

# Determining the Future of UUCB's Freestone Retreat Property

## Goals:

- to achieve a result that is financially sustainable for the congregation and is mission-oriented
- to provide opportunities for members of the congregation to be fully informed on the issues and to express their views and feelings on the issues
- to move towards healing the hurt that has been done in the past
- to develop a proposal that is acceptable to as many members of the congregation as possible
- to discuss the issues openly, transparently, flexibly, and in the spirit of UUCB's congregational covenant and UU values

## Process and Timeline:

- **Approval of Timeline** – January & February
- **Information Gathering Phase** – February & March
- **Education Phase** – March & April
- **Information and Sharing Phase** – April
- **Exploration of History** – late May
- **Visits to Freestone** – June – August
- **Progress Report and Summary** shared with the board and congregation – early September
- **Sharing Discussion Groups**
  - In person, Sundays after the service, 8/28/22, 9/4/22, 9/11/22, 9/25/22
  - On zoom, Mondays 9/12 and 9/19 at 7pm
- **Additional Information Sharing & Conversations**
  - Board meeting, 9/7/22 at 7pm on zoom
  - *Tentative:* Conversation with Sonoma County real estate attorney, questions to be submitted in advance, on zoom
  - *Tentative:* Panel discussion with various UUCB members, on zoom
- **Problem-Solving Phase** – Sept – Oct
  - Session 1: brainstorming alternatives and possibilities on the issues – 9/17/22 in person
  - Additional opportunity to participate in brainstorming – 9/26/22 at 7pm on zoom
  - Session 2: discussion of the possibilities – 10/1/22 in person
  - Board plus key stakeholders discusses possibilities/proposals and forms agenda for congregational vote – 10/5/22
- **Decision-Making Phase** – Oct
  - Special congregational meeting scheduled and notice sent to congregation
  - Town Hall Q&A sessions – 10/16/22 (in person and streamed) and 10/17/22 (on zoom)
  - Special congregational meeting in 10/23/22
- **Closure of Process** – November prior to Thanksgiving
  - Written report prepared by the interim minister for the board and congregation
  - Closing reconciliation worship service with re-covenanting and community building

*All programs listed on zoom will be recorded and available for viewing afterwards, with the exception of the sharing circles. A summary and a number of supporting documents may be found in a Google Drive folder. The link may be found at <https://uucb.org/community/freestone-retreat-in-sonoma> via the blue button that says "Click here for documents."*

*This is an intense process on an intense matter, and let us endeavor to keep relationships and the best of UUCB foremost in our minds as we engage in this process and to allow our covenant, shared values, and shared interest for UUCB to guide us.*