



Unitarian Universalist Church of South County

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November 20, 2005 Congregational Meeting Minutes Name Change

Call to Order, 12:40 p.m.

Count 58 members. Majority will be 30 votes. Please note that the attendance changed during the course of the meeting. Some members left before the meeting was over.

Tara Sayre went over the agenda regarding the process of the name change. First, we would vote on Church, Congregation, or Community as part of our name. Second, we would vote on having UU/Unitarian Universalist in the name, and third, we would vote on the descriptive names. Motion made to accept agenda. MSP.

Jim Semelroth made a motion that "Today, the members would determine the name of the organization." Dave Kinnear seconded the motion. Vote was 51 for and 5 opposed. Motion passed.

Comments were made that it was moving too fast to determine the name today, some members felt uncomfortable with the change.

Ruth McCoy made a motion to consider whether we wanted to change the name at all. Motion seconded. Vote was 48 for, 6 opposed.

J.P. Lenney made a motion to consider changing the order of the name change process. The motion was to vote for whether we wanted UU/Unitarian Universalist in the name first and then vote on Church, Congregation, or Community as part of the name. MSP.

Norelynn Pion-Goureau made a motion to include UU/Unitarian Universalist as part of the name. Motion seconded. Vote was 43 for, 11 opposed. 28 is the majority with 54 votes. **Unitarian Universalist** was selected as part of the name.

The next vote was on the descriptor's "Church, Congregation, Community, or none." This vote was a range of +2 (likes a lot) to -2 (really dislikes).

Vote Descriptor

	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>total votes</u>
Congregation	25	2				27
Community	8	1			1	10
Church	6	1			5	12
None	2				1	<u>3</u>
						52

27 is the majority needed with 52 votes. **Congregation** was selected.

Motion made to accept Congregation as part of the name. MSP.

Minister: Rev. John Millsbaugh; **Director of Religious Exploration:** Noelle Champagne;
Affiliated Community Minister: Rev. Sarah Gibb; **Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Robert Jordan Ross;
President: Lynn Cowan; **VP Finance:** Alan Hull; **VP Operations:** Tara Sayre; **Treasurer:** Penny Kinnear; **Secretary:** Terry Smith
Directors: Sal Nawaz, Margaret Pierce, Connie Pursell

The background of the selection of choices as well as pro and con comments for each of the names that were previously submitted was read to the congregation. Please see the attached document. Beside what was read, the following were additional comments that were made during the meeting:

All Souls: Jim Semelroth stated that when the two churches merged, the officers at that time decided that All Souls would not be part of the name.

Freedom: Bad acronym.

Living Tradition: Hymnal name. Lori Williams commented that it was too Christian.

Sacred Path: The comment was made that the word "Path" was hard to say. Sacred Path is also a right-wing Shinto group.

Tapestry: Norelynn Pion-Goureau commented that from a marketing standpoint, the name had fabulous possibilities.

Thomas Starr King: J.P. Lenney thought the name was decidedly male. More suited to a scholarship than a church name. The length of the name was too long.

The next round of voting was to pick 5 names scoring them +2, +1, 0, -1, -2. This round was an elimination round.

Vote Name -- First vote

This round was to surface polarities in the congregation, thus there was no tallying of the points—just used the negatives to weed out undesirable names to a significant portion of the congregation. For the vote with elimination, 10% with -2's = 6, 20% with -1's = 12 (or any combination of -2 and -1 >=12). Names which were not eliminated in the first vote are noted with an **: 1 vote was disqualified.

	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>
All souls	5	2	1	1	16
Covenant	2	2	0	4	10
Every Voice	4	1	0	1	14
Freedom	1	0	1	1	15
Living tradition	4	4	0	3	8
**Mosaic	11	7	0	1	5
Sacred path(s)	3	6	0	0	15
Seekers	0	1	0	2	16
**South County	21	1	1	2	3
**Tapestry	19	9	1	2	2
Thomas Starr King	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>

The three names that were not eliminated were Mosaic, South County, and Tapestry.

The second round of voting was to select a name from the three remaining names using one vote scoring a +2, +1, or 0. This was also an elimination round.

Name--Second vote

Using only the 0, +1, +2 categories, this round, points were tallied to give an overall score.

	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Total points</u>	<u># votes</u>
Mosaic	5	1		11	6
South County	19	1		39	20
Tapestry	20	2	1	42	23
Disqualified					<u>2</u>
					51

The third vote was between South County and Tapestry. The vote was just for one name or the other. South County received 20 votes and Tapestry received 28 votes for a total of 48 votes.

25 is the majority with 48 votes. **Tapestry** was selected.

Jim Semelroth made a motion to use the name, Tapestry, Congregation of Unitarian Universalists. Motion seconded. Dick Huddleston made a motion to amend the name to Tapestry, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Motion seconded. Vote was 29 for, 13 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.

Jay Keitahn moved to adjourn. MSP.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Acronyms

MSP Moved, seconded, and passed

Attachment:

Pros & Cons document (document is online)