## Proposed amendment to Bylaws

Move to amend WRBC Bylaw Section 3: Members of the Board as follows:

- Remove article 3.2 Chair of Deacon Ministries
- Renumber the sub-sections accordingly

## Reasons for the amendment:

- Our governance model is based on policy governance, with the Board setting and administering policies.
- The Staff lead ministry within the parameters of approved policy. The Lead Pastor is the connection between Board and Staff.
- Deacons are our care ministry under pastoral leadership, not directly responsible to the Board (see organization chart below).
- Deacon oversight and influence are therefore best engaged at Staff level, not Board.
- Deacon "voice" will still be heard at Board level, through the Lead Pastor's report.



## Voting

Electronic voting will be available on February 4 and will remain open until we receive sufficient response to approve or deny the motion.

Positive vote of 2/3 of our membership is required to pass this motion.

Negative vote of 1/3 of our membership is sufficient to deny the motion.

Hardcopy ballots will be available at our church building after the meeting and will remain available in the days following the meeting for those who prefer this voting method.

Results will be communicated via email and announcement during Sunday morning service.

## Questions

If you have questions or concerns regarding this motion, please contact the Moderator, Dave Barton, prior to the Membership Meeting.