

May 18, 2021

Subjects: 1) Request to attend Annual Meeting and Informational Meeting; 2) Status of UUC Building Reopening

Dear Members of UUC,

1) On behalf of the UUC Board, I am requesting that you attend our Annual Congregational Meeting, virtually, on Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 AM via this [Zoom link](#) (same as for Sunday services). Below is information on the items up for a vote. Please also attend the Informational Meeting on Sunday May 23, also at 11:30 AM (same [Zoom link](#) as above) for a discussion of these and to have your questions answered. We hope to keep the Annual Meeting on June 6 short, answering any remaining questions and voting.

I. Election of new officers of the Board. Bios for each candidate are available on our Annual Meeting web page: https://www.uucnr.org/annual-meeting_2021/.

President-elect (2-year term) – Nancy Bodenhorn
Board Secretary (2-year term) – Stephen Henninger
Member-at-Large (2-year term) – Gene Gardner

Continuing Board members are Bob Stimson (President); Mindy and Paul Quigley (co-serving as one), and Brandie Lemmon (Members-at-large).

II. Approval of the 2021–2022 UUC Budget available via this [link](#). (Password is uucnr1956.) I included a detailed description of our budget in my article in the [May newsletter](#). Since then, our pledges have increased significantly. As of this writing, we have received pledges totaling \$345,480, virtually eliminating our budget deficit. (Thank you, UUC!) Updated figures will be presented at both the Informational Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

III. Approval of a change to our Bylaws to add the Director of Lifespan Faith Development to the board as a non-voting member.

IV. Approval of a change to our Bylaws to allow people to join the Congregation by sending a letter of intention to do so in lieu of physically signing our book. This is in recognition of our Zoom presence having attracted prospective members who are at a distance. A redline version of the Bylaws changes is available at the [Annual Meeting website](#).

V. Adoption of the 8th Principle. As you are likely aware, this is an effort to promote working towards a diverse multicultural community by a group of UUs who are members of underrepresented groups and their supporters. They have been attempting to get formal institutional commitment from the UUA. A number of UU congregations have already committed to building Beloved Community and working to dismantle racism and other oppressions by adopting the 8th Principle and the Board has called us to vote on doing the same. More information can be found at [The 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism \(8thprincipleuu.org\)](http://The8thPrincipleofUnitarianUniversalism(8thprincipleuu.org)). Note that no motion to alter the language of the 8th Principle will be entertained.

VI. Authorization of the Board to enter into a contract with Baseline Solar (Patrick Feucht's company) to have them install solar panels on our roof at their expense and sell the power generated to us. We would pay them the same rate that we are paying our power company initially with a small annual escalation. We would have the option to buy the panels on our roof outright after 10 years on a decreasing scale that goes to zero after 20

years. This would allow us to live our environmental values without a significant up-front cost. Their full proposal is on the [Annual Meeting website](#).

In order to do the business at hand, we must have a quorum of 50% of our total membership either attending the Annual Meeting or by proxy. If you are unable to attend via Zoom on June 6, please ask a member who can attend to act as your proxy. Then send an email to our Administrator, Lisa Evanylo, at administrator@uucnrv.org naming who that person will be, or simply that you are requesting that another member serve as a proxy for you. This email will serve as your signature to allow a proxy to vote on your behalf. No member may serve as proxy for more than one absent member.

We will be voting on the above items as we did last year, using the Chat feature of Zoom. More details about that process will be explained at the May 23 Informational Meeting and in an announcement leading up to the Annual Meeting.

2) Due to the rapidly decreasing number of new COVID-19 cases in our area, the Board voted at our recent May meeting to re-open our building for gatherings of 25 or fewer people. Please contact our Administrator, [Lisa Evanylo](#), for more details and to reserve a space. Masks, social-distancing and a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person will still be required.

Please take a moment to complete the congregation-wide survey [at this link](#) meant to give the Board input on your feelings about returning to in-person services inside our building. We are asking for one submission per household (rather than one per person) and would love to get broad representation of the congregation.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom at our upcoming meetings!

Sincerely, Wayne Neu, President