

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment ARTICLE IX: Section 3
Election of Members of the Board**

Approved by the Board May 3, 2023

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The election of the members to the Board shall be held on the day of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. All Candidates must be Active members in accordance with Membership Bylaws. **In addition, the President and Vice President must be Active members for at least three years with limited exceptions as determined by the Leadership Committee. For example, exceptions may be membership at other UU churches or someone who has been a long-time Friend of St. John's but a member for less than three years.** No person who is an employee of St. John's or who provides contracted services in exchange for a fee or other consideration shall be eligible to serve.

Rationale:

Because the President is the chief administrator of the Congregation and the leader of the Board of Trustees who is responsible for strategic planning, policy development, and the real and personal property of the church, its business affairs, and all contracts, the President needs a comprehensive understanding of St. John's. That can only take place through active membership.