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**CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 23, 2026
Resolution on CUC Bylaws**

NAME OF RESOLUTION:

Amendment to add a section 1.3 to the existing Bylaw related to the Canadian Unitarian Council's covenantal documents e.g. Principles, Sources, Aspirations and Vision

SUBMITTED BY:

Canadian Unitarian Council Board of Trustees

DATE:

November 25, 2025

Amended March 26, 2026 and May 2, 2026 (language clarification). Updates highlighted in yellow.

BACKGROUND

- A. Currently, the Canadian Unitarian Council's (CUC) Bylaws do not include specific provisions for amending the CUC's covenantal and foundational documents – CUC Principles, Sources, Aspirations and Vision.
- B. Recognizing this, a Bylaw Review Committee was created by the CUC Board of Trustees to undertake a review and make recommendations to the Board and to the Council.
- C. The Committee began its work in February 2024 and consisted of Kiersten Moore (Vancouver), Kim Turner (Halifax), Katharine Childs (Montreal), Margaret Wanlin (Lakehead, Thunder Bay), Miriam Robern (Winnipeg), and Margaret Kohr (Toronto).
- D. After a year and a half of meetings and consultations, the committee made final recommendations to the CUC Board, which were approved at its November 25, 2025 meeting.



BE IT RESOLVED:

To add section 1.3 to the existing Bylaw related to the CUC's Covenantal documents, e.g. Principles, Sources, Aspirations and Vision.

Section 1.3 Covenantal Documents

1.3.1 The member congregations of the CUC may from time to time adopt or amend covenantal documents including but not limited to, Principles, Sources, Aspirations and Vision.

1.3.2 Any addition, deletion or other proposed amendment to an existing covenantal document or adoption of a new covenantal document, shall require the approval of at least two-thirds (67%) of the delegates voting at an annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

1.3.3 The Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") may establish a threshold for accepting any proposed amendments higher than a 2/3 majority of voting delegates. Any such higher threshold must be approved by 2/3 of the voting delegates in advance of the vote on the main motion.

1.3.4 The Board shall establish policies and procedures governing any additions, deletions or amendments to any of the covenantal documents or creation of a new covenantal document including, but not limited to:

- a. The method by which proposed amendments are submitted, reviewed, and presented to members;
- b. The notice requirements for proposing and voting on amendments;
- c. Any other procedural matters necessary to ensure a fair, transparent, and efficient process.

1.3.5 In the event of any conflict between this section and other provisions of this Bylaw, this section shall prevail with respect to amendments to the covenantal documents.

Approved May 23, 2026 at the Annual General Meeting.