

FREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TABLE OF CHANGES INCLUDED IN PROPOSED RESTATEMENT OF BYLAWS

Location	Change	Purpose
Sec. 1.03	Renamed section and inserted word <i>California</i> .	Minor clarification.
Sec. 1.04	Revised to include Session's objectives for Fremont; removed word <i>trustee</i> .	Minor clarification. Note: Fremont's purpose is more precisely and fully stated in Scripture, <i>Book of Order</i> , and <i>Westminster Confession</i> .
Sec. 1.05	Inserted reference to Evangelical Presbyterian Church.	Allows us to emphasize elsewhere in the bylaws the importance of the mission, faith, and doctrine set out in the EPC constitution.
Sec. 3.01	Added language allowing the Annual Meeting to be called by Session for any time during the year, including October, when we are already meeting to elect officers. Church budget must be provided to congregation in first fiscal quarter.	Adds flexibility to calendar.
Sec. 3.02	Added language allowing Pastor to ask a member of Session to moderate a congregational meeting, if needed.	Useful when, for example, the pastor's terms of call are being discussed and the pastor leaves the meeting temporarily.
Sec. 3.05	Added word <i>voting</i> in second paragraph.	Gives members option of abstaining from congregational votes.
Sec. 3.07	Added clarity to language; assigned specific duty to pastor to ensure that calls for congregational meetings state purpose.	Recognizes that staff, not Session, assembles actual notice of congregational meetings.
Sec. 4.05	Deleted unnecessary language about application of law to corporate powers.	Appropriate because the law applies whether the bylaws so note.
Sec. 4.06	Deleted unnecessary language about application of law to committees and commissions of Session.	Same purpose as above.
Sec. 4.08	Clarified role of pastor as moderator of Session.	Useful for confirming identity of moderator between meetings.
Sec. 4.19	Added words <i>digital or electronic message</i> .	Allows Session members to consent to actions between meetings using text messaging or social media.
Art. Eight	Inserted new article noting that church activities and facilities are subject to the mission, faith, and doctrine of our chosen denomination. Affirmed that church facilities are not a public accommodation.	This language has been suggested by our denomination for all EPC churches. The goal is to help protect the church in the event of a lawsuit related to the use of our facilities.