

Article II History and Timeline

Article II is one of the “C” Bylaws, dating to the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Association in 1961. Much of the “C” Bylaws reflects compromises that were made in order to achieve merger. Different pieces of the “C” Bylaws were important enough to one side or the other that these were made harder to amend than non-“C” Bylaws. The first major rewrite of the Principles and Purposes post-merger were adopted in 1984. Some slight changes were made after that, but the language is largely unchanged.

Year	Activity
Fall of 2020	The Article II Study Commission (Commission) convened and developed a shared understanding of its charge developed by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the 2018 and 2019 General Assemblies, the history of Article II, and the study process.
Spring of 2021	The Commission began hosting theological panel discussions with surveys to gain an understanding of the values and sources of inspiration shared amongst Unitarian Universalists.
Fall of 2021 - Spring of 2022	Congregational resources for small group ministry and group discussion were developed and shared in the fall of 2021. Focus groups, individual interviews, and surveys continued through the winter and spring of 2022. Draft language was prepared and shared during General Sessions at the 2022 General Assembly. Focus groups and surveys were used to collect feedback on these drafts.
Fall of 2022	The Commission, via their Outreach Team, held feedback sessions and surveys on different drafts of Article II, each draft informed by previous feedback sessions and surveys.
Jan 2023	The Commission submitted its recommendation for a new Article II to the Board of Trustees.
Feb – April 2023	Any Unitarian Universalist was able to submit suggestions and ideas through an online form for ways they recommended modifying the Article II Study Commission proposal.
May 2023	Three amendment workshops were held.
June 2023	Amendment mini assembly held for formal submission of amendments and voting on accepting amendments. Vote to continue considering changes passed at GA.
Fall 2023	Final proposal released.
June 2024	Final proposal to be voted on at GA. Requires a 2/3 majority to pass.