treasurer.

4 **Section 2** QUALIFICATION, ELECTION and TERM OF OFFICE

- 5 A. The Officers shall be elected by the Membership at the Spring Congregational
6 Meeting, and shall assume office July 1.
7 B. The candidates for office shall be nominated from the Corporate Membership
8 by the Nominating Committee or from the floor.
9 C. Officers are elected for a one (1) year term and may be re-elected.
10 D. No person may serve in the same office more than five terms consecutively.
11 E. Mid-term appointments do not count as service toward an elected term and its
12 stipulated limits.

13 **Section 3** VACANCIES

- 14 A. Vacancies in the position of Clerk of Ministries may be filled in the interim
15 between Spring Congregational Meetings by a vote of the Ministries Board, in
16 consultation with the Nominating Committee.
17 B. A vacancy in the position of Clerk of Administration may be filled in the interim
18 between Spring Congregational Meetings by a vote of the Administration
19 Board, in consultation with the Nominating Committee.
20 C. A vacancy in the position of Moderator, Chair of Ministries, Chair of
21 Administration or Treasurer may be filled in the interim between Spring
22 Congregational Meetings by a vote of both the Ministries Board and
23 Administration Board, in consultation with the Nominating Committee.

24 **Section 4** DUTIES of the OFFICERS

- 25 A. The Moderator is the official representative of the Church in the conduct of its
26 business and shall perform the following duties:
27 1. act as President of the Church.
28 2. preside at all Regular Congregational and Special Meetings.
29 3. prepare legal notice of such Meetings for distribution to the membership.

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- 1 4. be a member of the Administration and Ministries Boards and the
- 2 Coordinating Council.
- 3 5. preside at all meetings of the Coordinating Council.
- 4 6. preside over the Administration Board or Ministries Board in the absence
- 5 of the respective Chairs.
- 6 7. work in close cooperation with the Pastoral Leadership.
- 7 8. make a report to the membership at the Spring Congregational Meeting
- 8 and any other meeting as appropriate.
- 9 9. be an ex-officio member of all Ministries, Standing Committees, other
- 10 Committees and Task Forces without vote, unless voted or appointed into
- 11 membership by the established procedures for that entity.
- 12 B. The Chair of Ministries shall assist the Moderator and shall perform the
- 13 following duties:
- 14 1. be a member of and preside over the Ministries Board in its role as the
- 15 mission and program arm of the Congregation.
- 16 2. act as Co-Moderator, with the Chair of Administration, in the absence of
- 17 the Moderator.
- 18 3. preside over the Spring Congregational Meeting in the absence of the
- 19 Moderator.
- 20 4. make a report to the membership at the Spring Congregational Meeting.
- 21 5. be a member of the Coordinating Council.
- 22 6. communicate to the Members and participants of our Church its mission
- 23 and relationship to the United Church of Christ.
- 24 7. aid the Members and participants of our Church in discovering their
- 25 spiritual gifts and talents and, in coordination with the Pastoral Leadership
- 26 and the Coordinating Council, where they might match their talents with
- 27 volunteer opportunities for further the purpose, mission and vision of the
- 28 Church.

- 1 C. The Chair of Administration shall assist the Moderator and shall perform the
2 following duties:
- 3 1. act as Secretary of the Church.
 - 4 2. be a member of and preside over the Administration Board as it carries
5 out its role as the financial and business management arm of the Church.
 - 6 3. act as Co-Moderator, with the Chair of Ministries, in the absence of the
7 Moderator.
 - 8 4. preside over the Winter Congregational Meeting in the absence of the
9 Moderator.
 - 10 5. make a report to the membership at the Spring Congregational Meeting.
 - 11 6. provide for the safekeeping of all legal records regarding the business of
12 the Church.
 - 13 7. be a member of the Coordinating Council.
- 14 D. The Clerk of Ministries shall perform the following duties:
- 15 1. keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Spring Congregational
16 Meeting; of meetings of the Ministries Board; and of Special Meetings, as
17 requested by the Moderator.
 - 18 2. be a member of the Ministries Board.
 - 19 3. keep records of all those persons elected or appointed to serve on the
20 Ministries Board, as well as those serving on any Ministry Committee.
- 21 E. The Clerk of Administration shall perform the following duties:
- 22 1. keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Winter Congregational
23 Meeting; of meetings of the Administration Board; and of Special
24 Meetings, as requested by the Moderator.
 - 25 2. be a member of the Administration Board.
 - 26 3. keep records of all those persons elected or appointed to serve on the
27 Administration Board, as well as those serving on any Administrative
28 Committee.

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- 1 F. The Treasurer shall perform the following duties:
- 2 1. prepare and present reports monthly to the Administration Board and to
- 3 the Ministries Board, and alert the Administration Board of any known
- 4 financial issues.
- 5 2. prepare and present the annual financial report to the Congregation at the
- 6 Winter Congregational Meeting.
- 7 3. submit the books for audit or review, as directed by the Administration
- 8 Board.
- 9 4. review the accounts involving all monies received and disbursed.
- 10 5. review the payment of the bills of the Church in accordance with the
- 11 budget and as authorized by the Administration Board and ensure that
- 12 financial obligations including Conference “per capita” dues and Our
- 13 Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) support payments are met.
- 14 6. establish and maintain financial controls necessary to safeguard the
- 15 assets of the Church in consultation with the Administration Board.

