

Members and Friends of UUSRF,

First of all, may the joy of the holiday season spread warmth and joy to all of you.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Visioning Forum; we received excellent and thoughtful responses and thoughts about the future direction of the Society. Donna Miller did a wonderful job capturing the thoughts and statements of all participants. We have taken those statements and consolidated them into 3 Groups with specific thoughts listed as shown.

Group A Ministerial Structure

Support for minister, “point person”, public face in community: Six people mentioned some form of support for this.

Support for structure (specifically structure or framework, more than point person): Four people expressed strong support for this.

Support for a lay-led structure: Six people support lay-led, two of these specifically mentioned UUA training for it.

Group B Membership and Community

Desire to increase membership: Lots of support for this; ten people spoke to it, some with specific suggestions.

Need for more publicity: Six people mentioned this specifically.

Need for more community outreach (slightly different from publicity): Three people mentioned ways to do this.

Group C Society Support

Support for serving the Society in ways beyond Sunday AM services: Seven people spoke about various ways to do this.

After discussion at the December Board meeting, we have determined the next steps.

The plan is to create 3 task forces (consisting of 5 people each for best productivity). Each task force would hopefully be comprised of at least 3 people who spoke to that concern during the forum. The task force would choose a leader from among the members, who would be responsible for communications among their team and with the Board. The purpose of the task force is to create a mini vision for the group’s focus, along with the necessary steps required to fulfill the vision.

The Board requested that the task forces be formed ASAP, with reports submitted to the Board by January 31, 2019. Please let either Donna Miller or Brad Moore know if you are interested in being part of a task force.

Secondly, during the Forum, we requested each person and each committee prepare their own vision for the next 5 years and send them to either Donna or Brad. This way the Board will best be able to consolidate the various ideas, plans and resources needed to prepare a solid vision for UUSRF. These are also due by January 31.

Thank you for participating in the true democracy of UUSRF with Wisdom, Justice, and Compassion.

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