

## **First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque Annual Meeting 1/29/2023**

**1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum.** Meeting called to order at 2:09 pm by Michael McDonald, moderator. Quorum was met by over 74 in attendance in-person, with more online.

**2. Review of Rules of Debate and Zoom participation.** Michael McDonald  
The Moderator gave instructions for how to vote virtually and participate remotely.

**3. Motion to change agenda to separate proposed 8th principal bylaw change into a separate vote from other bylaw changes.** Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, board president

- **Approved by voice vote and agreement online**

**4. Chalice Lighting** - Mikaela Renz-Whitmore and Dámaris Donado, president of the board nominee

**5. Leadership Succession Report** - Marilyn O'Boyle, chair  
- Introduction of 2023 Nominees for Leadership ([as detailed in the Annual Report](#))  
- Nominations from floor – none.

- **Nominees approved by voice vote and agreement online**

**6. Treasurer's Report** - Joyce Etheridge, Treasurer  
[See Annual Report](#)

**7. Endowment Fund Report** - Gary Norris, Endowment Committee Chair  
[See Annual Report](#)

**8. Presentation of 2023 Operating Budget** - Joyce Etheridge, Treasurer; & Bryan Hackett, Director of Finance  
[See Annual Report](#)

- **Budget approved by voice vote and agreement online**

**8. President's Report** - Mikaela Renz-Whitmore  
[See Annual Report](#)

**9. State of the Church Report** – Rev. Angela Herrera, senior minister  
[See Annual Report](#)

**10. Proposed Bylaw changes** Presentation of proposed bylaw changes - Geri Knoebel, chair, Policy Task Force  
– Discussion focused on one proposed change to Article 1, Section 2: Membership.

The proposed change was: to strike the requirement that in order to be a member someone must “be in sympathy with the mission covenant of this church” and replace it with the requirement that someone must “support First Unitarian’s mission covenant and programs through generously giving of time, talents, and service to the Church.”

- Callie Cone – Moved that this change be stricken out (seconded)
  - Sara McCord – Moved to amend the motion to strike only the words “through generously giving of time, talents, and service to the Church.” This would leave this requirement for membership as someone must “support First Unitarian’s mission covenant and programs.”
  - This motion passed with counting of a show of hands in-person and online votes
- Cone’s original amendment (to strike this proposed change entirely) passed with a preponderance in the room and online
  
- **Final result – This specific proposed change was stricken out.**
  
- **All other proposed bylaw changes were approved unanimously. [See church website for annual meeting webpage.](#)**

#### **11. Presentation of 8th Principle - The Rev. Jane Davis and Dámaris Donado, Co-chairs, 8th Principle Explorations Task Force**

- **Proposal to add the 8th Principal to the bylaws passed unanimously**

#### **12. Results of vote on Change for the Future recipients**

1. Casa Q
2. Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women
3. Libros for Kids
4. Seed2Need.

#### **12. Adjourn – Michael McDonald, Moderator**