16 **ARTICLE 10 CHURCH BOARDS**

17 **Section 1 NAMES and PURPOSES**

- 18 A. The Administration Board
- 19 The Administration Board shall conduct the business of the Church between its
- 20 Congregational Meetings. The Administration Board may act for the Membership
- 21 within the policies and budgets approved by the Membership and in special
- 22 emergencies where there is insufficient time to call a Special Meeting of the
- 23 Membership under the usual procedures.
- 24 B. The Ministries Board

1 The Ministries Board has a responsibility to implement the vision of the Church
2 as stated in its purpose (ARTICLE 2 of these Bylaws), and to work with the
3 Pastoral Leadership to formulate and implement a broad-scope program in
4 accordance with the policies and budgets approved by the Membership. The
5 Ministries shall present their plans and programs to the Ministries Board for
6 information and review.

7 **Section 2 DUTIES**

8 A. The Administration Board's conduct of the business of the Church shall
9 include the following duties:

- 10 1. be responsible for developing short-term and long-term financial and
11 business plans.
- 12 2. be responsible for preparing budgets.
- 13 3. present budgets and plans to the Congregation for approval by the
14 Membership at Regular or Special Meetings.
- 15 4. monitor income and expenses.
- 16 5. have the ultimate responsibility for hiring and termination decisions of paid
17 Church staff, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws. Prior to
18 hiring or terminating any paid Church staff, the Administration Board shall
19 consult with the Human Resources Committee and the employee's
20 supervisor.
- 21 6. provide general Administration support and advice for the pastoral and
22 programmatic leadership of the Church.
- 23 7. review and approve all operating and employee-related policies and
24 procedures for the Child Care Center and/or cause them to be reviewed,
25 developed and implemented, working through the Child Care Center
26 Director, the Pastoral Leadership and the Child Care Committee, as
27 appropriate.

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1 8. have no power to buy, sell, mortgage or transfer real property without
2 having first secured authorization at a regular or special meeting of the
3 Church Membership delineating that purpose. Such authorization shall
4 require a 2/3 vote of the Corporate Members present.

5 B. The Ministries Board's work shall include the following duties:

6 1. maintain communication with national, state and local United Church of
7 Christ bodies.

8 2. ensure participation by the Church in the Conference annual meeting.

9 3. Promote congregational participation in appropriate interfaith programs
10 and activities.

11 4. Review and support plans of each Ministries Board member.

12 **Section 3** COMPOSITION

13 A. The Administration Board shall consist of the following members, all of whom
14 shall be Corporate Members of the Church:

15 1. the Pastor(s) (non-voting)

16 2. the following Officers of the Church

17 1. Chair of Administration

18 2. Clerk of Administration

19 3. Moderator

20 4. Treasurer

21 3. Three (3) Congregational Representatives who shall be Corporate
22 Members and have the following duties:

23 1. serve as representatives of the Congregation at Administration
24 Board meetings.

25 2. advise and assist the Administration Board in the business and
26 fiscal administration of the Church.

27 3. coordinate special tasks as determined by the needs of the
28 Administration Board.

- 1 B. The Ministries Board shall consist of the following members, all of whom,
2 except the Youth Representative, shall be Corporate Members of the Church:
- 3 1. The Pastor(s) (non-voting)
- 4 2. The following Officers of the Church:
- 5 1. Chair of Ministries
- 6 2. Clerk of Ministries
- 7 3. Moderator
- 8 3. The Chairpersons of the Ministries of the Church, as follows:
- 9 1. Adult Programs
- 10 2. Advocates for Peace and Justice
- 11 3. Congregational Care
- 12 4. Fellowship
- 13 5. Hospitality
- 14 6. Mission and Service
- 15 7. Music
- 16 8. New Member Development
- 17 9. Outreach
- 18 10. Stephen Ministry
- 19 11. Worship
- 20 12. Young People
- 21 4. Other elected representatives (if applicable):
- 22 1. College Student Representative: One college student representing
23 any actively organized college student group in the Church.
- 24 2. Youth Representative (non-voting): One Junior High or Senior High
25 student representing any actively organized Junior High/Senior
26 High group(s) in the Church.

