

To be voted on at the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2023 after the worship service.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS for Congregational Review

### SESSION MEETINGS - Proposed Amendment

ARTICLE IV, Section 11. Meetings. The session shall hold a minimum of **six(6)** monthly stated meetings. The meetings of the Session shall be held in the church edifice or any other place deemed advisable by the Session. Special meetings may be called by the moderator, by the Presbytery or by any two (2) or more elders through the moderator, who shall convene the Session when so requested.

### ELDERS - Proposed Amendment

ARTICLE IV, Section 1. Number, Election and Term of Office. The Session shall consist of the pastor, co-pastor(s) and six (6) ruling elders in active service. The Session shall consist of three (3) classes of elders and each class shall be comprised of two (2) members. **Ruling elders shall be elected each year at a special meeting of the congregation called for that purpose in November, prior to the first Sunday of Advent, and shall serve a term of no more than two (2) years, and service in consecutive terms, either full or partial, shall be limited to six (6) years.** A ruling elder who has served a total of six (6) consecutive years shall be ineligible for election for a new term until a period of two (2) years shall have elapsed. An elder may be elected to less than a two-year term to fill a vacancy created in mid-term. The term of office of a ruling elder shall begin with the elder's installation and shall end upon the installation of a successor or upon the acceptance of resignation by the Session. The ruling elders making up the Session shall be, and constitute, the directors of the corporation as that term is defined and used by the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act.

### DEACONS - Proposed Amendment

ARTICLE V, Section 1. Number, Election and Terms of Office. The Board of Deacons shall be comprised of six (6) persons and shall consist of three (3) classes of equal numbers. Deacons shall be **elected annually at a special meeting of the congregation called for that purpose in November prior to the first Sunday of Advent, and shall serve a term of no more than two (2) years and service in consecutive terms, with full or partial, shall be limited to six (6) years.** A deacon, having served a total of six (6) consecutive years, shall be ineligible to be elected for a new term until a period of two (2) years shall have elapsed. A deacon may be elected to less than a two-year term to fill a vacancy created in mid-term. The term of office of a deacon shall begin with the deacon's installation and shall end upon the installation of a successor or upon the acceptance of resignation by the Session.