

Update on the November 5th Vote and Parliamentary Clarification

Friends,

To be completely transparent, we want to share an important update regarding the vote scheduled for November 5th on the proposed acquisition of Unity Worldwide Ministries by Unity World Headquarters.

We recently received clarification from our parliamentarian, who has reviewed both Robert's Rules of Order and the UWM bylaws in full. Based on this review, it is now clear that:

- Because this is our annual meeting and the next one will not occur for more than a quarter, a motion to postpone the vote past this meeting would be out of order.
- Similarly, a motion to refer the resolution to a committee would also be ruled out of order if its purpose were simply to delay or prevent the vote.
- Amendments are permissible, but delegates should be advised that the language of the resolution has been carefully reviewed by legal counsel, and any changes could have unintended legal or procedural implications.
- The Resolution requires a 2/3 majority to pass. Both boards aim to obtain a yes or no vote from the membership on the resolution. If it is a no (less than 2/3rds), then all discussions and planning to rejoin our two organizations will cease.

In short, the vote will proceed as planned on November 5th. While questions, discussion, and debate are fully welcome, a motion to postpone the vote will not be in order under Robert's Rules or our current bylaws.

We want to make sure everyone has accurate and up-to-date information as we move toward this important decision for the future of Unity.

With gratitude for your care, diligence, and deep love of this movement,

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