

## **Tapestry Informational Meetings December 9, 2007**

**1. Last year we began looking for a site. Are we still looking for a site for Tapestry?**

No. Last year we had a committee headed by Irv Himelblau, which began looking for a site in conjunction with our Capital Campaign. That process was slowed when discussions began between Tapestry and OCUUC Leadership. OCUUC had also been looking for locations, but no longer is actively looking.

**2. If we proceeded with discussions to join the two congregations, where would a church site be located?**

A Joint Site Committee would be chosen to investigate needs for a joint congregation and locations that were acceptable to the membership of both congregations. An interim joint site research committee is being appointed now to look at sites in a reasonable area based on the location of the membership to see what possibilities would be available were we to seek a union of the two congregations.

**3. If we vote to proceed in January, when would this process end?**

We have a timeline recommended by the Exploratory Task Force and passed on to the Boards. The timeline extends to June 2008 and includes January 2008 Congregational Meetings to vote more specifically on continuing the collaboration between the two congregations. It also includes cottage meetings to elicit input from members, possible Congregational Meetings in March and June of 2008 for votes by members on the process. It is impossible to predict timelines beyond June because of Orange Coast's sale of their building, finding and obtaining a suitable site, and all the steps involved in putting together such things as budgets, reserve accounts, practices such as worship, bylaws, membership, RE, etc. If the vote in January were positive, we would set up task forces to put together these programs for acceptance by the memberships. Many of you will be asked to work on task forces to work on these programs for a new organization.

**4. What is the process for making decisions?**

The ETF has proposed a timeline for decision-making at each step of the way, including Congregational Meetings, informational meetings, cottage meetings, newsletter articles, website postings on both congregational web sites. Each member will have her/his own opinion based on all the information provided by the ETF and the two Boards. Members of both congregations will vote on all major decisions.