2020 Bylaws 2023 Recommended by the Board for Changes amendment by the Members 7.0 LEAD MINISTER 6.0 MINISTER(S) 7.0 LEAD MINISTER. Deleted: 6 Deleted: (S) 6.1 Selection and Compensation. A **7.1 Role.** The Lead Minister will have **7.1 Role.** The Lead Minister will have Deleted: 6 Minister shall be recommended for charge of the pastoral, spiritual, and charge of the pastoral, spiritual, and consideration of the membership by a programmatic aspects of the Church, and programmatic aspects of the Church, and Ministerial Search Committee appointed have such administrative and other duties have such administrative and other duties by the Board. The Ministerial Search as established in a Letter of Agreement. as established in a Letter of Agreement. Committee shall report its The Lead Minister is accountable to the The Lead Minister is accountable to the recommendation to the Congregation, Members through the Board of Directors, Members through the Board of Directors. along with a compensation package, and will submit a report at each Annual and will submit a report at each Annual vacation terms and other critical contract Meeting, including such recommendations Meeting, including such recommendations as they may deem fitting. The Lead as they may deem fitting. The Lead elements agreed to in negotiation with the candidate, and as approved by the Board. Minister will provide regular reports to Minister will provide regular reports to A Minister shall be chosen by an 80% the Board of Directors in accordance with the Board of Directors in accordance with favorable vote of those present at a Board policy. The Lead Minister will at all Board policy. The Lead Minister will at all times be accorded a free pulpit. meeting of the Members of the Church times be accorded a free pulpit. duly called for that purpose. The The Lead Minister will operate within The Lead Minister will operate within Minister(s)'s salary shall be recommended policies set by the Board of Directors in policies set by the Board of Directors in by the Board and shall be reviewed in the order to manage the daily operations of order to manage the daily operations of consideration of each proposed budget at the Church. the Church. the Spring Meeting. At the meeting 7.2 Selection and Compensation. To be 7.2 Selection and Compensation. To be Deleted: A at which a Minister is chosen, a quorum called to the ministry of the Congregation, called to the ministry of the Congregation, specified by Section 3.6 for such a a Minister will be recommended for a Minister will be recommended for Deleted: shall meeting shall be required. consideration of the Members by a consideration of the Members by a Deleted: membership **6.2 Dismissal.** A Minister may be Ministerial Search Committee constituted Ministerial Search Committee constituted Deleted: appointed dismissed by a majority vote of those by the Board with input from the by the Board with input from the Members of the Church. The Ministerial Members of the Church. The Ministerial present at a duly called and constituted meeting of the Members of the Church Search Committee will report its Search Committee will report its Deleted: shall recommendation to the Congregation, called to consider the matter, at which the recommendation to the Congregation,

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quorum specified by Section 3.6 for such a meeting shall be required and the Minister shall have an opportunity to be present, to speak, and to offer evidence and comments in his or her behalf. The Minister's salary shall continue for at least three months after the date of any such dismissal.

- **6.3** Tenure and Duties. The Minister(s) shall have indefinite tenure, shall give three months' notice of any intention to resign, and shall submit a report at each Spring Meeting, including such evaluations and recommendations as he or she may deem fitting. The Minister(s) shall at all times be accorded a free pulpit.
- **6.4 Functions.** The Minister(s) shall be in charge of the pastoral and spiritual affairs of the Church, and have such administrative and other duties as shall be mutually agreed to by the Board and the Minister(s).

along with a compensation package, vacation terms, and other critical contract elements agreed to in negotiation with the candidate, and as approved by the Board. A Minister will be called by a minimum favorable vote of 80% of those Members present at a special congregational meeting duly convened for that purpose. A called Minister's salary will be recommended by the Board and will be reviewed in the consideration of each proposed budget at the Annual Meeting. At the meeting at which a Minister is called, a quorum of one-third of Members, as specified by Section 4.6 Quorum, will be required.

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