

Motions for Congregational Meeting 7/1/2018:

Amend Article V Section 1 Church Council (e) (2) of the By-Laws of the Brea Congregational United Church of Christ

Current language : “Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum”.

Proposed new language: “ Two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall constitute a quorum. If 2/3 results in a fractional number, then rounding down to next whole number shall constitute a quorum.”

Rationale: In the past the Council has been much larger in number, and the requirement for seven members to be present for a quorum made sense. The Church Council currently consists of eight members, plus the moderator and minister. The current requirement of seven members means that there needs to be near perfect attendance at meetings in order for voting to take place. By changing the language to a percentage (2/3), it allows flexibility for voting regardless of the number of members on the Council, while still ensuring that the majority of those on the Council are present when action takes place.

Recommendation: Approve proposed new language.

Article V Section 6 - Pulpit Committee of the By-Laws of the Brea Congregational United Church of Christ

Current language: “As the need arises, a Pulpit Committee shall be formed. It shall consist of six members nominated by the Council and elected by the members of the Church at a Congregational Meeting. The nominees shall have been active members of the Church for a minimum of two years prior to their election”.

Proposed: The Pulpit Committee for the 2018 search for a settled pastor, shall consist of seven (7) members to be nominated by the Congregation at a Congregational meeting.

Rationale: Having a 7 (instead of 6) member committee is suggested by the Conference office. It also allows for greater representation of the congregation on the committee, and provides an additional member in the event an elected member is not able to serve for the entirety of the search process due to illness or other factors.

The Congregation will have a deciding voice in who serves on the committee by submitting the nominations directly.

Proposed Motion: Suspend the by-laws for the current Search and Call process, and the allow for congregational nomination of seven members.

Recommendation: Approve proposed motion to suspend the by-laws for the current Search process and allow the congregation to nominate committee members.