

Proposed CVUUS Membership Bylaws – 2017

Article IV: Membership

Section 1. Preamble.

The Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (CVUUS) values both its members and its friends, but recognizes that membership entails a special relationship that carries additional rights, benefits, and responsibilities. CVUUS members are people who wish to be actively involved in the life of the Society. Such involvement typically includes some or all of the following: attendance at Sunday services, attendance and voting at congregational meetings, participation in other events and activities, serving in short term or long term leadership roles, and annual financial support of the Society.

Section 2. Members.

*A member is a person **14** years of age or older who is familiar with and supports the purposes of the Society, who attends as able, who devotes his/her/their time, skills and abilities as able, and who makes a financial contribution of record annually, **unless waived**. Membership is open to all such persons regardless of race, color, **gender identification**, affectional or sexual orientation, **socioeconomic circumstance**, or national origin. **A person officially becomes eligible for the benefits and responsibilities of covenanting with this congregation when they sign the membership book.***

Section 3. Voting Eligibility

*Any person who has been a member for at least **sixty (60)** days shall have one vote. This vote must be exercised in person unless absentee voting arrangements are approved by the Board at the time of the notification of the meeting.*

Section 4. Membership List

The membership list will be available to all members and at all business meetings. It will be the source of information regarding voting eligibility, presence of a quorum, and eligibility to serve as an officer.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal

Resignation:

- *Members may **resign** from membership by submitting a letter of resignation to the President **or a Minister**.*

Removal from Membership:

- *A person may be removed from membership immediately, for cause and/or for actions which constitute a violation of the safe congregation policy, by the unanimous vote of the entire Board.*
- *A person may be removed from membership by failing to fulfill the criteria of membership as set forth in Section 2 of this Article **by the process outlined in the Membership Policy**.*