27 **Section 4 MEETINGS**

- 28 A. The following guidelines shall apply to both the Administration and Ministries
29 Boards:

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- 1 1. the Boards shall meet on a regular basis, not less than six times a year.
- 2 2. Special meetings of each Board may be called by the Pastor(s), the Chair
- 3 of the Board, the Moderator or by any three members of the Board.
- 4 3. a majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at
- 5 any regular or special Board meeting.
- 6 4. a majority vote of the Board's voting members present at any regular or
- 7 special Board meeting shall be required to transact business and take
- 8 action unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
- 9 B. The Administration Board may have closed meetings for the limited purpose
- 10 of discussing and acting on personnel and/or contractual matters.
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Section 5 ELECTION, TERM of OFFICE and VACANCIES

- 13 A. Administration Board
- 14 1. The Congregational Representatives shall be elected in the same manner
- 15 and serve the same term as the Officers (ARTICLE 9, Section 2).
- 16 2. Vacancies in the positions of Congregational Representatives, between
- 17 election cycles, shall be filled by recommendation of the Nominating
- 18 Committee and approval of the Administration Board.
- 19 B. Ministries Board.
- 20 1. The Chairpersons of each Ministry and other elected representatives shall
- 21 be elected in the same manner and serve the same term as Officers of the
- 22 Church (ARTICLE 9, Section 2).
- 23 2. Vacancies in the positions of the Ministry Chairpersons and other elected
- 24 representatives, between election cycles, shall be filled by
- 25 recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the
- 26 Ministries Board.

1 **ARTICLE 11 MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH**

2 **Section 1 GENERAL DUTIES of the MINISTRIES**

3 A. The Ministries of the Church shall implement the programs and policies
4 formulated by these Bylaws, the Ministries Board and the Administration
5 Board.

6 B. Develop a budget for the Ministry to be submitted to the Administration Board
7 for use in preparing the proposed budget for approval by the Corporate
8 Membership.

9 C. The Chairperson of each Ministry shall:

10 1. be a member of the Ministries Board. If the Chairperson is unable to
11 attend a Ministries Board meeting, he/she is responsible for assuring that
12 the Ministry is represented at the Board meeting by a designated Ministry
13 member, who is a Corporate Member. Such a designated member shall
14 be a voting member of the Ministries Board for that meeting.

15 2. prepare a written report of the Ministry's activities and accomplishments
16 for the year for inclusion in the Annual Report to be presented at the
17 Spring Congregational Meeting.

18 3. be responsible for recruiting members of that Ministry.

19 4. accept responsibility for overseeing expenditures according to the
20 approved budget for the Ministry.

21 **Section 2 SPECIFIC DUTIES of EACH MINISTRY**

22 A. The Ministry of Adult Programs

23 1. develop, plan and implement programs of education and creative
24 expression suitable for adults in a progressive Christian congregation
25 working closely with the Adult Education Ministry Director.

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- 1 2. consider programs such as a) special presentations by individuals of
2 national or international renown, b) Sunday morning learning
3 opportunities, participation in small interest groups for adults (Comma
4 Groups, the Book Club, Men’s Fellowship, The Seekers, Women’s
5 Breakfast and Women’s Fellowship) and c) midweek learning
6 opportunities.
- 7 3. work with pastoral and lay leadership to recruit an appropriate individual
8 for the position of the Adult Education Ministry Director should a vacancy
9 occur.
- 10 B. The Ministry of Advocates for Peace and Justice shall perform the following
11 duties:
- 12 1. review public policy issues, with a goal of taking stands informed by
13 Christian teaching and from time to time invite the Congregation to support
14 a position.
- 15 2. encourage the Congregation to name, consider, and embrace norms that
16 are consistent with progressive Christianity.
- 17 3. remind the Congregation that public policy matters.
- 18 4. energize the Congregation on matters of social justice; taking a stand is
19 the parent of taking action.
- 20 5. claim the title “Christian” for progressives, rather than conceding the name
21 to evangelicals and fundamentalists.
- 22 C. The Ministry of Congregational Care shall perform the following duties:
- 23 1. develop, plan and implement programs to strengthen the bonds of
24 community and sense of belonging for the Congregation.
- 25 2. be responsible for appropriate activities (e.g., the prayer shawl ministry),
26 to “be there” for each other, especially for those who are ill or grieving.

- 1 D. The Ministry of Fellowship shall perform the following duties:
- 2 1. plan and implement social activities and programs in the Church which
- 3 help the Congregation develop stronger relationships with each other and
- 4 a closer sense of community within the Church.
- 5 E. The Ministry of Hospitality shall perform the following duties:
- 6 1. provide a personal extension (hands, arms, voices) of the Congregation to
- 7 Members, visitors, newcomers and potential Members.
- 8 2. provide supplies and volunteers to host the “Coffee Hours” after all
- 9 worship services.
- 10 F. The Ministry of Mission and Service shall perform the following duties:
- 11 1. seek to meet human needs in the local community, state, nation and world
- 12 in cooperation with other church and secular groups.
- 13 2. identify and inform the Congregation of opportunities to promote the
- 14 values of love, justice and peace in personal and institutional life.
- 15 3. guide and support Church activities in service projects in local, state,
- 16 regional and national and international levels. This includes social action
- 17 activities, prayers, relationship to, and support of, agencies which promote
- 18 and actively work to meet human needs.
- 19 G. The Ministry of Music shall perform the following duties:
- 20 1. assist the Music Director to develop, plan and implement music programs
- 21 for worship services for all ages and be responsible for staff, volunteers
- 22 and supplies as needed. The programs shall include, but are not limited
- 23 to, the Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir and special events.

