

Freestone Congregational Meeting Packet

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Congregational Meeting and Vote
The Future of Freestone
Sunday, March 26, 2023
After the conclusion of Worship Service
In-person and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3844641385?pwd=VIE2NWlrRGZnZFlwQkg4SXFoVUo3Zz09>

Dear Members of UUCB,

Over the past year, the UUCB community has engaged in information gathering, sharing, and exploration to develop a proposal for our Freestone retreat property. Designed and led by Rev. Michelle, this deliberative process sought to bring a variety of perspectives together to find an acceptable congregational answer to the question: ***What next for Freestone?***

The outcome of the process is the [proposed resolution](#) approved by the Board of Trustees for a congregational vote. This resolution lays out a phased path towards safe, healthy and financially sustainable use of Freestone, while also recognizing the challenges in getting there. The milestones along this path for fundraising and improvements, and requirements for financial sustainability, permissible use, and protection against liability, are intended for UUCB to measure and determine, over time, whether or not we are successful.

Does the congregation wish for UUCB to embark upon the path for Freestone? That is the question before you in the vote on March 26, 2023.

- *YES VOTE on Resolution No. 22-1 = Keep Freestone under the described phased and conditional plan to renovate and reopen (see [Resolution language here](#))*
- *NO VOTE on Resolution No 22-1 = The Board of Trustees will take steps to sell the Freestone property*
- *Motion passage = Majority (50%+1) of the votes cast*

We urge you to get informed in advance of the March 26 vote by attending the following:

- March 16: Dialogue Sessions at 2 & 7 pm on [Zoom](#) (same link for both)
- March 19: Information and Q&A Session after service In Person, and livestreamed on [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#)
- March 22: Dialogue Sessions at 3 & 7 pm on [Zoom](#)(same link for both)

In addition, we encourage you to:

- Read the [agenda, proposed motion/resolution, the voting process, how to propose amendments, Freestone process timeline](#), and [background materials](#) (links also at the end of the email).
- Contact secretary@uucb.org for access to Board meeting videos.

Due to the significant importance and interest in the final vote on Freestone, the Board of Trustees has proposed a congregational motion to extend the time to vote on the final motion, for members not present in person, until April 1. This motion will be considered at the meeting prior to deliberation on Resolution No. 22-1.

To arrange for childcare, available until 2:00 pm on March 26, please contact Heaven Walker ahead of time at family.ministry@uucb.org. At 2:00 pm, the children will be returned to the Sanctuary (if the meeting is still underway).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to seeing you in-person or on Zoom Sunday, March 26, at the congregational meeting that will begin after the end of the worship service for this significant and meaningful decision on Freestone.

Warmly,

Helen Tinsley-Jones and Pier Sun Ho
Board Co-Presidents

[Agenda](#)

[Resolution No. 22-1 \(Motion on the Future of the Freestone Property\)](#)

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