

**QUESTIONS FROM INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS
TAPESTRY, A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2007**



Is there a date for all this to happen?

No, we're involved in a deliberate process and we'll need to get member approval at several stages. We will be presenting a timeline to the Boards.

Will there be recommendations?

Yes, we're working closely with the Boards and have a plan to bring issues to the Boards and membership.

Are there dependencies that will make this move faster?

Yes, first the membership must decide to move forward, then other things have to happen and the timing of these events is impossible to predict.

Has there been a poll taken? (eg. Driving too far)

No one has been polled except for the vote on the motion the congregations passed in June 2007 to continue discussing collaboration on finding a site. Membership votes are the method for individuals to express their opinions.

Are the ETF Meetings open?

Yes, and we have had visitors to at least one meeting.

Will we get a copy of the profile?

Yes, plans are that after the Boards are officially presented the profile, it will be posted on the websites and provided to the membership.

Is there a logical place to say we can or cannot afford this?

Yes. After the members see the profile and hear other information and if they vote to proceed, we plan to have task forces analyze in detail such things as budgets, bylaws, practices, etc. and to make recommendations. The members will then have to decide at several steps to continue or discontinue the collaboration.

What is the context of how this discussion got started?

Several events, such as outgrowing both sites, parking, rental costs, etc. prompted several individuals to ask the question about collaboration between the two congregations.

Is there equal or proportional representation?

The parties began the process of collaboration as equals. Each congregation has strengths the other doesn't have. All the task forces and sub groups have been equally represented and the work equally shared. Also, reports, informational meetings and motions have been nearly simultaneous and identical.

What are the downsides of joining?

Each person has his or her own ideas of pros and cons. As we provide data, each member will have to decide the positives or negatives of proceeding and make a decision in Congregational meetings.

Would Laguna Beach be the only other UU church as an alternative?

Depending where one lives, there are Anaheim, Fullerton, and Long Beach congregations, but Laguna Beach is the nearest to most members.

Have there been any facilities decided on or investigated?

No, not jointly. Both congregations had independently begun looking earlier, but those efforts stalled. To look for a building before the members voted to seek a joint effort would be premature. If the members vote to continue, joint task forces would be appointed to look for a site.

What about pastoral staffing?

There are two full-time called ministers currently and no one has talked about not keeping both ministers. Other staff would also need to be assured as well.

What about restricted funds and funds that were donated for specific things?

If the members vote to pursue this further, task forces would be appointed to investigate and recommend how to put budgets and funds together. Members would be asked to vote on budget and financial policies.