



## Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation at White Plains

### Update on Ministerial Transition

As you all know, Rev. Meredith Garmon is retiring from CUUC at the end of July of this year. Our ministerial search process to find our next settled minister is well underway.

- We are planning to celebrate Meredith's time with us. A congregational dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Catherine Kortlandt ([catherine.kortlandt@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.kortlandt@gmail.com)).
- We have completed the self-assessment process. A printout of the report summary has been mailed to all members, links to digital versions of the report have been shared with all congregants, and forums will be held in February to review the report's findings.
- We have developed plans to renovate parts of the parsonage this summer. (The parsonage has not been upgraded for over 20 years).
- The CUUC Website Team has hired a consultant to help us upgrade our website, which is a vital part of how we represent ourselves to potential ministers. We hope to be operational in late spring.
- The Board of Trustees has created a Search Formation Team to lead the process to create the Search Committee. The Team is composed of two members from the Board of Trustees (Nicky Klemens and myself); two from the Committee on Ministry (Al Rocchi and Kevin McGharen-Clemens); and two from Nominating and Leadership Development (Mary Cavallero and Adine Usher).
  - The Search Formation Team will be overseeing a mailed congregational ballot vote in April to elect 5 members to the Search Committee. The Board of Trustees will select 2 additional members from the slate presented. The Team is exploring the option of having a youth serve on the Search Committee.
  - If you are not yet a member, in order to vote you will need to become a member (i.e., sign the membership book) by Wednesday, March 15th, which is 30 days prior to the start of voting. Voting will take place via ballot during the last two weeks in April.

- Between now and April, the Search Formation Team will be working hard to get feedback from the congregation on who should be considered for the Search Committee. The Team will be doing the following to prepare for the vote:
  - Holding a forum on Sunday, March 5th (in person and on Zoom), and Monday, March 13th (via zoom). Our UUA Congregational Life Consultant, Rev. Evin Carvill Ziemer, will help lead these forums.
  - Issuing a survey to all congregants in March
  - Attending all Journey Group meetings in March

In all of these venues, we will be asking congregants for written nomination suggestions. Self-nominations are welcome.

There are many opportunities to participate in the process of the Search Committee formation. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have questions or concerns about the ministerial search process.

In Faith,

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Creighton Cray, Chair, Board of Trustees