

**Congregational Meeting and Vote
Freestone Milestones
Sunday, April 27, 2025
After the conclusion of Worship Service
In-person (in the Sanctuary) and on Zoom**

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Dear Members of UUCB,

In 2023, the UUCB community engaged in information gathering, sharing, and exploration to develop a proposal for our Freestone retreat property. 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 was Resolution 22-1 approved by the congregation on March 26, 2023. This resolution, included in this packet, laid 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, were intended for UUCB to measure and determine, over time, whether or not we were successful. Resolution No. 22-1 further authorized and directed the Board of Trustees to list the entire Freestone property for sale if any of the milestones were not met, and outlined a process for congregational determination for use of proceeds from such sale.

The first milestone - the raising of at least \$250,000 – has not been met. Resolution 22-1 called for these funds to be raised by December 1, 2024. The Board of Trustees allowed a modest amount of leeway to April 1, 2025 in consideration of a pending effort to raise the funds through sale of a portion of the property known as Lots 1 & 2. A sale is dependent upon successful drilling for well water, which as of now is still pending, to support development on those lots.

The Freestone Committee asked the Board to extend that first milestone and subsequent milestones. It is the position of the Board that those milestones were approved by the congregation and that only the congregation has the authority to make such changes. For this reason, as allowed for in our Bylaws, the Freestone Committee, by petition, called for a congregational meeting.

The motion that the Committee has submitted asks the congregation to approve the following modifications to Resolution 22-1, amended 3/26/2023:

A. Extend the date for completion of the first milestone, raising at least \$250,000, to September 30, 2025.

B. All subsequent milestone dates shall be extended in accordance with their original durations following the first milestone.

A YES VOTE on the Petition's motion = You support the motion as submitted by petition or as amended at the congregational meeting. The motion as submitted would extend each of the milestone dates in the 3-26-23 Resolution for ten months. The Freestone Committee will continue efforts to find water on Freestone Lots 1 & 2, raise the \$250,000 required for the first milestone, and fulfill the other milestones

A NO VOTE on Petition's motion = Maintain the original milestone dates in the 3-26-23 Resolution 22-1. The Board of Trustees will take steps to sell the Freestone property.

Motion passage = Majority (50%+1) of the votes cast

In preparing for this meeting, we encourage you to read the following:

- [Agenda 4-27-25 Congregational Meeting - revised](#)
- [Resolution 22-1 on Future of Freestone- amended 3-26-23](#)
- [3-30-25 Freestone Petition - verified by Board Secretary](#)
- [Freestone Oversight Committee Report to Congregation 2-2025](#)
- [Freestone Committee Support Statement and FAQ](#)

If you are interested in delving more into the process and documents shared in the lead up to the 2023 vote on Freestone, you can find additional information in this link:

[Freestone Background Materials](#)

Members attending the meeting in person will vote by paper ballot. Members attending via Zoom will be able to vote electronically.

Childcare will be available until 1PM.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to seeing you in-person or on Zoom Sunday, April 27, at the congregational meeting that will begin after the end of the worship service for this decision on Freestone.

Warmly,

Kay Fairwell
Board President