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- 1 2. in consultation with the Pastoral Leadership and the Human Resources
2 Committee, participate in the interview process and help formulate
3 recommendations to the Administration Board relative to the hiring and
4 ongoing performance of the Music Director. It shall also assist the Music
5 Director, the Pastoral Leadership, the Human Resources Committee and
6 the Administration Board with personnel matters related to other Music
7 staff, as appropriate
- 8 H. The Ministry of New Member Development shall perform the following duties:
- 9 1. provide volunteers called “Visitor Hosts” to administer programs for
10 greeting persons at each of the Sunday services with such related
11 hospitality activities and materials
- 12 2. be responsible for the solicitation and orientation of new Members.
- 13 3. Manage inquirers’ classes.
- 14 4. Work closely with the respective Ministries, Boards and Committees of the
15 Church to assimilate new Members into the mission and life of the Church.
- 16 I. The Ministry of Outreach shall perform the following duties:
- 17 1. use print, online, and other media as well as personal interaction to inform
18 the people of the greater Irvine community about the Church, showing
19 who we are and what we do.
- 20 2. work collaboratively with the Technology Committee in the strategic use of
21 technological tactics to achieve outreach objectives.
- 22 3. guide and supervise Church activities in the following areas: advertising,
23 publications and public relations.
- 24 4. maintain a photographic record of significant Church events where
25 possible.
- 26 5. offer a monthly newsletter.

- 1 J. The Stephen Ministry shall perform the following duties:
- 2 1. offer confidential and compassionate Christian one-to-one care to those
- 3 who are in need in the Congregation and community by providing comfort
- 4 and support to those going through any crisis transition
- 5 2. work with the Pastoral leadership to identify those going through any crisis
- 6 transition
- 7 K. The Ministry for Young People shall perform the following duties:
- 8 1. develop, plan and implement programs that nurture children, youth, young
- 9 adults and young families while embracing cultural diversity and the many
- 10 manifestations of family, seeking to attract program participants from both
- 11 without and within our Congregation.
- 12 2. consider as activity areas within which to build such programs as: worship,
- 13 education (including Sunday School), social interaction, community
- 14 outreach/service, social justice, and activism, and others as appropriate.
- 15 3. coordinate with and support the IUCC Scout Troop.
- 16 4. collaborate closely with Pastoral leadership and staff as well as with other
- 17 Ministries of the Congregation in developing and implementing programs,
- 18 as appropriate.
- 19 5. implement programs to engage mature adults and families, as
- 20 appropriate, so that children, youth, young adults and young families may
- 21 feel supported by and integral to the Congregation.
- 22 L. The Ministry of Worship shall perform the following duties:
- 23 1. cooperate with and assist the Pastoral Leadership in planning the order of
- 24 worship, preparing the sacraments, and maintaining the atmosphere of the
- 25 worship service.
- 26 2. assume responsibility for the preparation of the physical environment for
- 27 the Sunday worship service and for special worship services, including
- 28 set-up, oversight and clean-up.

- 1 3. make appropriate assignments for ushers, greeters and other helpers
2 required for the conduct and smooth flow of services.
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4 **ARTICLE 12 COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES OF THE CHURCH**

5 **Section 1 ENTITY FORMATION and STUCTURE**

6 A. Standing Committees

7 1. Standing Committees may be formed by action of the Membership,
8 through a bylaw amendment.

9 2. Except for the Nominating Committee, Chairpersons of Standing
10 Committees are to be elected to a one (1) year term by the Corporate
11 Membership at the Spring Congregational Meeting and shall be
12 responsible for appointing members of the Standing Committee. The
13 Chairperson may serve multiple terms.

14 3. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be Corporate Members and
15 may not serve as a member of the Administration Board.

16 4. In the event a Chairperson position becomes vacant, the appropriate
17 Board, in conjunction with the Nominating Committee, may appoint an
18 interim Chairperson to serve until the next Spring Congregational Meeting.

19 B. Special Committees

20 1. Special Committees may be formed by action of the Membership, any
21 Ministry, any Standing Committee, either Board, the Moderator or the
22 Pastor(s).

23 2. The formation, Chairperson and purpose of Special Committees shall be
24 made known to the Congregation, unless it is formed to carry out a
25 purpose that would be covered under the restrictions of a closed meeting
26 of the Administration Board.

- 1 3. A Chairperson will be appointed by the forming body and shall be
2 responsible for appointing members of the Special Committee.

3 C. Task Forces

- 4 1. Task Forces may be formed by action of the Membership, any Ministry,
5 any Standing Committee, either Board, the Moderator, or the Pastor(s).

- 6 2. The formation, Chairperson, purpose and specified time-frame of all Task
7 Forces shall be made known to the Congregation, unless it is formed to
8 carry out a purpose that would be covered under the restrictions of a
9 closed meeting of the Administration Board.

- 10 3. A Chairperson will be appointed by the forming body and shall be
11 responsible for appointing members of the Task Force.

12 **Section 2** GENERAL DUTIES

13 A. Standing Committees

14 1. Financial Responsibilities

- 15 1. The Standing Committee shall assist the Board or Director (if
16 appropriate) to develop a budget for the Committee to be submitted
17 to the Administration Board for its consideration in preparing the
18 proposed Church budget for approval by the Corporate
19 Membership.

