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Dear Members of St. John's,

At our October council meeting, we voted on two continuing resolutions and a by-laws change to be presented to the congregation at our annual meeting on December 2, 2012. Due to the fact that we just updated and amended our Constitution last December 4th, these simple changes to our document will lead us into compliance with our current practices.

The continuing resolutions were passed by council at the Oct meeting and will be added to page 22 of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Continuing Resolutions. The new continuing resolutions will get us up to speed regarding our current practices for the election of officers and their installation and the submitting of our annual reports for the previous year. The resolutions state:

- 1) In reference to C11.02 pertaining to the election of officers, the term immediately following the annual meeting may be interpreted as being within one month following the annual meeting. The intent is that new officers be elected and installed in office at the beginning of the new year following the annual meeting.
- 2) For practical considerations, to fulfill the requirements of C12.09, the Congregational Council will submit a summary report of significant activities, accomplishments and issues of concern to this congregation at the annual meeting and it shall submit a comprehensive written report of the full year's activities, accomplishments and issues no later than six weeks after the close of the calendar year.

The proposed By-Law Change is in regard to B14.01.01 Organizational Structure. This change needs to be voted on at the December 2nd annual meeting. Should it pass, the by-law will be changed to such with the changes/addition in underlined italics:

B14.01.01 Organizational Structure: The ministries of this congregation shall be distributed as shown. Voting members of the congregation may serve on any ministry. Terms of service on a ministry are for a period consistent with the Ministry Profile of that Ministry, but may not exceed 6 years unless approved by the Congregational Council. After 6 years a member may serve on another ministry or take a year off before returning to his/her previous Ministry.

The above by-laws change is being proposed to allow a qualified and dedicated ministry leader, who by mutual agreement, desires to serve longer than 6 years.

Please come ready to vote on the above By-Laws change at our annual meeting on December 2nd immediately following the 10:30 am service. On behalf of Council, thanks for your service to the Lord in this place.

In His Service,
Doug Smith
President