

## **Amendments to the By-Laws portion of the River Life governing documents:**

### **Article VII Amendments**

**Section 1. Procedure.** These Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at a meeting called for that purpose. A proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be presented in writing to the members at the meeting not less than 30 days prior to the meeting called for the purpose of voting on bylaws changes.

### **Proposed Changes**

**Presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting, September 27, 2020**

### **ARTICLE VI Section 5. Voting**

#### **CURRENTLY STATES**

Each member, and only members, shall be entitled to cast one vote at any election on any subject at any annual or special meeting of the membership. Such votes must be cast in person. Vote by proxy shall not be allowed. All votes shall be by secret ballot. The Chair of a meeting may call for open balloting where no objection is raised.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

- (a) Each member, and only members, shall be entitled to cast one vote at any election on any subject at any annual or special meeting of the membership. Such votes must be cast in person. Vote by proxy shall not be allowed. All votes shall be by secret ballot. The Chair of a meeting may call for open balloting where no objection is raised.
- (b) *Votes must be cast in person. Vote by proxy shall not be allowed in most cases. In the event of a force majeure (such as a pandemic) the Leadership Team may vote to approve an allowance for members to vote by mail. This shall be done on a case by case basis. In-person voting shall remain the default and preferred method of voting.*

### **ARTICLE VI Section 6. Quorum**

#### **CURRENTLY STATES**

Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any special meeting. Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any special meeting. Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting. *In the case of absentee voting (see Section 5(b)), the twenty percent quorum may be calculated after the vote, based on the sum of the number of ballots cast. If the percent of votes does not meet the threshold for the type of meeting, then the quorum was not met.*