



Unity Truth Center, Inc. / dba Unity Spiritual Center Port Richey

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**Official Notice of Annual Membership Meeting and Election on
Sunday, February 28, 2021 12:00 pm Zoom.com**

To attend email: marty.n@unityportrichey.org no later than Friday, February 26, 2021. You will receive an email invitation with a link to the site.

Agenda Includes

Three by-law changes *
Reports on 2020 from the Board of Trustees
Minister's Report

There are no Nominees for the board at this time

A complete set of Annual Meeting documents which includes the 2020 Financial Reports,
2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

<https://www.unityportrichey.org/annual-meeting-2020>

Absentee ballots must be obtained by emailing your request to Gayle Hoffman at
bookkeeper@unityportrichey.org

Your completed email absentee ballot must be returned by Friday, February 26, 2021
to the secretary of the board of Trustees, Ann Boyko at boykoann@gmail.com

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting, but only individuals who are current members may speak or vote on matters presented to the congregation,

***See Bylaw changes and rationales attached**

By laws changes recommended by your board of trustees:

Bylaws Amendment on Electronic Meetings

Motion: Propose the members of Unity Truth Center, Inc, DBA Unity Spiritual Center Port Richey in our Annual meeting on February 28, 2021, add these two clauses in the current by-laws.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings.

f. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS. The meetings of the membership, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee as well as Standing and Special committees may be conducted via electronic means, in whole or in part, with the minimum standard being simultaneous aural communication. At such meetings, any member present electronically shall be considered present in person.

(New Addition)

g. Suggested Emergency Provisions

In the case of a national emergency declared by the President of the United States, a State Emergency declared by the governor, or a local emergency as determined by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the local ministry trustees present and voting, the Board of Trustees is authorized to meet by electronic means and to have the full power to adjust budgets and cancel/postpone events or reschedule them as electronic meetings. The Board of Trustees may take any other emergency actions deemed helpful and necessary that do not violate other specific provisions of the local ministry bylaws.

Rationale: Recommended by UWM. Given today's environment this is sometimes the only safe way, or sometimes affordable way business can be conducted. Face to face meetings are always encouraged when health conditions, time and travel are reasonable. These changes are simply allowing organizations to respond to changing times and technology available when needed.

Motion: Propose the members of Unity Truth Center, Inc, DBA Unity Spiritual Center Port Richey in our Annual meeting on February 28, 2021, amend Article VI in our bylaws regarding the number of board members

from:

ARTICLE VI – Board of Trustees

Section 1. Membership. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the senior minister or co-ministers and no fewer than six (6) other trustees and one alternate trustee. The regular and alternate trustees will be elected from among the active membership of UTC at the annual membership meeting. [NOTE: Churches with fifty (50) members or less may choose to have less than six (6) trustees, but no fewer than three (3) trustees.]

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ARTICLE VI – Board of Trustees

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Rationale: It is common as church attendance changes to “right size” the board to reflect the number of congregants that are qualified to serve. Given that no one stepped up to board service for this coming year it seems it is time for us to take this step now. Two board members are retiring; one due to limited term, the other due to personal reasons is not running again. Remaining are four active current members, Ann Boyko, Jeanette Dupee, Karen Noffsinger and Steven Bogard. Reverend Marty remains on the board as minister.