

Summary Statement

Voting options will be by using one of electronic ballot, paper ballot, absentee ballot, or proxy ballot. Paper ballot will only be available if attending the meeting in person. Please use the absentee or proxy ballot options if the electronic ballot or paper ballot options do not work for you.

Voting Procedures

Eligible members who are attending the meeting in person and who have not voted electronically, absentee, or by proxy will receive paper ballots after checking **in** for the meeting. All ballots, including for Board and Nominating Committee will be voted during the meeting as directed by the meeting moderator.

To vote electronically, members need to have an email address and be comfortable voting online. The process will be similar to prior years, but we are using a new system, OpaVote, in order to also support paper ballots. If voting electronically, please plan to attend the meeting via Zoom to be aware of discussion related to the Bylaws amendments and the Environmental Justice Initiative.

A first ballot with just the elections for Board and Nominating Committee will be sent to all eligible members at the email address indicated in the church directory on Breeze, except those who have voted absentee or designated a proxy. This first electronic ballot will be sent at about 12:01 AM on the day of the meeting and must be voted by 12PM, before the meeting begins. Do not vote this first ballot if you plan to attend the meeting in person and wish to vote by paper ballot.

You may attend the meeting and vote electronically, if you are comfortable doing that on your phone or tablet and you voted the first ballot electronically before coming to the meeting. Subsequent electronic ballot(s) on the Bylaws amendments and Environmental Justice Initiative will be distributed only to members who voted electronically on the first ballot. These subsequent electronic ballots will be distributed via email during the meeting after the relevant discussion and voting will happen immediately, concurrent with paper voting.

Absentee voting continues to follow the process from previous elections. Ballots may be requested from the Board Secretary. Properly executed Absentee ballots must be returned to the church by 5 PM on the Saturday before the meeting, whether by postal mail (allow sufficient time) or hand delivered to the mail slot.

Designating a proxy voter continues to follow the process from previous elections, with one clarification. The person holding the proxy must use the same method (electronic or paper) for all of their voting, both personal and proxies held. Proxy forms can be requested from the Board Secretary. Properly executed Proxy forms must be returned to the church by 5 PM on the Saturday before the meeting, whether by postal mail (allow sufficient time) or hand delivered to the mail slot.