

Special Rules

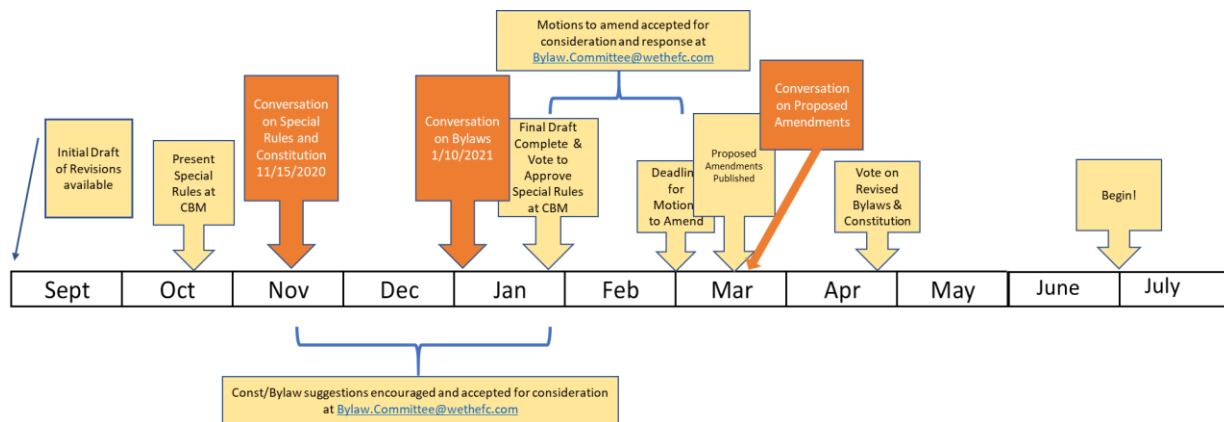
For

Proposed Revisions to the WEFC Constitution and Bylaws

11/17/2020

At the July 2020 Annual Meeting the congregation passed a resolution that permits the Church to move forward with Proposed Revisions to the WEFC Constitution and Bylaws (WEFC Revisions). The resolution passed with a 97% affirmative vote starting the one-year clock for approving the WEFC revisions, scheduled to occur during the April 2021 congregational meeting. The Executive Board and the Bylaw Committee are very thankful and eager to proceed in a collaborative and transparent manner.

In order to maintain transparency and congregational participation the Bylaw Committee and Executive Board has developed special rules for the approval of the WEFC revisions. These special rules are intended to provide a structured process that allows everyone sufficient time to participate in the approval process, submit suggestions and recommend amendments. This structured process will allow proposed amendments and revisions proper time for consideration and inclusion into the WEFC revisions. Our intent is to maintain congregational support and unity as we proceed forward according to the timeline below:



The Executive Board recommends the congregation review and considers adopting the Special Rules below to provide an orderly process to amend debate and vote on the Proposed Revisions to the WEFC Constitution and Bylaws.

1. Submitting Motions to Amend

All motions to amend the Proposed Revisions to the WEFC Constitution and Bylaws (hereinafter referred to as WEFC Revisions) must be in writing and received on or before March 1st, 2021. All proposed motions to amend the WEFC Revisions must be submitted to the WEFC Bylaw Committee via email at Bylaw.Committee@wethefc.com or by mail addressed to Bylaw Committee WEFC, 511 Maple Street Wethersfield CT 06109. Motions to Amend must identify, by full name, the maker and seconder of the motion. A motion to amend must be germane to the WEFC Revisions. The Bylaw Committee will work

with the maker of a received motion to assist the maker, as requested or as necessary, and discuss the wording or format.

2. Amendments from the Floor

A motion to amend the WEFC Revisions will not be accepted from the floor. For a motion to amend the WEFC Revisions to be considered it must be submitted to the Bylaw Committee in accordance with Special Rule #1.

3. Amendment to the Motion to Amend the WEFC Revisions (here in referred to as Secondary Amendments)

Secondary Amendments to a motion to amend the WEFC Revisions may be made from the floor during the Congregational Meeting. Such Secondary Amendments must be germane to the motion to amend.

4. Discussion on Motions to Amend

The maker of a motion to amend the WEFC Revisions shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to present his or her amendment. A representative of the Executive Board shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to respond to the motion to amend. Any member of WEFC congregation who wishes to speak for or against the motion to amend shall be allowed up to 3 minutes, with the seconder of the motion to amend receiving first priority.

At the close of each discussion a representative of the Executive Board and the maker of the motion, in that order, shall each be allowed up to 2 minutes to speak.

Special Rule #4 shall also apply to any Secondary Amendments.

5. Order of Discussion

Except for preliminary background statements motions to amend will be considered before general discussion of the WEFC Revisions.