



Dear members of SDBC:

We trust that you are doing well in the Lord. You are receiving this special newsletter because you are a member of South Delta Baptist Church. The Board of Elders are proposing a few alterations to the Bylaws of the Church, and this process requires your consideration and vote.

The **Special General Meeting** (SGM) at which members will vote on the motions included in the attached package will be held at South Delta Baptist Church on **November 24, 2026 at 7:00PM**.

Please note that on this same date, we will also be calling another special general meeting, typically branded as our *Annual Business Meeting*, which will begin at 7:30PM on November 24th. The reason why we are having two back-to-back, separate meetings on the same date is to satisfy our bylaw requirements.

Our bylaws stipulate that "The Constitution and Bylaws of the Church shall not be altered or added to except by special resolution of the members at a general meeting by at least 3/4 (75%) of the votes cast using a secret ballot. Notice of such a general meeting must be provided 60 days in advance of the meeting" (10.1).

Moreover, bylaw 3.5 states that, "Notice of a general meeting must state the nature of any business to be transacted at the meeting in sufficient detail to permit a member receiving the notice to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business. Notice must include the text of any special resolution, or of any other resolution requiring more than a 2/3 voting threshold," which is why we have included the agenda and package with this newsletter for your consideration.

Sending the SGM agenda and package today satisfies bylaws 3.5 and 10.1. However, the agenda and package for the *Annual Business Meeting* at which we vote on our operating budget for the following fiscal year only requires 21-day notice. Therefore, you will receive a separate agenda and package for that meeting in early November.

Furthermore, you will note that the substantive change recommended by the elders is related to our bylaws regarding the auditor and audited statements. The Board of Elders and Staff have experienced that the accounting industry has changed in the last few years so that hiring an auditor to do an audit for an organization like ours is not always necessary or practical. For the past few years, we struggled to find an auditor who would do this work for us, and we learned, by consulting several other churches similar



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to our size and financial scope, that many churches have moved away from mandating audited statements and have transitioned to receiving reviewed financial statements conducted by an independent accounting firm.

We also consulted respected accountants within our church and outside of our church, and they have all given their support for us to move in this direction to conduct financial reviews rather than audits. They affirmed that it is not necessary for an organization like ours to require an audit every year.

For clarity, the proposed bylaw changes still allow for our church membership to require an audit for any reason if the membership felt that it would be wise for us to engage in an audit for the following fiscal year. The proposed bylaws give the Church options and the best opportunity to make the wisest decision for financial accountability.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Special General Meeting or the proposed bylaw alterations, please reach out to our Board Chairperson (Dayle Krahn), Vice-Chairperson (Terry Weatherly), or Pastors Paul and Jordan. We would love to hear your thoughts and help you be equipped with all the information you need to make your decision before coming to vote on November 24th.

Thank you for your active participation as members of our church. We appreciate your careful consideration of important business matters and we look forward to seeing you at the SGM.