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To: **BBUUC Members**

From: **Your Board**

Subject: **Notice and Preparatory Materials for the February 8, 2015 Congregational Meeting**

As 2015 brings us to our 25th year as a Unitarian Universalist congregation, we have much to celebrate, to lift up, and to dream about together. Changes are inevitable—a necessary part of our health and vitality. Changes can set the stage for growth and enrichment, allowing us to better live our mission, support our members and effectively serve our community. In this vein, we have some new and important decisions to make.

On Sunday, February 8, 2015 we will have a light luncheon after the service consisting of finger foods which won't require a lot of fuss, utensils to wash and extensive cleanup. A Congregational Meeting will be held after the service at 12:15pm. We will call for a vote to hire the Reverend Jack Ford as a half-time contract Minister and to approve Bylaw amendments presented by our Bylaw Task Force. Child care will be provided during the meeting

Attached you will find the proposed Bylaw amendments recommended by the Bylaw Task Force, along with a brief explanation of the rationale behind them. Please look over these proposed amendments before the meeting. Because we are voting on Bylaw revisions, we will require 40% of our membership present to conduct business. Wouldn't it be great if we had *over* half of our members present, or *more*?

We have conducted a number of Town Hall meetings about the hiring of Rev. Ford as our half-time contract minister. The congregation will be asked to vote to approve hiring Rev. Ford beginning this March for a three-year term, renewable by mutual consent of the Board and Rev. Ford at the end of the first and second year. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any member of the Ministry Task Force (Linda Mowers, Don DeStephano, Dale Crawford, Pam Richards, Don Repass, Tara Crisp), or your Board representatives, and they will be happy to talk to you. The draft of the Letter of Agreement for Contract Ministry will be available next week on the member's area of the website, and copies will also be available at church on the Sunday, February 1.

We hope to see all of you at this important meeting after the service on February 8!



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Congregational Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2015 • 12:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
(40% of Membership for super quorum with 4/5 majority to pass)
3. Presentation of proposal to hire Rev. Jack Ford as Half-time Contract Minister
 - a. Action on proposal via paper ballot
4. Presentation of proposed Bylaw Changes
 - a. Action on proposed Bylaw Changes via show of voting cards
5. Words from the Floor
6. Adjourn

