

Administrative Action to be Voted:

That the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference propose amendments to Article V, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the United Church of Christ Constitution, so that those paragraphs would read (with changed language noted in red):

A Local Church is composed of persons **who are committed to follow Jesus Christ as members of this community of faith, which includes those who believe** in the triune God, **those who** accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, **and those who are in discernment of belief**. Depending on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, **the members of the Local Church are** organized for Christian worship, for the furtherance of Christian fellowship, and for the ongoing work of Christian witness.

In accordance with the custom and usage of a Local Church, persons **enter into covenant with the congregation**, becoming members by **either**:

- (a) Baptism and Confirmation or Baptism and Profession of **Christian** Faith; **or**
- (b) Reaffirmation or reprofession of **Christian** faith; **or**
- (c) **Pledge of commitment to follow Jesus**; **or**
- (d) Letter of transfer or certification from other Christian churches **or other communities of Christian faith**.

If affirmed by vote of the Annual Meeting, the proposed amendment [along with a description of the theological basis for the proposed amendment] would be sent to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ for action, in accord with the UCC Constitution's provision for amendments (Article VIII, paragraph 74).