

Proposed Alternative New 501(c)(3) Language

Purpose

Initial Proposed Language:

Purpose: To Foster the practice of liberal religion, the development of character, the enrichment of spirit, and the building of a better community and world. West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) Code of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Proposed Alternative Amendment Regarding Purpose:

Purpose: To foster the practice of liberal religion, the development of character, the enrichment of spirit, and the building of a better community and world. *To carry out its purpose* West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) Code of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
(Italic added to highlight added words, not to be included in the amendment.)

Why: The added italicized words link the two sentences.

Distribution of Assets

Initial Proposed Language:

In the event of a voluntary dissolution, the net assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. In the event of a voluntary dissolution, net assets will be transferred to the Unitarian Universalist Association, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Proposed Alternative Amendment Regarding Voluntary Dissolution:

In the event of a voluntary dissolution, the net assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, ~~or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. In the event of a voluntary dissolution, net assets will be transferred~~ to the Unitarian Universalist Association, a 501(c) (3) organization.

Clean text version:

In the event of a voluntary dissolution, the net assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to the Unitarian Universalist Association, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Why: To remove potentially confusing redundancy, prevent competing recipients of WSUU net assets, and to delete inapplicable language.

Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
May 5, 2019

12:00 The meeting is called to order by President Shelley Webb. She introduces Jill Jackson from the Ministerial Search Team 19. Jill gave a round of Thank You to several people from the Boards of Trustees from 2015-16 to the current board. She also gave thanks the previous MST17 for their work, and the current MST19. She gave thanks to the Discernment Teams from both 2017 and 2019. She gave a big Thank You to Shannon Day, WSUU Administrator for all the work she does daily to help all of the previous boards of trustees and the ministerial search teams. Shannon received a standing ovation.

Jill led the Chalice Lighting with a poem, *This is the Hour* by Connie Simon [This is the hour.](#) "The time has come. Mindful of our responsibilities as leaders of this faith and guardians of the living tradition, we call upon that great cloud of witnesses—those who came before, those who are here now and those who have yet to come. We seek their presence, love and support in this place at this hour. We kindle this flame to light their path and call them near as we undertake this sacred work".

Shelley Webb informed the congregation the reasons for this meeting.

1. We are voting on whether to call Rev. Christopher Wulff to be our minister. The secretary reported that a quorum of well over 40 percent was in attendance. The attendance was at 65 percent of membership.

Marion Kee made a motion to call the vote on Rev. Wulff. Shelby Greiner seconded the motion. The vote was cast on private ballots and board members Patti McCall and Larry Brennan took the ballots to count.

2. Proposed new language in WSUU Articles of Incorporation in order to have them correspond to the expectation of the IRS when we apply for our 501 c 3.

A. The Purpose of WSUU

Each member received a copy of the proposed changes along with the original language. Mark Newton moved to accept the recommended language. Cheri Tucker seconded the motion.

Paula vanHaagen rose to propose a friendly amendment to the recommendations.

(1) She posited a brief edit to better link the two parts of the Purpose statement. There was some discussion about whether a comma needed to follow the short passage. It was decided to add the comma.

It would read: "Purpose: To foster the practice of liberal religion, the development of character, the enrichment of spirit, and the building of a better community and world. To carry out its purpose, West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes under section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

(2) She presented a clearer version of the statement concerning Distribution of Assets. After some discussion the final version is:

"In the event of a voluntary dissolution, the net assets will be distributed to the Unitarian Universalist Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code,."

Viv Monahan moved that we end discussion. Peggy Abby seconded the motion. The vote to end discussion passed.

Michael Matz moved we accept the newly edited version of the Purpose and the Distribution of Assets in the Article of Incorporation. Shelby Greiner seconded the motion. The vote passed.

Eileen Duffy move that the congregation approve to accept the whole change to the Articles of Incorporation. Peggy Abby seconded the motion. The vote passed.

Shelley gave the congregation the news that the vote to accept Rev. Christopher Wulff as our new called minister had passed by 95%. Jill reported she had text him the news and he text back: GREAT! The congregation applauded and cheered.

The chalice was extinguished and meeting adjourned.

Joan Whitley, secretary