

SLIDE #1

TOWN HALL MEETING

October 2, 2013

SLIDE #2 WELCOME

Good evening. I am Linda Ice, President of the Congregation, and am pleased to welcome you to our second Town Hall Meeting. We will begin our time this evening with the lighting of our chalice.

SLIDE #3 CHALICE LIGHTING

SLIDE #4 INTERIM TASK FORCE

I am pleased to announce that the following Westside members have accepted a position to serve on the Interim Task Force:

- Walt McConathy
- Mark McMurry
- Alvin Migdal
- Andrea Petty and
- Robert Slane

I will serve as facilitator at these meetings, at least initially. I feel confident that this committee will give due diligence to the task at hand and will serve our congregation well. I am certain that I speak for everyone when I say we are very appreciative of their willingness and commitment to the challenge!

SLIDE # 5

The Task Force will hold their organizational meeting two weeks from tonight. To remind you, they will be developing an application packet to be submitted to the UUA Transitions office in January. The Transitions office will match us with 3 to 5 interim candidates and we will have approximately one week in April to interview and

select the candidate of our choice. If, by chance, a “match” is not made, we will either pursue the second round of candidates or go back to “square one”! But, I choose to remain confident that we will find someone who can meet our needs and desires as we approach our interim ministry.

SLIDE #6 CONTRACT MINISTER

At our last regular meeting, the Board of Directors made the decision to have the Interim Task Force develop a job description and seek a contract minister. No parameters of responsibilities, time frame of service or salary have been determined. We are still gathering input on these matters and welcome your ideas, suggestions and concerns to help make these decisions.

SLIDE #7 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Joy Counts is the Chair of the Lang Range Planning Committee and they have taken a very proactive role in the development of a congregational survey to be presented for the congregation’s completion after the first of the year. The goal of this committee and survey is to better define the direction our church wants to take, general feelings about UU religious beliefs, humanism, social actions, children’s education, adult education and many other important issues. We have added many new members to our community since the last survey and we want to address the needs and desires that will meet our “new profile”. To assist in accomplishing this, the Long Range Planning Committee will provide the opportunity for standing committees and individual members to make suggestions for the questions they feel need inclusion in this survey. Your ideas may be presented in two ways. Either by email to lrpc@westsideuu.org or by a note placed in a suggestion box located at one end of the committee table each Sunday. They welcome your input!

Slide #8 Q & A

At this time, we will open the floor to questions and comments. We will keep our format the same as in September: if you have a question that you would like to present this evening, please line up alongside the south wall of the sanctuary and as it is your turn, state your name and question into the mic. We will ask you to hold your question or comment to two minutes this evening to better ensure that everyone will have the opportunity to ask their question. Time will be allowed for response from me, Russell or another member of the board. _____ will serve as our timekeeper.

If you prefer to write your question, please state your question on one of the provided notecards and place it in the basket here at the front table. One of our directors will be reviewing the questions to avoid duplication and we will allow time toward the end of the evening for these questions to be answered.

Secretary, Reed Bilz and Vice-President, Cindy Fountain will be taking notes of your questions and comments. We wish to ensure that your questions are answered completely, either this evening or after further research and review!

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WRAP UP

Once again, on behalf of the board, Russell and myself, I would like to thank you for your attendance this evening. We will continue to post updates on the Ministerial Transitions link under Church Business on the church website. The next Town Hall meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6th and we invite you to come back that evening as we continue to keep our lines of communication open!

And now, as we rise in body or spirit, Director, _____ will offer our Closing Words.

SLIDE #9 CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISH CHALICE

SLIDE #10 CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING

Let us go in peace,

believe in peace,

and create peace in our lives and in the world.

SLIDE #11 NEXT MEETING DATE