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**Special Membership Meeting Minutes  
New Thought Unity Center  
Sunday, July 10, 2011**

**Call to Order:** President Larry Watson announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Bill Eagen, Keeper of the Flame, led the opening prayer.

**Introductions:** President Watson introduced the Board members – Vice President Alice Frazier, Secretary Ann Royalty, Wayne Dorsey, Suzanne Scott, Leslie Sharp, Star Staubach – and Parliamentarian Ann Gilton. Treasurer Jo Keaveney was not present due to electrical problems in her apartment that prevented her from getting down the elevator.

**Mission, Vision and NTUC Intention:** Vice President Frazier led the assembly in the Vision statement, the Mission statement, and the NTUC Intention.

**Proposed Rules of Order:** Secretary Royalty read the Proposed Rules of Order for the meeting.

Ron Mrozek moved that we add a rule that discussion be limited to 45 minutes. The motion was seconded and the amendment passed.

The Rules of Order were adopted as amended.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** President Watson stated the purpose of this special membership meeting, namely, that the Board of Trustees on June 15, 2011 received a petition signed by 34 active members of New Thought Unity Center, requesting a special membership meeting for the purpose as stated on the petition:

“We the undersigned are requesting a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the immediate removal of Reverend Doris Hoskins as Senior Minister and CEO of New Thought Unity Center.”

President Watson then read the NTUC Bylaws pertaining to the calling of a special membership meeting:

According to the Bylaws in Article II, Section 5 b, Special Meeting:

1. *Requesting Special Meetings.* Any time the affairs of the ministry warrant, a special meeting may be requested by the minister(s); a majority vote of the members currently serving on the Board of Trustees; or a written petition hand signed by one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of the active membership submitted to the Board of Trustees.
2. *Calling Special Meetings.* Upon receiving proper request for a special membership meeting the President of the Board of Trustees shall call the meeting on behalf of the requesting party within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request. The location, notice, quorum, presiding officer, participation, voting, and prayer provisions for special membership meetings shall be the same as those for an annual meeting.
3. *Special Meeting Business.* Business conducted at a special meeting shall be limited to the pre-stated purpose(s) given in the meeting notice.

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**Motion:** President Watson read the motion: "The pending question is for the immediate removal of Reverend Doris Hoskins as Senior Minister and CEO of New Thought Unity Center."

**Discussion:** Per the adopted Rules of Order, the discussion period was limited to 45 minutes. Discussion lasted for the full 45 minutes. After President Watson announced the end of the discussion period, an attendee called for a minute of silent prayer.

**Call for Vote:** President Watson called for the vote. He first reread the motion, then instructed voters to mark only one box on their ballots. He also explained that "for removal" supports the motion and "against removal" is against the motion.

Ballots were collected and counted in the presence of the assembly by three tellers: Board Member Suzanne Scott, Congregant Patrino Mannino, and Parliamentarian Ann Gilton.

**Announce Results:** President Watson announced the results of the vote and declared the vote to be for the motion. Results of the vote were as follows:

**Total ballots cast: 161**

**Total blank ballots cast: 2**

**Total votes for removal: 80**

**Total votes against removal: 79**

**Closing Prayer:** Bill Eagen offered the closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Ann P. Royalty  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
New Thought Unity Center