- 20 2. The Standing Committee and Director (if applicable) shall assist the
21 Administration Board in overseeing expenditures according to the
22 approved budget.

23 2. Meetings

- 24 1. The Standing Committee shall meet on a regular basis, not less
25 than twice a year.

- 26 2. A majority of the Corporate Members of the Standing Committee
27 shall constitute a quorum.

- 28 3. The Chairperson or any two Corporate Members of the Standing
29 Committee may call a special meeting.

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- 1 4. Minutes of meetings, if required, shall be recorded and available
2 upon request unless they apply to the restrictions of a closed
3 meeting.
4 5. Written reports shall be submitted to the Administration Board.
- 5 B. Special Committees
- 6 1. Financial Responsibilities
- 7 1. The Special Committee shall assist the forming body (if
8 appropriate) to develop a budget for the Committee to be submitted
9 to the Administration Board for its consideration in preparing the
10 proposed Church Budget for approval by the Corporate
11 Membership.
- 12 2. The Special Committee shall assist the Administration Board in
13 overseeing expenditures according to the approved budget.
- 14 2. Meetings
- 15 1. The Special Committee shall meet as necessary to accomplish its
16 charter.
- 17 2. A majority of the Corporate Members of the Special Committee
18 shall constitute a quorum.
- 19 3. The Chairperson or any two Corporate Members of the Special
20 Committee may call a special meeting.
- 21 4. Minutes of meetings, if required, shall be recorded and available
22 upon request unless they apply to the restrictions of a closed
23 meeting.
- 24 5. Written reports shall be submitted to the forming body.
- 25 C. Task Forces
- 26 1. Financial Responsibilities

- 1 1. The Task Force shall assist the forming body (if appropriate) to
2 develop a budget for the Task Force to be submitted to the
3 Administration Board for its consideration in preparing the proposed
4 Church Budget for approval by the Corporate Membership.
- 5 2. The Task Force shall assist the Administration Board in overseeing
6 expenditures according to the approved budget.

7 2. Meetings

- 8 1. The Task Force shall meet as necessary to accomplish its charter.
- 9 2. A majority of the Corporate Members of the Task Force shall
10 constitute a quorum.
- 11 3. The Chairperson or any two Corporate Members of the Task Force
12 may call a special meeting.
- 13 4. Minutes of meetings, if required, shall be recorded and available
14 upon request unless they apply to the restrictions of a closed
15 meeting.
- 16 5. Written reports shall be submitted to the forming body.

17 **Section 3 PURPOSE and SPECIFIC DUTIES**

18 A. Standing Committees

- 19 1. The Finance Committee:
 - 20 1. shall review the budget and financial reports of the Church in
21 conjunction with the Treasurer, the Bookkeeper, other Church staff
22 and in cooperation with the Administration Board.
- 23 2. The Buildings and Grounds Committee:
 - 24 1. shall maintain the Church facilities, landscaping and property in
25 conjunction with Church staff and in cooperation with the
26 Administration Board.
 - 27 2. shall work with staff and the Administration Board to develop and
28 oversee contracts for outside maintenance services, such as
29 janitorial and gardening, and organize All-Church work days.

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- 1 3. The Child Care Center Committee:
- 2 1. shall ensure that the Child Care Center provides a quality program
- 3 for pre-school aged children, in a Progressive Christian
- 4 environment compatible with the mission of the Church. If
- 5 requested, this Committee will help the Pastoral Leadership and the
- 6 Child Care Center Director review, develop and implement non-
- 7 employee related policies and procedures for the Child Care
- 8 Center, which ultimately are to be approved by the Administration
- 9 Board.
- 10 2. shall maintain all necessary licensing and permits, as required by
- 11 Government Agencies, in cooperation with the Child Care Center
- 12 Director.
- 13 3. shall design and implement a publicity program in cooperation with
- 14 the Child Care Center Director to meet the needs of the Child Care
- 15 Center within the budgeted guidelines.
- 16 4. shall, in consultation with the Pastoral Leadership and the Human
- 17 Resources Committee, participate in the interview process and help
- 18 formulate recommendations to the Administration Board relative to
- 19 the hiring and ongoing performance of the Child Care Center
- 20 Director. It shall also assist the Child Care Center Director, the
- 21 Pastoral Leadership, the Human Resources Committee and,
- 22 potentially, the Administration Board with personnel matters related
- 23 to other Child Care Center staff, as appropriate.
- 24 4. The Funding Development Committee:
- 25 1. shall conduct an annual pledge campaign to meet the ongoing
- 26 financial needs and commitments of the Church in cooperation with
- 27 the Administration Board and staff in fulfilling its responsibility for
- 28 preparing the Church's budget.

