

Unity Church-Unitarian
Meeting Minutes of The Special Meeting of the Congregation
April 18, 2021

Voting Members in Attendance: 221

Meeting Agenda & Notes:

1:00 pm	Welcome and Introduction
	Clover Earl called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm
1:05 pm	Opening Reading and Chalice Lighting
	Louise Livesay-Al read the opening reading and Clover Earl lit the chalice
1:10 pm	Zoom Tips & Tricks
1:15 pm	Main Business: Reading of the resolution and discussion
	Clover Earl read the attached resolution (see Attachment 1 below). Peggy Lin moved to approve the resolution. Grant Wacker seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
1:50 pm	Closing Reading and Extinguishing the Chalice
	Clover Earl extinguished the Chalice and closed the meeting at 1:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alex Askew, Secretary.

Attachment 1:

Resolution
Janne Eller-Isaacs, Minister Emerita
Rob Eller-Isaacs, Minister Emeritus

Whereas Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs served Unity Church with dedication, vision, and distinction as Senior Co-Ministers for 21 years, from 2000 to 2021 supporting our faith within, among, and beyond our congregation.

Whereas *within* Unity Church, Janne and Rob have consistently modeled and invited each member to cultivate a daily spiritual practice; helped us become aware of our white privilege as a predominately white congregation and, for those members who are white, also as individuals, and effectuated change toward realizing the Beloved Community; and embodied ministry as a shared practice by implementing outreach ministry teams and a worship associates program, and cultivated a lay-led lifespan religious education program.

Whereas *among* our faith denomination, Janne and Rob have served as a beacon of liberal faith in the St. Paul, Twin Cities, and larger UUA communities by putting forth a vision for our faith to be a catalyst of the Beloved Community; guided a capital campaign to renovate the church to make us welcoming and accessible to the larger community, living into full radical hospitality; fully established Unity Church as a teaching congregation, having mentored and taught dozens of ministerial interns within our faith; and been leaders in our denomination through service to the Unitarian Universalist Association, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, Prairie Star District, and MidAmerica Region, to name a few.

Whereas *beyond* our community, Janne and Rob have created bonds with communities through partnerships with our partner church in Homorodszentpeter, as well as Malawi, Bolivia, New Orleans, and the Holdeen Project in India; and served as leaders in the Minnesota community on human rights, racial justice, immigrant rights, and voting rights.

Whereas after twenty years of distinguished service, Janne and Rob generously agreed to delay their retirement by one year, at the request of the Board of Trustees, due to the COVID pandemic.

Whereas Janne and Rob have provided limitless pastoral care to Unity Church members and friends in moments of celebration, need, pain, loss, and while facing their final days with dignity, compassion, and love.

Whereas Janne and Rob have brought ritual and sacred meaning within our congregation to all stages of life, rites of passage, and spiritual threshold moments from birth to death.

Whereas Janne and Rob have shared a ministry with the Unity Church congregation and community that has touched the hearts and changed the lives of countless people by being wise spiritual guides with a vast understanding of the human condition, helping us lead lives of integrity, service, and joy.

Be it resolved that the members of Unity Church-Unitarian confer on Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs the title of Minister Emerita and Emeritus of Unity Church.