*The Moral Owners of Unity Church-Unitarian are members
of Unity Church-Unitarian and others who yearn for the Beloved Community
and see Unity Church-Unitarian as an instrument for its realization.
The Beloved Community is engaged in the work of the spirit. It is community
at the highest level of reality and possibility, where love and justice prevail.*

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January 29, 2023

Greetings, Unity Church!

Each January, your Board of Trustees gathers for a weekend retreat. We spend concentrated time together, with the church's Executive Team (ET), to coalesce as a group with newly elected trustees, to set priorities for the upcoming year, and to establish committees and plan our work. This year we were committed to deciding when to begin Unity's next search for a settled minister.

On Saturday morning we set out to answer the question: *Is Unity Church ready to begin the search this year, or should we postpone until 2024*? This is the board's decision to make, and our discussions were dynamic and lasted several hours. The ET is the board's prime informant, and as such, it is their responsibility to thoughtfully share their reflections and perspectives, without indicating a preference.

The board met again on the Wednesday evening following our retreat for deeper discernment. We heard new insights from the ET, that they realized, belatedly, were not shared at the Saturday retreat. After much deliberation, we reached consensus to move forward with the search process beginning this spring, with the goal of having a new senior/settled minister in place by August 2024.

There is still much work to be done, which includes reviewing our by-laws, ensuring congregational understanding of the process, and of course, forming a search committee. Your board is eager to come together as a community of people, all of whom love this church, with a commitment to the promise of co-creating Beloved Community.

In Service,
Unity Church-Unitarian Board of Trustees