

Q&A from Town Hall Meeting November 11 at OCUUC:

Lunch was served after services, and the meeting began at 12:40 and ended at 1:50. Mickey Jackson and Nancy Loughrey presided; about 60 people attended. Attendees were first furnished with a David Letterman style list of "Why we should(s)..." compiled by joint task force members, a copy of the newsletter article summarizing the TF progress thus far, and a posted demographic map of the two congregations.

QUESTION: Can Profile be posted on web site?

ANSWER: This will be done as soon as the Profile is finalized and given to each Board of Directors.

QUESTION/COMMENT: Information in newsletter isn't specific enough.

ANSWER: We'll try to address that in future correspondence and answer any questions you have right now.

QUESTION: What are the timeline and goals?

ANSWER: Timeline and specific goals will be forthcoming as we proceed, certainly by January congregational meetings.

QUESTION: Why isn't Faith in Action represented on TF committee?

ANSWER: Amanda Horack is that representative. Also, FIA people have already tried to plan a joint venture but didn't want to conflict with the November Guest at Your Table evening, so it will be soon.

QUESTION: How about three satellite congregations with the third in the middle?

ANSWER: We haven't considered that possibility at this time.

QUESTION: Aren't we more of less "absorbing" Tapestry into our congregation?

ANSWER: Absolutely not. This is a coequal, joint venture of two entities.

QUESTION: How can we better balance attendance at our two services?

ANSWER: We've been trying approaches for a long time, and nothing has worked. Tapestry seems to be doing better than this because of a discussion group scheduled during second service, which encourages attendance at first service so that people can go to both events. However, we have no space available for that alternative because of our RE program.

QUESTION: When are we going to do a property search?

ANSWER: We realize this is a high priority with several people, but we must carefully follow a fair process in doing so; for example, an open choice of realtor, formation of committee, and procedures for search.

QUESTION: How much urgency are we giving this? How about the parking urgency?

ANSWER: The parking is alleviated for now, as we've just renewed our lease for next year. Urgency seems to lie in space at the second service, which sometimes has standing room only until the children leave.

QUESTION: Will the UUA help out at all?

ANSWER: Some help will possibly be available.