

Congregational Conversation Notes  
January 7, 2007

In Attendance: Rev. Doug Kraft, Kate Throop, Rosmaire Duffey, Eve \_\_, Joyce Miller, Linda Hoganson, David McMorris, Terry Preston, Bill Eley, Peggy Middleton, Tiffany Urness.

UUSS Board President Kate Throop chaired the meeting.

The notes from the December 2, 2006 meeting were distributed.

There being no pre-announced topic, Kate invited topics from the attendees.

Linda Hogenson and David McMorris suggested that there is a need for a Communications Committee. The office often needs policy and guidance in this area. Such a committee could be in charge of a number of functions and tasks that no one now is clearly responsible for:

- Getting information out to the congregation
- External publicity
- Posting information to the Website
- UUSS Bulletin Boards
- Helping to come up with Unigram policies, such as whether to accept ads; bulk mail versus first class mail; how many printed copies and for whom; how to distribute; address changes
  - Investigating problems (several email-related problems were mentioned) and recommending solutions, such as whether or not to seek outside help, different software, a different service provider, etc.

Kate suggested that one way to initiate something like this would be for the Board to appoint a Task Force. They could get underway with the aim of creating a standing committee. The creation of a new standing committee may need to be put to a Congregational vote.

Doug asked how members would be recruited. Linda Hogenson indicated her interest. Kate hoped that Rev. Connie Grant would be involved, especially because of privacy issues that tend to come up in this area. It was mentioned that the January 1 issue of PCD Currents had an article on communications. [Note: It's online PR Manual for UU communications committees.]

An attendee asked why Mike Reynolds is resigning as Music Director. Kate said that Mike's letter of resignation that was read to the Board indicated that "creative

differences" about the role of music in the services played a part in his decision. Doug characterized the differences as difference in style, such as traditional versus casual.

The search committee for a new Music Director will be headed by Mary Howard, and consists of Kathy Whitney, Terry Throop, Erica Kraft and Julie Snider.

The next meeting will be February 4, 2007.

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