

# Amendment to the Bylaws of Park Street Church

## ON ELIGIBILITY FOR REELECTION TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the undersigned members of Park Street Church submit the following Amendment to the Bylaws of the Church for consideration at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

**Summary:** Nominating Committee members are currently ineligible for reelection for a period of three years, including members who are elected to partial terms in order to fill early vacancies. This amendment would allow members elected to single-year partial terms to be eligible for immediate reelection the following year. It would make no change for members who serve full terms or two-year partial terms.

**Rationale:** Service on the Nominating Committee is by design a rotating responsibility; continuity of knowledge and experience is achieved via overlapping three-year terms.

Individuals who are elected to fill a single-year vacancy on the Nominating Committee leave the Committee before they are able to make use of the experience they have gained from their one year. The Committee and the Church would benefit from their willingness to serve, rather than losing a willing servant after a single year. Four continuous years would be the longest permissible term, which maintains the intent of regular turnover on the Committee. Additionally, this amendment would unify the handling of elected vs. appointed members: one year or less: eligible to stand for reelection; more than one year: not eligible.

### Language Change:

#### 11. INELIGIBILITY FOR REELECTION

[A-B not shown]

*C. Nominating Committee.* No person who has been elected as a member of the Nominating Committee for a full term shall be eligible for reelection to serve on the Nominating Committee for a period of three years following the expiration of such term. ~~[Struck text] Each person elected to complete the term of a member of the Nominating Committee who has vacated that position before the completion of the three-year term shall be considered to have served a full term. However, any appointment made pursuant to paragraph 12 of this Article shall not be considered a term of office.~~

[Added text] Any member of the Nominating Committee who serves one partial term of not more than one year, for the purpose of completing a term left vacant by a departing member, whether elected or appointed under paragraph 12 of this Article, shall be eligible for reelection the following year. Any person who is elected to complete a partial term of more than one year, or who serves two partial terms in sequence, or who vacates a term early, shall be considered to have served a full term.