



## **First Parish Church of Groton**

Unitarian Universalist

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### Summary of the proposed updates to the First Parish Bylaws

The purpose of these updates are to codify an experiment being conducted for the past two years to combine the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons into one combined board to be known as the Board of Trustees.

- All the responsibilities of the previous two boards fall to this new board. It is made up of five members, whose three-year terms of office will be set on a rotating basis.
- The Executive Committee that served to link the Board of Trustees and the Deacons and the LDC will be eliminated.
- This sentence is included to accommodate the Groton Ministerial Fund: “The BOT will designate one member to serve as a ‘Junior Deacon’ for the purposes of serving as a Trustee to the Groton Ministerial Fund.”
- The Minister will assume oversight of the Music Director and the Director of Religious Education, as opposed to lay leaders doing so.