

Proposed Exemption to Contribution of Record

The Board of Trustees, by a 9-0 vote, proposes the following Bylaws amendment.

This matter has been discussed by the Board during both of the past two church years, 2022-23 and the current year. The objective of the change was to make voting membership more welcoming and possible to those of all economic circumstances. Whereas the prior standard required a contribution of record during the preceding twelve months, this proposed change would continue to require a contribution of record during the preceding twelve months, but promotes economic diversity by permitting an exemption to that requirement to be issued by the Senior Minister or the President of the Board of Trustees.

Under Article XV, Section 15.01 of the Bylaws, this amendment requires two-thirds approval of those voting in the next meeting of the Church.

Section 1 – Amendment to Title

**Amended and Restated Bylaws of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto
Accepted on April ~~29, 2023~~ 21, 2024**

Section 2 – Amendment to Article V, Section 5.03(A)

A. Member — one who has made a financial contribution of record during the preceding twelve months **or received an exemption from this requirement from the Senior Minister or President of the Board of Trustees**, who has completed a Declaration of Membership, and who has been affirmed by the Board of Trustees. Members must be at least 15 years of age, or must have successfully completed the Coming of Age program. Members may vote at congregational meetings.

Section 3 – Amendment to Article V, Section 5.03(E)

E. Inactive Member — a Member is assigned inactive status when there has been no financial contribution of record for a period of one year, **and the Member has not received an exemption from that contribution requirement from the Senior Minister or President of the Board of Trustees**. Inactive Members may not vote at congregational meetings. An Inactive Member who makes a contribution of record **or receives an exemption from the contribution requirement from the Senior Minister or President of the Board of Trustees** is again considered a Member as of the date of the contribution **or exemption** and as a Member may vote in congregational meetings.
