

UUSJ Executive Committee Meeting – March 9, 2022

Present: Charlotte Jones-Carroll, Chloe Ockey, Mariano Vera, Pablo De Jesus Absent: Beyssa Buil

- <u>Quorum</u>: Charlotte noted that given we have been notified that Beyssa, Peggy and Johannes are going to be absent, and four trustees have confirmed, we need at least two more to make the six needed for quorum at our scheduled March 17 board meeting. Chloe indicated she will register as soon as Paulette sends the reminder link. Charlotte has already reached out to Norma and Serena urging them to register.
- 2. <u>Agenda</u>: The EC reviewed the proposed agenda for the 3/17 meeting:
 - Mariano noted that end-February financial statements will be late as our bank (Sun Trust) merged with Trust and systems changed over Feb 21 weekend, not as smoothly as hoped and our bookkeeper at WES had his laptop crash, needed to get a new one and get Quickbooks reinstalled.
 - Chloe promised to send the December board minutes for posting.
 - Pablo expected to circulate his latest work plan to the board (by email, not as publicly available doc) by Friday. He shared a copy with EC post-meeting.
 - The motion to confirm Nominating Committee members needs to be voted on when we have a quorum, in case some trustees have to leave early, since our quorum is so slim.
 - The motion to amend the policy (GP10.1) on requiring a covenant for congregational members has been changed to a discussion item, given Pablo's desire to have the board consider the benefits of some sort of written agreement with congregational members, along with appointment of liaison. Mariano emphasized the importance of the liaison (which remains in the proposed revision language).
 - Pablo wants to urge trustee participation in advocacy outings, at request of action teams (to observe what UUSJ does at these events).
 - If there is time, a final discussion item has been added taking up the issue of when, if and how UUSJ should publish comments on topics, especially international ones, that are not direct policy priority topics. Two examples: a comment on Palestine published lower down on recent newsletter at request of a UU organization and the three quotes from other UU sources on Ukraine that headed the March newsletter.