

# Worship Service Roundup: January 10

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From the Moderator, Fern Culhane:

Greetings Restoration Family,

On Jan. 3, the Board held its monthly meeting. We mapped out the final stages of this long, participatory decision-making journey we have been on to determine if it is time to change our name. We have consulted folks with professional legal backgrounds and those with intimate knowledge of our By-Laws. We are clear that voting to amend the By-Laws in order to change the name, plus some legal paperwork and fees, are the required final steps and should not be delayed any longer than necessary. The Board needs one last collection of information to see if there is sufficiently strong support for a name change and, if so, to select the one name to propose from the three that have been discussed. Consequently, we will be mailing to all members a Name Change Preference Form. A postcard was sent to all members about this calling the form a "Ballot," but in fact it is a preference form. It will ask for your feelings about the possible name change and your preference(s) between the following three choices:

**Mt. Airy Unitarian Universalists**  
**Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy**  
**Unitarian Universalists in Mt. Airy**

Of course, you will be able to indicate that you prefer our current name as well.

After filling out the sheet, we ask you to return it in the provided stamped pre-addressed envelope as soon as possible. We want to have all the information back at the church by Jan. 29 so that we can tabulate the data for the Feb. 7 Board Meeting. If there is sufficiently strong support for the name change, we will announce a special congregational meeting for a Sunday in February. We will work out a way for Non-ZOOM participants to vote, too.

The actual anonymous vote to amend By-Laws Article I, in order to change the name of our community, will happen at that congregational meeting. Article XII of the By-Laws specifies that adoption of an amendment requires at least a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

To continue the goals we have held for this process of inclusion and transparency we are looking for maximum participation in responding with the Name Change Preference Form. The envelope that you will use to return your sheet will have a numerical code on it that will be noted by Desi or McKinley so they can check who might not have received the mailing or might be having difficulty filling it out. After Jan. 29, the Board will be contacting all members (names communicated from Desi or McKinley) that we have not yet heard from to make sure they received the form, and to make arrangements to help in whatever way might be needed, including a second Name Change Preference Form delivered by hand (a gloved one, of course!) and then delivery back to the church as well.

As we said at the December Town Hall, the thoughts and opinions of our Restoration friends do matter to us, but our By-Laws require that all official decisions be made by members. An email will be sent to all UUCR friends on record soliciting their feelings and preferences. We encourage them to communicate their thoughts via an email reply. All comments will be shared for the Feb. Board Meeting.

The Board acknowledges and continues to appreciate the work that the Name Change Committee did for and with us, and everyone involved in exploring our possible name change. As we bring this process to a close, we know we have learned much and deepened our connections with each other, regardless of the outcome. Thank you all!

Sincerely, Fern Culhane  
Moderator of the Restoration Board of Trustees

### **Announcements**

- Re-watch Sunday's Service here: <https://boxcast.tv/view/worship-375966>
- Rev. Chester McCall's memorial will be held on Saturday 1/16 at 5pm EST. The service will hopefully be live streamed from our homepage/Boxcast service.
- See you for Friday Night Live this Friday 1/15!

### **Joys and Concerns**

After a series of very unfortunate events, Rev. McKinley lost the chat from the Worship Zoom on Sunday. Please send any notices or prayer requests to him at [minister@uurestoration.us](mailto:minister@uurestoration.us). We apologize!