

**Cover Sheet to the Proposed Bylaw and Articles of Incorporation Revisions
North Fresno Church
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The Board of Administration commissioned a 'Governance and Bylaws Task Force' to lead the board and congregation in a process of assessing NFC's governance structure and bylaws.

Randy Mack (Moderator), Aaron Wiens (representative appointed by the Board of Spiritual Ministries), Shirley Warkentin (representative appointed by the Board of Administration), and Pastor James Bergen make up this task force.

For the past year the task force has been hosting different meetings and listening groups with various groups, staff, and ministry leaders.

The input resulted in proposed governance and bylaw revisions that the Board of Administration processed and is now presenting to the congregation for conversation, editing, and ultimately a decision in the coming weeks.

The proposed bylaw revision reflects the following main changes:

- . updating purpose and mission language
- . moving from 'church discipline' language and process to 'accountability and restoration' language and process
- . establishing a one board model with the 'North Fresno Church Leadership Board'
- . establish two main standing committees of the board: the Spiritual Ministries Committee (primarily the same role as the current Board of Spiritual Ministries) and the Stewardship Committee (primarily the same role as current Stewardship Commission). All other current and future commissions and ministry teams would operate on the 'ministry' side of our governance structure.
- . approving church match scholarships would move from board to stewardship
- . creating a Ministry Team Overview and Structure Document. This would establish a secondary document that would outline all of our major ministries, how they operate and are led, and how they fit into the overall ministry and structure of NFC. This document is yet to be created, but would be if the bylaws are approved.
- . most other changes and edits are meant to reflect how we currently operate and just reflect those realities in our bylaws

The proposed Articles of Incorporation revision reflects the following changes:

- . identifying the NFC Leadership Board as the directors of the corporation instead of the Stewardship commission
- . affiliating more clearly with our regional and national denominational bodies, including in the dissolution of assets should NFC cease to exist