



BY-LAWS CHANGE

The original by-law & the suggested changes - see entire Bylaw Article below:

Article 11

Board of Deacons

Original

There shall be up to thirty-six Deacons divided into three equal classes, one class of which shall be elected each year at the December meeting of the congregation, for a three-year term. No Deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. In such event, such Deacon shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed since the completion of the last term.

Revised

There shall be three classes of deacons, one class elected each year at the December meeting of the congregation, with the term(s) to be determined by the nominating committee and pastoral leadership, but not to exceed three years. No Deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. In such event, such Deacon shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed since the completion of the last term.

Purpose

The suggested change is to allow us to over time add/subtract Deacons as needed and to allow the "Classes" to be unequal when filling vacancies or changing the number of Deacons. The "Term Limits" remain the same as they always have been. If you have any questions about the final wording, please respond so all questions can be addressed.