

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES / MINISTERIAL SEARCH TEAM

## CALL TO MEETING

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation



Unity Church will hold its Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to participate either in-person in the Sanctuary or online via Zoom (watch for the link). Join us for a pancake breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The annual meeting packet, including an agenda, will be sent by email to eligible voting members in early November. This year the annual meeting business will include a vote on Unity's bylaws, the election of new trustees, and a vote to approve the 2024 budget (if you haven't made your 2024 pledge, please do so today: [unityunitarian.org/annual-pledge.html](https://unityunitarian.org/annual-pledge.html)).

All are welcome to attend; only eligible voting members can vote. Eligible voting members include those who have signed the membership book and have made an identifiable pledge in the current or upcoming year and made a payment on that pledge. If you wish to become a voting member before the annual meeting, please contact Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org) to arrange a private ceremony.



## Ministerial Search Team: What's Next?

Jennie Smith, on behalf of the Ministerial Search Team

*Engaging Awareness, Disrupting Dominance*

Facilitated by Alfonso Tomás Wenker, [alfonsowenker.com](https://alfonsowenker.com)

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Sanctuary

You've shared your hopes and dreams at cottage meetings, through the congregational survey, in emails and informally at coffee hour in Parish Hall.

This workshop represents the next step in the search process. Alfonso will guide us through deep discussions to help us in our preparations for a new minister. During the workshop we'll delve into the truths about ourselves and the congregation, in the context of the search. We'll create space for meaningful reflection on the implications of these truths, and how we can take action.

This is an opportunity to deepen into more rigorous practice of noticing how our preferences show up when we care deeply. We'll practice moving from our individual wants, into how to make choices in service of the collective "we."

### *Gratitude for this Important Work*

The work of finding our next settled senior minister is not solely the responsibility of seven volunteers elected by the congregation. As a community, your support is sacred and invaluable. The Ministerial Search Team (MST) sincerely appreciates your engagement as we navigate this process, together. We know it stems from a deep sense of caring and community to Unity, and to one another.

We extend our gratitude to:

- Each of you who attended cottage meetings and completed the congregational survey, you shared your aspirations and took time to listen to others.
- The Unity staff and Executive Team for their support and patience in communications, meeting arrangements, insights into operations, and assisting the MST in various ways in this work.
- Reverend Kathleen, for her dedication to the congregation and MST, providing us with invaluable guidance and wisdom.
- The Board of Trustees for a warm welcome, ongoing support, and extensive knowledge of Unity's mission and ends.
- The 2000 and the 2022 search teams. We have greatly benefited from your experience, diligent efforts (including your documentation) and of course, your unwavering care and commitment to our congregation.
- Our own families and friends for their patience and flexibility as we invest significant time to Unity.
- Lastly, as one person writing on behalf of seven — I express gratitude to my search colleagues. I am constantly inspired by your insight, compassion, commitment, and humor. Each time we meet, I leave with renewed excitement for Unity's future!

Thank you, all, for being in covenant and relationship with us as we continue this transformative work.

To connect with the MST, please visit the ministerial transitions webpage at [unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html](https://unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html), stop by our table in Parish Hall on Sundays, check out the MST bulletin board (near the kitchen), or send an email to [mst24@unityunitarian.org](mailto:mst24@unityunitarian.org).