

UUReston News

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Looking Toward UUCR's Next Settled Ministry

Friends, I write this message to you on the eve of one of the most important recent events in the life of UUCR. On Thursday, April 7 the UUCR Ministerial Settlement Committee will invite one of the ministerial pre-candidates to become the Candidate for the next Settled Ministry at UUCR. You will be informed by separate Eblast when that offer has been extended and accepted. The MSC will also ask your patience in announcing the name of the Candidate until they complete follow-up to their invitation required by the Unitarian Universalist Association. The MSC will then distribute more information about the identity of the Candidate and about Candidating Week, April 24 – May 1.

I want to assure you of the good position UUCR is in, after what may seem like a long process of calling a new minister. You as a congregation have participated well in the many workshops, surveys, and conversations about search. Also, you have been led extremely well through the search process by your most excellent search committee, which has met weekly since spring, 2015. Without a doubt, this is the most dedicated and creative MSC I have worked with in my many years in interim ministry. Everyone should extend a tremendous “thank you” to MSC members Julia Norrgard, chair; Craig Anderson, Steve Ewart, Maggie Mack, Barbara Naef, Eileen Roehr, Mike Schmitt, and Tracy Sopp.

I also want to remind every member of UUCR about the importance of your diligent and careful attention to Candidating Week. Remember that one of the central features of our free religion governed by congregational polity is the responsibility of the congregation to call its own minister. That governance principle translates into the responsibility of each member to participate with open mind and reasoned study of the background leading up to the selection of your Candidate. If there have been cogent reasons which have kept you from less than full participation in the life of UUCR during this search process, I encourage you to do all you can to be as present as you can during Candidating Week. There will be many opportunities for you to get to know your Candidate, including two worship services, on April 24 and May 1 and an array of group and individual meetings in between those two Sundays. The MSC

will announce the schedule of meetings as soon as it is finalized.

UUCR is poised on the cusp of a very hopeful future. You have transitioned well during these three years of interim ministry. I have every confidence in these new shared ministries which lie ahead of UUCR, and I wish each of you well as you participate in this very exciting time of getting acquainted with your ministerial Candidate.

In faith,

Rev. Barbara

Schedule of Events Thu 4/7: MSC Meeting - 6:15pm
Thu 4/7: UUCR Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm
Sat 4/9: Caring Circle Meeting - 10:00am
Sun 4/10: Mindfulness Meditation - 9:15am
Sun 4/10: Worship Service: "Honoring Mother Earth's Healing Powers" - 10:00am
Sun 4/10: Social Media for Beginners - 11:30am
Sun 4/10: OWL Meeting
Sun 4/10: UUCR Yoga - 4:30pm
Mon 4/11: JULIETs Meetup - Carrabbas - 5:00pm
Mon 4/11: Board Meeting - 6:00pm
Mon 4/11: Covenant Meeting - 7:30pm
Tue 4/12: ROMEOS - Virginia Kitchen - 8:00am
Tue 4/12: Caring Crafters - 10:00am
Wed 4/13: God Talk II - 7:00pm

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