

Current By-law wording:

9.2 (1) the church shall hold an annual Church Conference at a time designated by the Executive Committee. The church clerk shall cause a notice of the annual church Conference to be provided in writing for at least two weeks prior to the scheduled Church Conference. The purpose of the church Conference will be to adopt an annual budget and conduct other business as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Proposed [by Charlie and Valerie New]:

9.2 (1) The church shall hold mandatory quarterly conferences at a time designated by the Executive Committee. The purpose of quarterly church conferences is to provide 1) increased communication to and participation of the church body, and 2) improved trust and accountability between church staff, committee leadership, and the church body in exercising its exclusive right of self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church per Article I, Section 1, 1.1(1) Consideration shall be give to the use of technology to facilitate online participation.

9.2 (2) The church clerk shall cause a notice of the quarterly church conferences to be provided in writing for at least two weeks prior to the scheduled church conference.

9.2 (3) Active members of the church shall submit new business or concerns for discussion in the church conference in writing to the Church Moderator at least one week before the church conference. The aforementioned item of new business shall be signed and agreed to by at least twenty five other active members. These shall be presented and read to the church body by the Church Moderator. New business items from active members shall be limited to three per quarterly meeting.

9.2 (4) an action plan or resolution to new business items or concerns shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled church conference by the staff members and/or committees involved in conjunction with the submitting member. Active members in attendance at the church conference will then be allowed to vote on said action plan. On matters affecting the congregation at large such as annual budget, construction projects, membership qualifications, and administration of ordinances, voting shall take place on a designated Sunday in all church venues.

9.2 (5) at each quarterly church conference, the church body will receive mandatory reports from all operating committees on actions taken during that quarter and a review of future actions to be considered with opportunity for discussion.