

UUSMC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2017

The UUSMC Board of Trustees met briefly following a Strategic Planning Workshop at Mill Creek.

Attendees: Judy Pappenhagen, Steven Selph, Helen Springer, Seetha Coleman-Kammula, David Bonner, Ram Ray, Rev. Greg Pelley,

There were two items of business to discuss: 1) Possible co-sponsorship of an amendment to the UUA by-laws, thus supporting the inclusion of the amendment on the Agenda of the General Assembly; and 2) scheduling the next formal meeting of the Board of Trustees in January, 2018.

1) Background: The 2016 Joseph Priestley District Assembly delegates authorized the District Board of Directors to accomplish regionalization of the District into the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Accordingly, the District Board has been transferring financial, administrative, and governance responsibilities to various parts of the Central East Region or to the greater Unitarian Universalist Association, as appropriate. An important piece remains: assuring bi-directional governance linkage between the Congregations of the Joseph Priestley District and the UUA Board of Trustees.

To this end the Board of Directors of the Joseph Priestley District has proposed an amendment to the UUA bylaws that would require the UUA Board of Trustees to establish formal governance linkage with Congregations. The Joseph Priestley District Board has asked Congregations to co-sponsor this amendment to the bylaws, in accordance with bylaw 15.2, which allows for 15 congregations to put a bylaw amendment on the Agenda of the General Assembly.

The UUSMC Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to co-sponsor the proposed amendment. More information about the background of this amendment is available at www.tinyurl.com/jpdamend.

2) The UUSMC Board agreed that its next meeting will be held January 18, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Helen Springer, Secretary