

Policy on the Conduct of Congregational Meetings October 8, 2002

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify 1) who may attend Congregational Meetings 2) who may speak at Congregational meetings 3) whether any particular seating arrangement is required at Congregational meetings.

Our Mission and Covenant states that “love is the spirit of our church, where we gather...to create a welcoming and nurturing religious community of all ages.” It further states that we endeavor to “support and care for one another,” “respect our diversity and seek to understand our differences” and are “safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values.”

As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, we covenant, among other things, to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person and a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Consistent with our Mission and Covenant and with our UUA principles, the Board adopts the following policy with respect to the conduct of congregational meetings:

- A. Congregational meetings are open to any person who wishes to attend.
- B. Any person may speak at a congregational meeting, provided they have been recognized by the Moderator.
- C. No particular seating arrangement is required, though the Moderator may ask those attending the meeting to change seating arrangements if he or she deems it necessary to facilitate the counting of votes.
- D. As provided in the By-Laws, the right to vote at business meetings of the church is reserved for members.
- E. Only members may bring and second motions for consideration by the meeting.
- F. The Moderator may ask any person to leave the meeting whose behavior, in the Moderator’s judgement, is inappropriate, unruly or disruptive.