

BY-LAWS OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE FIRST PARISH OF NORWELL

As amended by the
Annual Meeting, May 5, 2004 and regular meeting November 17, 2004

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Alliance of the First Parish of Norwell, Norwell, Massachusetts, hereafter referred to as the Alliance.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Alliance shall be to work together to foster the life and growth of First Parish of Norwell, to express in action our common ideals, and to aid in local and denominational work. The Alliance shall promote the principles and purposes of the First Parish of Norwell.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

Any person may become, with the payment of annual dues, a member of this Alliance. Annual dues shall be proposed by the Board and voted on by a majority of members at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS

Regular meetings for the transaction of business and educational and denominational programs shall be held on a day and time as determined by the Alliance Board. Special meetings for business may be called by the President. Notice of all meetings shall be given.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the lesser of ten (10) voting members or 50% of the total membership.

ARTICLE 5. ELECTIONS

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of the officers and the chairmen of committees, including the chairman of the Nominating Committee, at the April meeting, for election at the Annual Meeting in May.

The Nominating Committee will recommend the name of the Preschool Executive Committee Chair to be submitted to the First Parish of Norwell Nominating Committee for election by the voting members of First Parish of Norwell. The name to be submitted shall be approved by the members of the Alliance at their Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Preschool Executive Committee shall be an Alliance member and shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The chair may serve successive terms.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS

At each Annual Meeting there shall be elected by simple majority a Board comprised of a president, vice-President, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. All officers so elected shall serve for a term of one year until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting. These officers may be elected to serve successive terms.

Section 1. President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

These officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The President may appoint such committees as the work of the Alliance may require.

Section 2. Treasurer

The Treasurer:

- Is responsible for all moneys received or disbursed on behalf of the Alliance from whatever source and for whatever purpose.
- Keeps true and accurate accounts of all financial transactions of the Alliance, and shall make a written report of receipts and expenditures to the Alliance and to the First Parish of Norwell.
- Shall provide to the Auditor of the First Parish of Norwell all financial records for annual review.

ARTICLE 7. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

ARTICLE 8. STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

We affirm and promote the full participation of persons in all our activities without regard to race, color, gender, physical challenge, affectional or sexual orientation, age, national origin, or religious affiliation.

ARTICLE 9. DISSOLUTION

Should the Alliance cease to function and the membership vote to disband, any assets of the Alliance will be transferred to the First Parish of Norwell for its general purpose. This transfer shall be made in full compliance with applicable law.

ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any legal meeting by a 2/3rds vote of those present and voting provided the proposal has been set forth in writing at a previous regular meeting, and that notice shall have been given in the call for the meeting.