

May 13, 2021

Dear Beloved Community,

This past year has been like no other yet like all other years we collectively gather in May for our annual Celebration and Planning Congregational Meeting. **Please join with the UUCB community via Zoom on Sunday, May 23, at approximately Noon** - after the conclusion of our worship service. We will honor our Schweitzer Medal recipients as well as our retiring Office Administrator, get church updates, appoint Nominating Committee members, and adopt a budget to fund priorities for the next fiscal year.

Zoom link information to attend meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/332046821>

Meeting ID: 332 046 821 Password: 810131

For access assistance contact: TechSupport@uucb.org

What will happen at the meeting:

We will celebrate the extraordinary work of Lonnie Moseley and Larry Nagel with our Schweitzer Medals, and express appreciation to our retiring Office Administrator Alisa Gould Sugden. Reports from Endowment Committee Chair Lenore Ralston and Capital Projects Committee Chair Tom Tripp will inform us about the status of our endowment funds and the repairs and improvements funded by endowment earnings.

The Board of Trustees is recommending an operating budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 of \$1.07 million, made possible by the generosity of pledges from congregants and the dedication of our Stewardship Team. Executive Director Tess Snook O'Riva will present the proposed budget for congregational approval, along with an annual financial report. Voting on budget approval will begin at the conclusion of the congregational meeting. (See "When and How to Vote" below)

Up for congregational approval for appointment to the Nominating Committee are Lynne Cahoon, Sandy Portillo-Robins, and Terry Stokes. They would join continuing members Victoria Bowen, Dayana Claghorn, Robin Cooper, Selene Fabiano, and Max Jenny, and fill the seats of Don Klose, Ariel Smith-Iyer, and Marta Tobey. The primary focus of the committee's work is to solicit candidates to run for the Board of Trustees. Voting on the new members will begin at the conclusion of the congregational meeting.

Proposed amendments to UUCB's bylaws by the Bylaws Committee were sent to congregants on May 2. Per provisions in the bylaws, voting on the proposed changes began on May 9 and will close at Noon on May 23, with the results announced at the meeting.

How to attend the meeting:

As we continue to gather remotely on-line to keep members of our community healthy and safe, our congregational meeting will take place like the last two such meetings - via the Zoom on-line platform at the link noted above. (As allowed by State of CA with approval of our Board of Trustees). UUCB 's (heroic and awesome) Tech Support Team will be on hand to assist members with any technical difficulties getting access (TechSupport@uucb.org).

The meeting will be conducted as similar as feasible to protocols as if we were meeting in-person. There will be a quorum call and members may raise their hands to be called upon to speak on the action items on the agenda.

When and how to vote:

Voting on the agenda and minutes will be done by a motion, second, and the raising of hands at the meeting, with the opportunity for amendments if needed.

Voting on Bylaws Amendments – Closes at Noon on May 23, 2021

Proposed Bylaws amendments from the Bylaws Committee were sent to members on May 2, 2021.

Voting on the proposed bylaws amendments was emailed to members on May 9 and mailed to members without email addresses. www.surveymonkey.com/r/BylawVoteUUCB. (Persons without an email address were sent a paper ballot and offered a phone alternative; see below regarding assistance) Per the Bylaws, voting closes once the congregational meeting begins.

Voting on Nominating Committee Members and Next Year's Budget

Voting on the Nominating Committee Members and the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget will begin at the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting on May 23 and close on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 8:00 pm. A link to vote will be emailed at the conclusion of the meeting to all members with email addresses on file; persons without email addresses may phone in their vote (see "Assistance" below).

Members may propose amendments to the proposed Nominating Committee Members and Budget items through a motion and a second at the congregational meeting; any such amendment motions will be voted on – by the raising of hands - during the Zoom meeting. Persons who wish to vote on items voted on during the meeting but are unable to raise their hand may contact TechSupport@uucb.org. The ballot for voting on the Nominating Committee members and on the Budget that will be sent to members at the conclusion of the congregational meeting will reflect any amendments approved by members at the meeting.

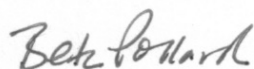
How to get assistance:

Persons without email access may phone in their vote to Jim Gasperini at 510-559-1897. Persons needing technical assistance may contact TechSupport@uucb.org.

See you there!

In reflecting on this past year, in my top tier of appreciation is the resilience of this community to create and innovate new ways to connect, grow in spirit, seek justice, and care for one another through our individual and collective challenges and opportunities. I hope to see you on Zoom on May 23 as we transition towards a year of new beginnings.

Warmly,



Beth Pollard
Board of Trustees President