

Annual Meeting Warrant

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BEACON FALLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Beacon Falls, CT

Greetings:

By this call, you are officially notified of the annual meeting of The Beacon Falls Congregational Church, Beacon Falls, Connecticut, to be held on Sunday, January 21st, 2024, with a snow date of January 28th, 2024. The meeting will be conducted on the church premises at 69 Wolfe Ave, Beacon Falls, CT, and will convene at approximately 11:30 a.m. as a luncheon meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- 1) Receive the reports of the Officers, Boards, Committees, and adjunct groups of the Church;
- 2) Act on the slate of the Nominating Committee to elect Officers of the Church and members to the various Boards and Committees;
- 3) Adopt a Budget for the Church to cover the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2024;
- 4) *Act on the recommendation of The Board of Deacons to amend the constitution & bylaws, removing the current restriction that members may serve no more than two consecutive terms on a committee. [Please see the attached addendum of proposed changes].*
- 5) Act on any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liza Zajac Whitehead

Liza Zajac Whitehead, Clerk
Dated at Beacon Falls, CT
December 17th, 2023

Proposed changes to BFCC's Constitution and Bylaws to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Deacons is proposing the following changes to BFCC's Constitution and Bylaws to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in January, 2024. We seek to remove the current restriction that members can only serve two consecutive terms on a committee.

Rational behind this proposed amendment

- We should not limit people in serving with the Gifts God has bestowed on them individually.
- Continuity – We seek parity with the unlimited terms of our church officers (Clerk, Treasurer, Asst Treasurers, Church School Superintendent and Auditor).
- Church members (in full and regular standing) will still annually elect those whom will serve as officers and on committees.

Proposed changes to be made:

A motion will be made at BFCC's Annual meeting in January, 2024 to Amend Sections of Article V – (Pastors, Officers, Non-Officers and Committees) as follows:

Section 1 – Board of Deacons – Delete the sentence “After serving two consecutive terms, a member will be ineligible for re-election to the Diaconate for one year”.

Section 2 – Prudential - Delete the sentence “After serving two consecutive terms, a member will be ineligible for re-election to the Prudential committee for one year.”

Section 3 – Christian Education – Delete the sentence “After serving two consecutive terms, a member will be ineligible for re-election to the Christian education committee for one year.”

Section 4 – Endowment – Delete the sentence “After serving two consecutive terms, a member will be ineligible for re-election to the Endowment committee for a period of one year.”

Section 5 – Nominating – Delete the sentence “After serving for two consecutive terms, a member will be ineligible for re-election to the same committee for one year.”