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- 1 2. shall promote and implement any "planned giving" program that the
2 Administration Board and the committee decide would be helpful to
3 the Church.
- 4 3. shall coordinate all fundraising activities conducted by any Church
5 entity in cooperation with the Administration Board and/or the
6 Ministries Board.
- 7 4. shall assist, where needed, ongoing fundraising activities of the
8 Church.
- 9 5. shall cooperate with the New Member Development Ministry in their
10 responsibility for managing inquirers' classes to give clarity to and
11 understanding of the need to support the Church financially.
- 12 6. shall coordinate with the Church Administrator and/or the
13 Bookkeeper, in providing quarterly giving statements to the
14 Congregation.
- 15 7. shall perform analyses of quarterly pledges versus actual giving
16 and, with the utmost confidentiality, report any significant
17 shortcomings to the Administration Board.
- 18 8. shall help set and meet the "fund raising" line item in the annual
19 budget of the Church.
- 20 5. The Nominating Committee:
 - 21 1. shall be chaired by the Moderator.
 - 22 2. shall include as members: the other members of the Coordinating
23 Council and the Chairperson of the Ministry of New Member
24 Development.
 - 25 3. shall remain active throughout the year to assist in filling vacancies
26 in elected offices as needed.
 - 27 4. shall present a slate of nominations at the appropriate Regular
28 Congregational Meeting for Members to be elected to any elected
29 positions.

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- 1 6. The Plumer Endowment Committee:
- 2 1. shall underwrite costs of adult education events, which will have
- 3 two purposes: 1) to increase the understanding of Progressive
- 4 Christianity and 2) to promote IUCC's mission to the greater
- 5 community.
- 6 2. shall work in coordination with the Funding Development
- 7 Committee to coordinate fund raising opportunities to support the
- 8 Plumer Endowment Fund.
- 9 3. shall make recommendations to hold, sell, exchange, rent, lease,
- 10 transfer, convert, invest, reinvest, and in all other respects to
- 11 manage and control the assets of the Plumer Endowment Fund,
- 12 including stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages, notes, or other
- 13 securities, as in the committees judgment and discretion it deems
- 14 wise and prudent to the Administration Board for approval.
- 15 4. shall consult with the Treasurer in reporting on the Plumer
- 16 Endowment Fund's assets at the Winter Congregational Meeting.
- 17 7. The Technology Committee:
- 18 1. working in close conjunction with the Administration Board and
- 19 Church staff, shall coordinate the assessment, acquisition and/or
- 20 maintenance of IUCC's technology including but not limited to:
- 21 audio/video equipment in Plumer Hall and the Sanctuary, staff
- 22 hardware and software, website, servers, phone systems and off-
- 23 site back-ups.
- 24 2. shall support pastoral leadership, staff and the Worship Ministry
- 25 regarding the use of technology in worship, and other ministries as
- 26 needed for Church programming.
- 27 3. shall assist with providing training to Church staff, lay leaders and
- 28 other volunteers on the appropriate use and troubleshooting of
- 29 IUCC's technology.

1 **Section 4** OTHER BODIES of the CHURCH

2 A. The Coordinating Council

3 1. shall consist of the following members: Moderator (who shall serve as
4 Chairperson), Senior Pastor, Chair of Ministries and Chair of
5 Administration.

6 2. shall not be required to keep minutes.

7 3. shall coordinate matters between the Ministries Board and the
8 Administration Board. It shall help identify and clarify items for the
9 agendas of each Board that involve interplay between the two Boards. It
10 shall strive to increase the efficiency of cooperation of the two Boards and
11 the Church as a whole. It has the task of seeking coordination in such
12 areas as budget development, monthly financial reports, program reports,
13 space use, etc.

14 4. shall serve as the Safe Church Team as defined in the IUCC Safe Church
15 Policy.

16 B. The Human Resources Committee

17 1. shall act as an advisory committee to the Administration Board and/or
18 Pastoral Leadership of the Church, to provide expertise, guidance and
19 problem resolution for staff in the area of human resource management.
20 In addition to ensuring that the Church follows state and federal
21 employment laws, specific responsibilities include creating, reviewing and
22 monitoring policies and practices in the areas of job descriptions,
23 recruitment and selection, compensation, performance review, grievance
24 handling, disciplinary action and termination. The Human Resources
25 Committee and/or its representative shall act as mediator in handling
26 personnel issues involving the staff of the Church.

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- 1 2. shall not have the power to make final decisions regarding staff but shall
2 make recommendations to the Administration Board and/or Pastoral
3 Leadership. In presenting recommendations, both the majority and
4 minority opinions of the Human Resources Committee will be presented to
5 provide complete understanding of the issues.
- 6 3. shall have the Chair (or representative) attend all Administration Board
7 meetings.
- 8 4. shall perform an annual review of all job descriptions and make changes
9 to reflect current duties.
- 10 5. shall ensure that all staff have annual performance goals and reviews.
- 11 6. shall ensure an annual review of benefits plans for staff.
- 12 7. shall annually review the Employee Handbook and make updates as
13 needed.
- 14 C. The Pastoral Relations Committee
- 15 1. the Pastoral Relations Committee shall be a personal support group to the
16 Pastor(s) and shall serve as a confidential communication link between
17 the Pastor(s) and the Congregation.
- 18 2. one (1) Pastoral Relations Committee shall be established for each
19 member of the Pastoral Leadership.
- 20 3. the Pastoral Relations Committee shall consist of three (3) Corporate
21 Members. The Corporate Members shall identify one of their members to
22 serve as chair, for purposes of calling meetings, ensuring routine follow-up
23 and similar functions. However, the Pastoral Relations Committee shall
24 not operate from a formal agenda, and shall not keep minutes.
- 25 4. the members shall be chosen jointly by the Pastor(s) and the Moderator
26 within the month following the Winter Congregational Meeting.
- 27 5. neither the Moderator, the Chair of Ministries nor the Chair of
28 Administration may serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

