

**PROPOSED ADDITION AND AMENDMENTS TO UUFH BYLAWS
FOR JUNE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 7, 2009**

New Bylaw – Article VIII, Section 8.2, #11

Beyond Our Walls Committee (BOW). The BOW Committee shall use its financial resources to support UUFH members in working toward social justice and social service in the larger community.

The Committee shall consist of six members who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees for staggered three-year terms.

The Committee shall accept and evaluate written proposals from congregants for events/projects which will further the BOW mission. They will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The BOW Committee will accept, review and approve requests for the Split-Plate Recipient for each month.

The Committee shall make a report to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee shall publicize, promote, foster and develop ideas within the Congregation to further their work.

Rationale – The BOW Committee was formed in 2002. Since that time it has supported numerous projects through monetary grants and split-plate contributions to organizations working in our local and larger community. It is time for them to become part of our UUFH structure through inclusion in our Bylaws.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Congregation pass this new Bylaw.

**Proposed new wording of Article II,
Section 2.2**

Each Member shall provide financial support to the Fellowship with an annual paid pledge. The minimum level of annual financial support shall be determined each year by the Board of Trustees. Cases of financial hardship shall receive individual consideration.

(Existing: “Each Member shall provide financial support to the Fellowship with an annual paid pledge or a recorded contribution.”) Note: 08-09 minimum pledge is \$175.

Rationale – We propose leaving off the last four words of the existing first sentence. We would like all Members to care enough about the Fellowship to make a financial commitment in the form of a pledge. We need pledges to be

able to plan financially and develop a realistic budget for the Fellowship.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Congregation pass this amendment to the Bylaws.

Proposed new wording of Article IX, 9.4.3 Borrowing from the Endowment

The Congregation may borrow from the Principal of the Fund, under serious financial circumstances or for capital improvements, provided such borrowing is secured and made subject to reasonable rates of interest and terms of repayment. Such loan must be approved at a duly-called congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of those Members of the Congregation present. The call to the meeting shall be mailed at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting.

(Existing: “The Congregation may borrow from the Principal of the Fund for capital improvements, provided such borrowing is secured and made subject to reasonable rates of interest and terms of repayment. Such loan must be approved at a duly called congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of those Members of the Congregation, not just those Members in attendance and/or voting. The call to the meeting shall be mailed at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting.”)

Rationale – We cannot borrow from the Endowment Fund (it can only be used for capital improvements) and, both borrowing and using principal require the same process: two-thirds of all members saying yes. We feel borrowing should not require the same very difficult process we presently require. We don’t anticipate needing to borrow any Endowment money in the future, but it may be needed in three, five or ten years. We would like to have a process in place. We should not wait until we have “serious financial circumstances.” It is better and safer to think the process through now.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Congregation pass this amendment to the Bylaws.