

Chapter II. Congregational Responsibilities
Title: Communication Policy
Part I
Accountability and Responsibilities

Add at the end of existing text:

The primary spokesperson for the church will be either the Senior Minister, the Board Chair, or the designee of either. All statements made in the name of the church or on the church's behalf, endorsements of or positions on public issues, sponsorships of organizations, sponsorships of events, or participation in coalitions of any type are to occur only with the approval of both the Board of Trustees and the Coordinating Team.

Part II

Add following list of bullet points:

To obtain approval of a church endorsement of or position on a public issue, sponsorship of a non-church organization, or participation in a coalition of any type, a church member in good standing will submit to the Senior Minister or Board Chair a written proposal and rationale consistent with UU Principles and the mission and vision of First UU Church. Such proposals must be signed by at least five other members in good standing.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment
Article VI, Section 6 Current Language:

6. Resolutions that commit the corporate entity, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, to a position on any matter of social concern must be approved at a properly called meeting of the membership. This shall not be construed to apply to or limit the normal activities of church committees.

A. Such resolutions may be initiated and brought to the membership for a vote in one of four ways:

1. By action of JAM, Justice Action Ministry, following procedures specified in the Standing Rules;
2. By a resolution of the Board of Trustees, following a favorable vote of two-thirds of its members;
3. By a group equal to the quorum, submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees, as prescribed in Article IV, 5. above;
4. By a vote of two-thirds of members present and voting at a properly called meeting of the membership.

B. The consideration of a resolution initiated according to A. 1., 2., or 3., immediately

above shall follow the notification procedures in Article IV, 4.

C. No such resolution shall come before the membership for vote until the Board of Trustees has received an acceptable legal opinion that the passage of such resolution will not jeopardize the church's tax exempt status

Proposed Amendment

6. Resolutions that commit the corporate entity, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, to a position on any matter of social concern that impacts financial resources, physical plant resources, or has any legal implications must be approved at a properly called meeting of the membership. This shall not be construed to apply to or limit the normal activities of church committees.

A. Such resolutions may be initiated and brought to the membership for a vote through a written proposal and rational submitted to the Senior Minister or Board Chair by a member in good standing consistent with UU Principles and the mission and vision of First UU Church. Such proposals must be signed by at least five other members in good standing.