

**TAPESTRY  
ETF INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2008**

**1. Where would the combined church be?**

A. We now have a joint site search committee with Carole Shannon and Lynn Cowan, Bob Loeschen, and Nick Simon. They have tentatively set an area north of the El Toro Y and within one mile of the 405. If there were nothing available when we needed it, the area would have to be expanded.

**2. When would all this take place?**

A. We have the vote to proceed to an attempted merger set for next Sunday, so please be here. After that, if the vote is positive in both congregations, we have cottage meetings to discuss the proposed merger, a tentative vote in March to proceed. OC has a building that they are attached to, which makes it harder for them than for us. We are not so attached to this building. Then if all goes forward in March, a date in June for a third vote is tentatively scheduled for both congregations. It is impossible to pinpoint exactly when a merger would take place because it involves selling their building and finding and purchasing a new site or building.

**3. Is this merger feasible financially?**

A. We believe it is with our combined \$600,000 budgets, reserves and equity in OC's buildings. We do, however, have to honor our pledges this year and our capital pledges. Our new pledge drive is just now in the planning stages, so we have to continue to support Tapestry either way. If the votes are positive, we would set up a sub committee on budget and finance to create a budget for a new congregation, safeguard the reserves of both congregations.

**4. Do we have to match OC with their multi million dollar equity?**

A. No, from the beginning of the talks, there has been equity in all the committees and things have been planned to have the same information, meetings and discussions in parallel. OC has never treated us as a stepchild, but as equals.

**5. How many members do they have?**

A. We are trying to fine tune our membership numbers here and there. They have a different definition of member than we. Currently we have 160 plus actual pledging members. Their initial count is 250, but that is being **worked on. We are planning on 350-400 members if this merger happens.**

**6. Do they still have a parking problem?**

A. Their parking problem has been alleviated somewhat. They have an understanding that the loss of their parking next door is not imminent, but it could happen when the owner changes his mind and wants to build.

**7. What about the ministers?**

A. Rev. Stoyanoff has announced that she will retire within three years. Rev. John is not planning on retiring. If the vote is positive next week, we would set up a staffing sub committee to deal with all the staff of both congregations. The ministers and presidents and maybe the boards would be on the sub committee.

**8. What if all this failed, would our reserves go to UUA?**

A. No, all the funds on both sides belong to the congregations. The UUA has no control over our finances.