

**Resolution: “Re-Covenanting as the Prairie Association”**

**Approved by the Executive Committee, Prairie Association UCC, 8/28/2024,  
and submitted to the Prairie Association UCC Fall Meeting for affirmation.**

**WHEREAS:**

The Organizational Covenant of the Prairie Association, Illinois Conference UCC, was adopted at the establishment of the Association in 1993.

and **WHEREAS:**

The Covenant was last revised in 2017 to include the current structure of the ministry of the Illinois Conference, including staffing relationships and Committee nomenclature.

and **WHEREAS:**

This Covenant revision could not anticipate the impact of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic on our society at large, or the transition of its congregations and clergy in relationship to participation in the Association.

and **WHEREAS:**

The Covenant assumes an ability to enlist members from our local churches and clergy to the roles and offices that is not respective of the trends in the organization of governance and ministry in “such a time as this...”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Prairie Association UCC commits to a process of Re-Covenanting for the period of 2024-2026.

also, **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Association suspends the bylaws pertaining to the Executive Council, the Officers, and any portion related to their terms of service.

Specifically:

Article III.1 – Prairie Association Executive Council

Article III. 3 – Nominating Committee (as it relates to these roles exclusively)

Article V. 1 – Elections, Terms of Office and Appointments (as it relates to these roles exclusively)

also, **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That a colloquium of Authorized Clergy and the Executive Officer of each Local Congregation (Moderator, President, etc.) within the Association be called to gather no later than December 2024

Its purpose will be the review and amendment to the Organizational Covenant of the Association to meet the current needs of the Association’s governance and ministry.

The colloquium shall report the outcome of their work to the Association at the Spring Meeting 2025.

This colloquium will assume any function of the suspended portions of the bylaws as is required in covenant with the Illinois Conference UCC and National Setting of the United Church of Christ.