

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair
Congregational Meeting
January 27, 2013, 10 am

The purpose of the meeting was to make revisions to the UUCM by-laws. A task force comprised of the Senior Minister, Board President, members of the Harvest the Power Group and the Nominating Committee was convened to study the question of how the Nominating Committee could best fulfill its potential for addressing the leadership needs within the congregation. The resulting by-law changes are relatively minor in a grammatical sense, but these changes represent a significant enhancement of the Nominating Committee's traditional role.

The newly named Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will continue to be charged with presenting the congregation with a slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees and their own committee. They will also, however, work with other committees, particularly the Harvest the Power group and Adult Religious Education, to identify potential leaders, and will also invite and engage members within the congregation who wish to assume a leadership role on committees and within other groups. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will be the resource and conduit for bringing together potential leaders with committees and other groups to serve within the congregation.

In order to make this goal a reality, we found it necessary to lengthen the term of the Committee members from two (2) to three (3) years to allow for greater development of relationships and communication.

Teresa DeSousa, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 and announced a quorum plus margin.

Chris Corbett presented the rules of procedure. David Lewis made a motion to accept rules; Becky Doggett seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Laura Wilson, chair of Nominating and Leadership Committee, read the vision statement of the committee.

Carolyn Burr made a motion to accept change to bylaws; Lianne Schoenweisner seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Randy Crafton made a motion to adjourn at 10:45; Joe Thomasberger seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McGough