- 1 6. the term of any Pastoral Relations Committee membership shall be one
2 year, and a person may serve for multiple terms.
- 3 7. mid-term appointments do not count as service toward an elected term
4 and its stipulated limits.
- 5 8. this Pastoral Relations Committee shall make their membership known to
6 the Congregation and invite members to express themselves with respect
7 to the Pastoral Leadership.
- 8 9. the Pastoral Relations Committee shall meet at least quarterly with the
9 Pastor(s) to provide a forum for conscious and constructive two-way
10 communication and to review any concerns of the Congregation or of the
11 Pastor(s).
- 12 D. United Church Early Childhood Center
- 13 1. United Church Early Childhood Center (hereinafter referred to as “Child
14 Care Center”) shall be operated by the Church as an outreach into the
15 community, and to obtain maximum utilization of the physical facilities.
16 The budget shall be administered by the Child Care Center Director with
17 oversight by the Child Care Center Committee and ultimately the
18 Administration Board.
- 19 2. The Child Care Center Director and all Child Care Center Staff shall be
20 considered members of the Church Staff and be responsible for the
21 implementation of the philosophy and policies of the Church approved by
22 the Administration Board. The Director shall be a non-voting member of
23 the Child Care Committee.

1 **ARTICLE 13 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

2 **Section 1 DUTIES of the PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

3 A. General Provision: The Administration Board shall develop and approve any
4 call agreement and job descriptions for all pastors called to serve the
5 Congregation. The Senior Pastor will have primary responsibility for
6 ministerial and administrative duties as set forth below.

7 B. Ministerial Duties:

8 1. take responsibility for the spiritual guidance of the Church, to carry out the
9 pastoral, priestly and prophetic roles to which they are called in Christian
10 ministry.

11 2. engage in necessary pastoral counseling.

12 3. provide an effective outreach to the community as part of an educational
13 effort to teach and practice the principles of Christian love and justice in
14 the world outside the Church.

15 4. take responsibility for all services of public worship, to include proper
16 administration of the sacraments.

17 C. Administrative Duties:

18 1. take responsibility for administering the activities of the Church with the
19 assistance of the Church Moderator, Chair of Ministries and Chair of
20 Administration in coordination with the Ministries Board, the Administration
21 Board and the Church's Ministries and Committees.

22 2. serve as ex-officio members of the Ministries Board, the Administration
23 Board and the Coordinating Council.

24 3. be ex-officio members of all official Church bodies of which they are not
25 already designated members except for the Pastoral Relations
26 Committee.

27 4. supervise all staff, either directly or through designees, and recommend
28 the hiring of new employees to the Administration Board.

- 1 5. make reports of the Church's work at the Spring and Winter
2 Congregational meetings and Special meetings as appropriate.
- 3 6. ensure that the staff provides a program for adults, youth and children that
4 is consistent with the mission, beliefs and worship life of the Church.
- 5 7. ensure that the Child Care Center Director, working under the oversight of
6 the Child Care Committee, provides a quality program for pre-school aged
7 children in a Christian environment compatible with the Mission of the
8 Church. This will include the review, development and implementation of
9 objectives, policies and procedures for the Child Care Center. The
10 Pastor(s) may seek the help of the Child Care Center Director and Child
11 Care Committee in such efforts prior to submitting them to the
12 Administration Board for approval.

13 **Section 2** FORMATION of the PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

- 14 A. The Congregation shall appoint a representative Pastoral Search Committee
15 upon a vacancy in a Pastoral Leadership position, whether in a current
16 position or a position newly created by a vote of the members at a Regular or
17 Special Congregational Meeting, whose duty shall be to seek Pastoral
18 Leadership, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in consultation with the
19 Conference. The Nominating Committee shall solicit interest of those who
20 wish to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee from the Congregation and
21 shall consider the diversity within the Congregation. The Pastoral Search
22 Committee shall be approved at a Regular or Special Congregational Meeting
23 called for that purpose, by a majority vote of the Members present.
- 24 B. The official pastoral relationship shall be approved at a Regular or Special
25 Congregational Meeting called for that purpose, by a 2/3 vote of the Members
26 present.

1 **Section 3** DISSOLUTION of the PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

2 A. The pastoral relationship may be dissolved by the Membership at a Special
3 Congregational Meeting called for that purpose, by a 2/3 vote of the Members
4 present, or by written notice of the Pastor(s) to the Administration Board. In
5 either case, three (3) months' notice shall be given. However, if unanimously
6 approved by the Pastoral Leadership, Moderator, Chair of Ministries and
7 Chair of Administration, the requirement of notice may be modified.

