

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY SURVEY 2019–2020

This year the Committee on Ministry is leading an exploration of where we stand as a congregation with respect to our spiritual development. How well, as a congregation, do we support individual spiritual journeys? The goal is to have a report for the Board of Trustees by the end of the congregation year, giving us more concrete answers to this question. Are we the same congregation that we were when last surveyed in 2012? Have our needs changed? Is CUUC meeting those needs in a way that enhances our spiritual lives? *This survey has five parts and takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.* **THE SURVEY WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MON FEB 10.**

Part I: YOUR BACKGROUND

1. Are you a Member who has signed the membership book, or a Friend who attends CUUC but has not signed as a formal member?

☐ Yes, I am a Member ☐ Yes, I am a Friend ☐ No, I am not a Member or Friend

2. Approximately how many years have you attended CUUC?

☐ Less than two ☐ Two to five ☐ Five to ten ☐ Ten to twenty ☐ More than twenty

3. What was your previous religious/spiritual background? _____

4. What beliefs, teachings, or practices (including other religious traditions) are part of your spiritual life? _____

5. What was your childhood religious education experience? _____

Part II: CUUC IN THE PAST

What INITIALLY brought you to CUUC? What part of the CUUC experience was important to you when you first started attending? Please circle the following in order of importance to your spiritual life and practices:

(1) = Very Important, to (5) = Not Important/Not Applicable

A. Sunday Services in the Past

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| 6. Ritual | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 7. Sermons | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 8. Music | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 9. Children integrated into the service | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 10. Coffee Hour | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 11. Other, please explain _____ | | | | | |

B. Community/Friendships in the Past

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| 12. Sense of common purpose | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 13. Social interaction/friendships | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 14. Coffee Hour | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 15. Formal and informal support,
such as Caring and Sharing Circle | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 16. Social Justice | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 17. Journey Groups | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 18. Interaction with Minister | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 19. Other, please explain _____ | | | | | |
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C. Religious Education in the Past

In the past have you (the adult responding to this survey):

20. Participated in RE classes or youth group during Sunday morning worship? ☐ Yes ☐ No
21. Participated in RE offerings at other times, e.g., after worship or Friday nights? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have children, in the past have they:

22. Participated in RE classes or youth group held during Sunday worship? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
23. Participated in RE offerings at other times, e.g., after worship or Fridays? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
24. Additional comments _____
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Part III. CUUC IN THE PRESENT

What parts of the CUUC experience are important to you NOW? Please circle the following in order of importance to your spiritual life and practices.

(1) = Very Important, to (5) = Not Important/Not Applicable

A. Sunday Services Now

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| 25. Ritual | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 26. Sermons | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 27. Music | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 28. Children integrated into the service | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 29. Coffee Hour | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 30. Other, please explain _____ | | | | | |
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B. Community/Friendships Now

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 31. Sense of common purpose | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 32. Social interaction/friendships | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 33. Coffee Hour | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 34. Formal and informal support,
such as Caring and Sharing Circle | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 35. Social Justice | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |

36. Journey Groups (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
 37. Interaction with Minister (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
 38. Other, please explain _____
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C. Religious Education Now

Do you (the adult responding to this survey):

39. Participate in RE classes or youth group held during Sunday morning worship? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 40. Participate in RE offerings held at other times, e.g., after worship or Friday nights? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have children, do they now:

41. Participate in RE classes or youth group held during Sunday worship? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
 42. Participate in RE offerings at other times, e.g., after worship or Fridays? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
 43. Additional comments _____
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Part IV: OTHER SOURCES OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

What sources of spiritual experiences outside of CUUC are important to your spiritual development? Please circle the following in order of importance to your spiritual life and practices.

(1) = Very Important, to (5) = Not Important/Not Applicable

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| 44. Engagement with other people, spiritual companionship | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 45. Social Action | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 46. Engagement with nature | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 47. Engagement with animal companions | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 48. Music | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 49. Visual arts | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 50. Performing arts | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 51. Individual spiritual practice | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 52. Other, please explain _____ | | | | | |
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Part V: YOUR CUUC EXPERIENCE

(You are welcome to attach additional sheets if needed.)

53. In what ways does CUUC meet your spiritual needs or goals? _____

54. Has there been a change, whether positive or negative, in how CUUC meets your spiritual needs/goals?

55. In what ways can CUUC better meet your spiritual needs and goals? _____

56. For families with children and youth, in what ways does CUUC meet your family's spiritual needs and goals?

57. For families with children and youth, in what ways can CUUC better meet your family's spiritual needs and goals?

58. Would you like a follow up conversation with the Minister? ☐ Yes ☐ No

59. Would you like a follow up conversation with the Director of Lifespan Religious Education and Faith Development? ☐ Yes ☐ No

60. Would you like a follow up conversation with a member of the Committee on Ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

61. Other comments or suggestions _____

Signature (optional) _____

If you requested a follow up conversation, please include your name and phone or email so we may be in touch with you.

Thank you!