

1st U-U Church of Detroit

March 28, 2010: Congregational Meeting

President Marilyn Mitchell called the Congregation to order at 12:30 pm in McCollester Hall for information sharing purposes about our current status. Our mortgage was burned.

Purpose of the Meeting: The congregational meeting is called for members to be able to express themselves about (1) their wishes for the future of 1st U-U at Cass & Forest on building use matters issues and staffing issues (2) Board members are asked to listen to what members say with an open mind to get a sense of what the Congregation is thinking and (3) acknowledgement of a weak financial situation as we go into the future.

Ground Rules for Speaking: No one gets to speak twice until each person who wishes to speak has had one chance.

Remarks from Rev. Drew Johnston: Explanation of handout distributed to those present showing the history of church events in flow chart mode and Partial Summary of the Plan.

Location and Building Usage.: Many opinions and ideas expressed from the speakers. An informal show of hands indicting the following: Majority of those members present indicated they would prefer a way to unburden us of the buildings, but a if there is a way to still hold services in the Sanctuary that would be very attractive. "The essence is the congregation, not the building" to quote one member.

Staffing Issues: Discussion indicating a wide range of viewpoints from speakers. By an informal show of hands the majority of those present indicated that full professional staffing would be preferable to part time professional or lay leaders.

Action Item (1): Congregation invited to email more thoughts, ideas to Board members.

Action Item (2): Formation of Task Force to discuss housing issues for congregation. Those interested gave names to President Mitchell. Volunteers include Katherine Maurer, Lee Gaddies, Len Zettel, Cynthia ZurSchmiede, Robert Johnson, Julie Brock, Yvanne Ham, Sean Gray, Sharon Mills, Lencha Acker, Dan Secrest, Maysel Brooks, Jan Thompson, Rhonda Rodgers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at a special Board of Trustees Meeting on March 31, 2010.

Alma King, Secretary