8 B. If, for any reason, the pastoral relationship is dissolved, the Administration
9 Board in conjunction with the Ministries Board shall appoint a representative
10 Pastoral Search Committee, whose duty shall be to seek interim Pastoral
11 Leadership, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in consultation with the
12 Conference. The candidate approved by the interim Pastoral Search
13 Committee shall be referred to the Administration Board with a
14 recommendation to hire. The called interim Pastor shall not be considered as
15 a candidate for the permanent Pastoral Leadership position.

16 **ARTICLE 14 FINANCE**

17 A. The Administration Board shall include in the Church's expense budget,
18 provisions for support of Our Church's Wider Mission and other
19 instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ and the "per capita
20 contributions" for the expenses of the Association and the Conference.

21 B. This Church shall seek support by contributions of individuals and
22 organizations.

23 C. Opportunity shall be offered to all Members of the Church and the
24 Congregation to make a financial commitment to the support of the Church.

1 **ARTICLE 15 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

2 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the
3 proceedings of IUCC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
4 inconsistent with these Bylaws, policies and procedures and special rules of order that
5 IUCC may adopt.

6 **ARTICLE 16 AMENDMENTS**

7 **Section 1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

8 Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member by submitting the
9 proposal in writing to the Administration Board for analysis and presentation at the next
10 Regular Congregational meeting or Special Congregational meeting called for that
11 purpose.

12 **Section 2 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS**

13 Amendments shall be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Members present at any Regular
14 Meeting of the Congregation, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

15 **Section 3 NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS**

16 All member households of the Church shall receive a written copy of the proposed
17 amendment(s) at least 10 days preceding the time set for such meeting. This provision
18 may be waived by 2/3 majority of Corporate Members voting at the meeting to allow no
19 fewer than 7 days notice. Written notice is deemed received when delivered in person
20 or posted on the IUCC website or when mailed or when transmitted by electronic mail to
21 the member's last known address.

1 **ARTICLE 17 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

2 Policies and Procedures shall be created as needed and approved by either or both
3 Boards, as appropriate. Approved Policies and Procedures shall be posted on the
4 Church web site and made available upon request.

5 **ARTICLE 18 DISSOLUTION**

6 In the event of dissolution of the Church, any and all assets remaining after liabilities
7 have been paid in full shall be transferred to the Conference or its successor body of the
8 United Church of Christ for the work of the Conference in the Greater Southern
9 California Nevada Area.

REVISION / AMENDMENT HISTORY

Date Enacted	Modifications
Jan. 28, 2007	Made Buildings and Grounds a Standing Committee, instead of a Ministry.
May 18, 2008	Changed maximum consecutive terms of Ministries Chairs and Congregational Representatives to five (5) years, instead of three (3) years.
May 17, 2009	Changed name of Laity Ministry to Congregational Care Ministry. Removed Community Fine Arts Ministry. Added Advocates for Peace and Justice Ministry. Added Parliamentary Authority and Dissolution Articles. Made changes to ensure editorial consistency, reduce redundancy, and conform the Bylaws to actual practice.
May 16, 2010	Added The Ministry of Adult Programs and The Ministry for Young People. Removed Christian Education Committee.
May 20, 2012	Added The Stephen Ministry.
January 19, 2014	Added The Ministry of Music to Ministries and removed Music Committee from Standing Committees. Clarified Senior Pastor and other Pastor(s) positions. Update Appendix A: Organization Chart. Updated definitions section. Made changes to ensure editorial consistency, reduce redundancy, and conform the Bylaws to actual practice.
June 1, 2014	Removed the Ministry of Congregational Participation and reassigned its responsibilities to the Chair of the Ministries Board and other ministries. Established the Ministry of New Member Development. Aligned interest groups with the appropriate ministries. Removed the position of Historian as a church officer. Moved positions of Church Photographer and Newsletter Editor to the Outreach Ministry. Established the Technology Committee. Moved Winter Congregational Meetings to the fourth Sunday in January. Made changes to ensure editorial consistency, reduce redundancy, and conform the Bylaws to actual practice.
February 1, 2015	Added transgender to Membership Qualifications. Clarified that a quorum is established only by Corporate Members. Updated general duties of standing committees, committees, task forces and other bodies of the church as follows: meeting regularity, taking of minutes (if required), and reporting of said minutes and reports (if required) to forming body. Added clarification that only

	<p>Corporate Members can vote on any official matter (i.e., special meetings, financial matters, etc.) Updated Fund Development Committee’s responsibilities. Changed the name of the “Human Relations” Committee to the “Human Resources” Committee and updated its responsibilities. Made changes to ensure editorial consistency, reduce redundancy, and conform the Bylaws to actual practice.</p>
May 17, 2015	<p>Updated Article 8 as follows: “posting to the IUCC website” as one of the modes of delivering the proposed budget; changed the required number of days prior to the Congregational meeting to distribute the proposed budget from 14 days to 10 days; added a waiver provision to allow for a change in the number of days required to disseminate the proposed budget. Updated Article 12 by adding a new Standing Committee, the Finance Committee. Updated Article 16 to coordinate with the changes made in Article 8, Section 1(B). Added “Licensed Pastor” to the definitions and updated “Pastoral Staff” due to adding Licensed Pastor to definitions. Made changes to ensure editorial consistency, reduce redundancy, and conform the Bylaws to actual practice.</p>

