

Revision to the
Bylaws of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ

Approved:

To amend the Pacific Northwest Conference United Church of Christ Bylaws as follows
(deletions ~~erossed-out~~, additions underlined):

ARTICLE 4 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The following may, by vote of the Conference, become an Associate Member of the Conference with privilege of voice but not vote at official meetings of the Conference:

- a. Ministers who have been granted Privilege of Call (~~See Appendix A, Section 10~~) who are serving churches or in other ministries affirmed by the Conference; or

ARTICLE 8 – CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES

- ~~a. The Committee on the Ministry shall nurture pastors and congregations and carry forward all Committee on the Ministry functions as described in published standards and guidelines approved by the Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting. [See “Procedures and Regulations in Ministerial Standing.” Appendix A of the Pacific Northwest Conference, United Church of Christ Constitution and Bylaws as approved April, 1997, and amended at subsequent meetings of the Conference.]~~
- a. The Committee on Ministry has the role of support and accountability for those seeking or holding standing. On a regular basis, the Committee attends to the operative covenantal relationships among those with standing, the Association, the Local Church, and the ministry setting, in order to nurture faithfulness and to ensure ongoing growth in ministry according to the Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers and using the current Manual on Ministry for procedures and guidelines.
- b. The Committee on the Ministry may have up to 24 members, 18 members on the Westside and 6 on the Eastside. It shall assist in the transitions of local congregations in times of call and crisis. It shall help lay the basic foundations of Conference life with healthy congregations and skilled, well supported clergy and lay pastoral leadership.

--End of Motion-- (no change to Article 8b)

For the following reasons:

To bring the PNC Bylaws into conformance with current practices in place as part of our covenantal connections and responsibilities with the wider United Church of Christ. In particular, the National Staff of the United Church of Christ has moved into use of the new Manual on Ministry. This amendment allows the PNC to continue to partner with the wider United Church of Christ, including other Conferences and Associations, in this use. It empowers the PNC Committee on Ministry to fully join with other UCC settings to minister to the churches and ministers “with standing” with more clarity and better focus.