

**MINUTES – SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit**  
Sanctuary – 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201  
**December 13, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit was called to order by Governing Board President Kathe Stevens at 1:06 P.M on December 13, 2015.

**ROLL CALL / VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:** Per our bylaws, in Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph D, Forty percent (40%) of Voting Members shall constitute a quorum. At the time of this meeting, First UU Detroit had 96 voting members, 40% of which is 39 voting members. Roll call was taken and only 37 voting members were present. Therefore there was not a quorum of the voting membership present and no business could be transacted at this meeting. The meeting continued in order to present information to those present.

**INVOCATION:** Robert Johnson offered words of invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. This agenda item was tabled until the May 2016 Congregational Meeting, due to no quorum being present.

**SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE:** The newly appointed members of the Settled Minister Search Committee were introduced to the congregation. Lorenza (“Lencha”) Camacho Acker, Robert Johnson, Deanna McGraw, Bill McKnight, Sharon Mills, Aletha Oberdier, and Joan Smykowski were appointed per Article 6, Section 2 of our bylaws: “To initiate a search for a new Minister, a Ministerial Search Committee of 7 to 9 members shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees.” The congregation unanimously gave approval to a ceremonial resolution of support for them made by Sally Borden and seconded by Rhonda Rogers.

**UPDATE OF BUDGET:** Treasure Dan Wiest presented a year-to-date update on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016’s budget to the congregation and answered questions.

**STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT:** Deanna McGraw, Chair of the Planning Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee and the outcomes of the Strategic Plan to date, noting that the strategic plan had been adopted by the Governing Board and implemented in January 2015. Deanna answered questions from the floor. The Strategic Plan, which includes a quarterly progress update, is on the 1stuu.org website

**PRESENTATION OF 2016 STRATEGIC PLAN:** Deanna McGraw, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the 2016 Strategic Plan to the congregation, noting that the strategic plan had been adopted by the Governing Board to be implemented in January 2016. Deanna answered questions from the floor and expressed optimism for the upcoming year and appreciation for the process. The 2016 Strategic Plan is on the 1stuu.org website.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Kathe Stevens closed the meeting by thanking the congregation. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Danny Rebb, Secretary*