

**Red River Unitarian Universalist Church  
Proposed ByLaw Changes January 2012**

**Original**

ARTICLE VII

Section 2: Composition of the Board of Trustees

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and four Trustees-at-Large who shall be elected directly by the membership as described in Article VI. A Secretary shall be elected by the Board from among the Trustees-at-Large. The immediate Past President and the Minister shall serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board.

**Proposed Changes**

ARTICLE VII

Section 2: Composition of the Board of Trustees

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, **Secretary and three Trustees-at-Large (one Trustee-at-Large while the congregation has sixty-four (64) or less members and two Trustees-at-Large when membership is between sixty-five(65) and eighty-four(84))** who shall be elected directly by the membership as described in Article VI. The immediate Past President and the Minister shall serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board.

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ARTICLE VII

Section 3: Election of Board Members

Board members shall be elected to replace those whose terms are expiring at the May semi-annual congregational meeting each year. Candidates for the Board must be voting members of the Church. Trustees shall be elected for terms of two years and shall serve until their successors are elected and take office. The term of a Trustee begins on July 1st immediately following the Trustee's election. No spouses, cohabiters, or blood or adoptive relatives shall serve on the Board at the same time.

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**The President and Treasurer will be elected on even-numbered years. The Vice-President and Secretary will be elected on odd-numbered years.**

**The Trustee-At-Large elections will depend on the size of the congregation. While the congregation is fewer than sixty-four (64) one Trustee-At-Large will be elected in odd-numbered years, none in even-numbered years. When the congregation is between sixty-five (65) and eighty-four (84) one**

Trustee-At-Large will be elected in odd-numbered years, and one in even-numbered years. When the congregation reaches a membership of eighty-five (85), one Trustee-At-Large will be elected in odd-numbered years and two in even-numbered years.

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Section 5: Vacancies

The Board shall fill a vacancy in consultation with the Nominating Committee. The new member(s) shall serve until the July 1st following the next May semi-annual meeting. A candidate may be elected to the Board for a one-year term if necessary to maintain the election of three (3) Board members in each odd- numbered year and four (4) Board members in each even-numbered year.

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The Board shall fill a vacancy in consultation with the Nominating Committee. The new member(s) shall serve until the July 1st following the next May semi-annual meeting. A candidate may be elected to the Board for a one-year term if necessary to maintain the election of **up to** three (3) Board members in each odd- numbered year and **up to** four (4) Board members in each even-numbered year **depending on the size of the congregation as described in Article VII Section 3.**

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ARTICLE VII

Section 10: Meetings and Quorum

The Board shall meet at least monthly. A quorum shall consist of five voting Board members. Action is taken by a majority vote of the Board members present. The Board of Trustees will regularly report major decisions to the Congregation by announcements in the newsletter. Board minutes will be available on the Church bulletin board and website.

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ARTICLE VII

Section 10: Meetings and Quorum

The Board shall meet at least monthly. **A quorum shall consist of five voting Board members on a seven member board, four voting Board members on a six member Board, and three voting Board members on a five member board.** Action is taken by a majority vote of the Board members present. The Board of Trustees will regularly report major decisions to the Congregation by announcements in the newsletter. Board minutes will be available on the Church bulletin board and website.

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### Article IX

#### Section 1: Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of members at the May Semi-annual meeting. Any voting member of the Church, except current staff, Board members and spouses, cohabiters or blood or adopted relatives of Board members may serve on the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall consist of three members who serve one-year terms. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

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### Article IX

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A Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of members at the May Semi-annual meeting. Any voting member of the Church may be elected, except current staff, Board members, or cohabiters, blood or adopted relatives of other members of the Nominating Committee or of Board members. While the membership of the congregation is 84 or less the restriction against relatives serving one on the Board and one on the Nominating Committee shall be waived. When the congregation reaches 85, current committee members will serve the rest of their term before the restrictions are enforced.

The Committee shall consist of three members who serve three-year terms, with one member elected each year. To obtain this at first election, one person will be nominated for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

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### ARTICLE XII

#### Section 4: Committee on Ministry

The Board will work with the Minister and the Congregation to form a Committee on Ministry with two (2) members elected by the Congregation and one selected by the Minister. If a Minister has not been called, the Congregation shall elect the entire committee. The committee will consist of three members. Initially, one member will be chosen for one-year term and two for two-year terms. Thereafter, each member shall serve a two-year term. The members shall be chosen from the voting members of the Congregation and shall not include any Board members nor spouses, cohabiters or blood or adopted relatives of Board members. A chairperson will be chosen by the members of the committee. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive elected terms. The committee will function in strict confidentiality with respect to communications and actions.

The committee will meet monthly, with a regular agenda for each meeting so that, during the course of a year, each aspect of our shared ministry will be reviewed. The committee will report to the Congregation during the semi-annual May meeting and any other time the committee deems necessary.

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Any voting member of the Church may be elected, except current staff, Board members, Nominating Team, Worship Team or cohabiters, blood or adopted relatives of other members of the Committee on Ministry, Board of Trustees, or Worship Team.

A chairperson will be chosen by the members of the committee. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive elected terms. The committee will function in strict confidentiality with respect to communications and actions.

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