

**Board Meeting/Retreat
Florida District UUA
May 1- 2, 2009**

Present:

Jennifer Carver, Rachel Christensen, Rev. LoraKim Joyner, Frank Wells (May 1 only), Ginger Abraham, Betty Brantley, Ila Klion, Judy Lehman, Bill Scott, Kayli Carter, Rev. Kenn Hurto (District Executive) and guest Sue Stratton-Radwan

Missing: Caity Sensenig

Motions:

Accept Covenant Frank first, Ila second. Discussion. It will be on 1a in governing policy.
Unanimous.

Covenant (doing)

Timely and on Time

Supportive

Direct communication

Coming prepared

Say “ouch” if you need to

Assume good intentions

Speak with “I” statements

Check in and check out

Have snacks – bring chocolate

Covenant evaluation at each meeting

Stay focused, stay flexible

Grow in wisdom and heart – have a spiritual practice

Being a Board is a spiritual practice

Have worship as part of our board meetings

Have fun

Bridge differences

Motion:

Signature card now – removing Bill and adding Frank.

Rachel moved, Ila second.

Unanimous

Motion:

Remove 3F1d. Rachel first, Ila second. Unanimous.

Motion:

Minutes From February

Ila first. Judy second. Unanimous approval.

Motion:

Board policy from before not in accepted minutes to Jessica.

Members will be committed to ongoing training in ARAOMC. 3d6.

Ila moved, Judy second.

Discussion: Need to provide this/mentor this

Passed unanimously

Business Meeting

These are values that inform our doing, our covenant

Listening
Respectful
Honest
Have Fun
Sharing
Joyful
Open
Intentional
Productive
Powerful
Learning
Passionate
Growing
Present (physically/mentally)
Responsive
Responsible
Loving

We will look at what we will study for next year during next conference call. (see Broad Issues below)

Broad Issues

1. Demographics of state – less of a retirement community
 - Millennials– who they are, how to engage, valuing and including
 - Demographics of congregations not reflecting our communities
 - Growth: Florida districts have grown due to migration, not conversion
 - Not speaking to our native culture or not speaking at all
2. Is there another way to do church?
 - Are we using a church model that may not be sustainable?
 - 12/20 districts lost membership last year – 1/3 congregations have no children's programs, 50% of our congregations is over 75% of age
 - Are we relevant – science is talking church; society/secular world is doing our work
 - Faith-based vs humanist: impact of our future
3. Economy: impact of recession on our congregations
 - Retirees moving back to north
 - Jobs
 - Education
4. Priority Ends
 - Youth/multigenerational
 - Covenants
 - Justice – racial, economic, environment
5. Shared Ministry and Ministerial Turnover in our congregations
 - How do we value our resources
 - How do we feed each other

- Compare with other districts/nationwide comparison – length of ministry
- Does this have to do with covenants/relevancy?

During the lunch meeting we shared our findings from the Annual Meeting Linkage Questions and the Workshop on the Annual District Meeting. We made no motion to change the frequency of the Annual Meeting at this point.

We spoke of format and when/where to hold Board Meetings for the coming year 2009-2010.

We will try 6:30 p.m. Friday with in-house dinner (with check-in) to last until 5 p.m. on Saturday. We might start breakfast earlier at 8:30 p.m.

Dates: August 21, 22nd
 November 20,21
 Feb. 19, 20
 May 21, 22 (this is a retreat and can start at 1 p.m.)

Next Meeting is a Conference Call
 Thursday May 14th, 7 p.m. EST

Supporting Other Congregations in Transition

Jennifer will write a letter in e-news saying Board is with congregations in transitions/squabble/pain and offer healing hope. She will let congregations know to not be surprised if they get a letter. Then she will send out letters to those congregations transition and ask other congregations to send out letters to their neighboring congregations that might be experiencing difficulty.

We will put minutes/reports on the website for transparency and be mindful of confidentiality issues)

Process Check

Covenant Process

Hard to get folks to be “timely and on time” with the break issues

Check out

Closing Worship

Adjourned Saturday 3:10 p.m. May 2.

Respectfully submitted:

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