

**UCC Membership bylaw revision May 2017**

<i>Current bylaw 1 Membership</i>	<i>Proposed bylaw changes</i>
<p>1.1 Membership is open to any person 16 years of age or over, who is in sympathy with the purpose of the Church and who is willing to abide by the Constitution and ByLaws of the Church. To become a member a prospective member shall:</p> <p>(a) Apply in writing (a form filled out and submitted through the Membership Committee) showing that the applicant understands the responsibilities of membership, an affirmation of the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism and a willingness to contribute to the life of the Church.</p> <p>(b) Be accepted for membership by a majority vote of the Board.</p> <p>(c) Sign the Membership Book in the presence of a member of the Board of Trustees or the minister who will confirm that items (a) and (b) have been completed.</p> <p>1.2 The responsibilities of membership include participating regularly in church activities, making a yearly identified contribution to the Unitarian Church of Calgary, contributing time to church objectives, and voting in meetings of the congregation.</p> <p>1.5 A person shall cease to be a member only by:</p> <p>(a) Removal from the list as a result of the Membership Review; or</p> <p>(b) Written resignation addressed to the Church, or oral resignation to a canvasser, Minister, or Board member; or</p> <p>(c) Death.</p>	<p>1.1 Membership is open to any person 16 years of age or over, regardless of race, creed, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, and mental or physical abilities, who is in sympathy with the purpose of the Church and who is willing to abide by the Constitution and ByLaws of the Church. To become a member a prospective member shall:</p> <p>(a) Apply through the Membership Committee, showing that the applicant understands the responsibilities of membership, and affirming the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism and a willingness to contribute to the life of the Church</p> <p><i>(b) and (c) unchanged</i></p> <p>1.1.1. In the event that a person 16 years of age or older is unable to fulfill the requirements in 1.1 due to a difference in physical and/or mental abilities or other exceptional circumstances, the Board may grant membership to the person by majority vote.</p> <p>1.2. <i>unchanged</i></p> <p>1.5 <i>Unchanged. A nonverbal person is covered by 1.5(a) and 1.5(c).</i></p>