

UUCS Annual Congregational Meeting
June 28, 2020

1. The UUCS annual congregational meeting was held via Zoom on June 28, 2020. There were 45 members in attendance, which met the requirements for a quorum. We have 87 members and need 30% to establish a quorum.
2. The objectives for the meeting were to:
 - Provide the state of the congregation
 - Summarize this year's activities
 - Elect the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee
 - Approve the 2020-2021 Budget
3. The board President, Zubair Suri discussed the current state of the congregation. In particular, he summarized our response to the Covid-19 pandemic. For this, we stopped holding in-person Sunday services and instead held on-line service over YouTube. Coffee Hours were held over Zoom. The regular small group meetings and business meetings were held via Zoom. It appears that this situation will continue for some months. Additionally, as a result of declining pledges and reduced subtenant rent payments, we will not have funds to retain our current lease beyond December 2020. We have established a facility search committee to look at alternatives to our current facility and recommend options.
4. Zubair also discussed the key activities for the board this past year. With Rev Aileen just being installed, we worked to support her settlement into this new position and help her to be successful. We also restarted our social justice program. We extended our financial support from last year's Backpack Coalition to also include Mobile Hope. We've have several meetings to glean ideas for coming events and activities. The Covid-19 pandemic transformed how we connected with each other and the board worked with the teams supporting the production of Sunday services to move to an online format. Over these months, we've gotten better at broadcasting the services and including music with the service. Zubair challenged next year's board to continue to increase our social justice activities and to create a leadership development capability. Zubair took a few questions/comments from the congregation:
 - Christian Straubhaar-Jones suggested that the nominating committee maintain a handout for prospective board and nominating committee nominees that describes the roles and expectations of the job.
 - Roshan Chaddha reiterated the need for leadership development and agreed on creating a handout for the board positions.
 - Michael Masiak suggested that we expand our tech committee that produces the Sunday service and optimize our web presence.
5. The board Secretary, Mark Lorenz, announced the results of the ballots that were cast for the three questions. We had a total of 51 absentee ballots. All ballots approved the election of the 2020-2021 board and the nominating committee, and all ballots approved the budget.
6. The new President, Hannah Hamilton, thanked everyone for the hard work this past year. She also explicitly thanked the departing board members, Zubair Suri and Kim Fitzgerald for their leadership.
7. The meeting was then adjourned.

