

Dear UUFP Members,

You have received (or will shortly receive) a letter from our Planning Committee inviting you to a meeting on June 24th to affirm the our Values and Mission. This is a Special Membership Meeting, per our Bylaws Article IV, Section B.

After a year of “trying on” our Mission — *Grow in Wonder, Connect in Love, Engage in Service, Inspire Generosity* — it is time for us to decide if this wording embodies the essential Values of our fellowship and serves as a basis for developing our Vision. Mission underlies and supports everything that happens here at UUFP and thus serves as the starting point for the development of our Vision and Goals. The decision to affirm a Mission is a vital issue for this congregation and everyone’s participation is needed.

The Planning Committee will give a presentation on the Mission and the process going forward. A vote (by paper ballot) will then follow on affirming that the Mission, as articulated above, gives us a basic statement of our Values and points us in the direction we need to go. To accomplish this, the following changes to our Bylaws will be proposed:

Strike the current Article I, Section C and replace with the following: “*Mission:* The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula is to Grow in Wonder, Connect in Love, Engage in Service, and Inspire Generosity.” Strike the current Article I, Section D and add the following to the end of Article I, Section B: “We offer a safe place for spiritual diversity and individual growth through lifelong religious education and service to the community. We honor our Unitarian Universalist principles and heritage.”

(A version of Article I showing the resulting changes may be found in the attachment. Note that, since the Mission will guide the work of developing new Vision and Goals, the wording of Section D is no longer named “Vision” but is otherwise retained by moving it to Section B.)

As this is a vital issue, a 40% quorum is required, per our Bylaws Article IV, Section C. Absentee ballots will be available on request. (Proxy votes are not permitted.) Please make plans to attend the Special Membership Meeting on June 24th, starting at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary, and be a part of establishing a foundation for building our future together.

Jim Sanderson, President, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula
for the UUFP Policy Board

Article I. NAME, PURPOSE AND MISSION

A. *Name:* This Fellowship shall be named the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula (hereinafter “Fellowship” or “UUFP”).

B. *Purpose:* The Purpose of this Fellowship is to encourage religious tolerance and to support individual spiritual growth, further individual freedom, discipleship to advancing truth, the democratic process in human relationships, brotherhood and sisterhood undivided by nation, race or creed, and allegiance to the cause of a peaceful world community. Relying upon reason and compassion as our guide, and giving freedom to our method, we seek to grow in understanding of ourselves and of our world, to promote and serve the universal human family. We offer a safe place for spiritual diversity and individual growth through lifelong religious education and service to the wider community. We honor our Unitarian Universalist principles and heritage.

C. *Mission:* ~~The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula is to create a dynamic community that celebrates life and searches for truths.~~ The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula is to Grow in Wonder, Connect in Love, Engage in Service, and Inspire Generosity.

D. *Vision:* ~~We offer a safe place for spiritual diversity and individual growth through lifelong religious education and service to the wider community. We honor our Unitarian Universalist principles and heritage.~~