

**Recommended Bylaw Amendment
New Article in our Bylaws
Written and Proposed by the Ministry of Personnel & Resource
Passed by Council on 10/22/17**

Add the following new section to Article V Congressional Meetings:

Section 7.

- A. If a quorum is not present at a congregational meeting, the vote during the meeting will be ignored and a new meeting will be scheduled or the Council can instruct the appropriate Ministry or Council to administer a paper ballot vote before and after each Sunday service. If the Council or appropriate Ministry selects a paper ballot process on an upcoming Sunday, the voting process, date and time will be announced to the members via email and the Sunday bulletin. The Clerk will prepare the roster of members, and members of the appropriate Ministry to be present at the table in Lander Hall to answer questions and administer the vote using the roster and paper ballots. The member will sign next to their name on the roster, vote using the ballot provided, and the member of the Ministry will secure the completed ballots. At the end of the last voting period, the Ministry will determine if a quorum had been reached by reviewing the roster. If a quorum had been reached, no additional voting days or periods will be added, the votes tallied and the outcome announced. If a quorum has not been reached, the Council or appropriate Ministry will announce a second voting day for an upcoming Sunday via email and the Sunday bulletin. The process will be repeated until a quorum is reached.
- B. The Council can decide to use the paper ballot process after each service on Sunday as the initial voting mechanism instead of starting with an in-person vote at a specific Council meeting. The process in 7A will be followed.