
XI. Candidating Week Schedules

Example No. 1
Announcement of Candidating Weekend

The Ministerial Search Committee
is delighted to invite you to participate in
Candidating Week - May 4 - 12, 1996
for
The Revs. Abraham and Sarah Wanderer,
The Committee's Candidates for Co-Ministers of our Church

After a thorough and very interesting search process, we unanimously present Abraham and Sarah Wanderer for your consideration as co-ministers. The Wanderers have served as co-ministers in Negeb for the past 5 years.

Sarah is a life-long UU and Abraham grew up a rabbi's son. Both are graduates of the Starr King School for the Ministry in California. They also worked together in Harran for the Society of Shepherds . Abraham served as minister in Negeb for one year prior to Sarah's joining him as co-minister. Additionally, Sarah worked as a Family Counselor for 3 years.

Sarah and Abraham are the parents of two children, Ishmael, age 8, Abraham's child by his first marriage, and Isaac, less than a year old. They share parental and household obligations as well as professional responsibilities. Among their recreational activities, Abraham enjoys reading, visiting museums and a good cup of coffee, while Sarah finds pleasure in gourmet cooking, parties, dancing and children.

On co-ministry they write, ". . .".

We sincerely hope that you will warmly welcome Sarah, Abraham, Ishmael, and Isaac when they visit us in May. We encourage everyone to participate in the various opportunities which will be offered that week to meet them.

Brief Schedule for May 4-12, 1996

<i>May 4</i>	<i>Arrival</i>
<i>May 5-12</i>	<i>Sunday sermon, small group activities (to be scheduled), Sunday sermon</i>
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Congregational Meeting after Church</i>
	<i>The sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on calling the Revs. Sarah and Abraham Wanderer to be our co-ministers. Those present and holding voting membership may vote.</i>

Example No. 2
Information about Candidating Week

The terms "candidate" and "candidating" have long been used in Unitarian Universalist circles. For those who may find these terms unclear, here are a few words of explanation.

The "candidate," in the UU sense, is the minister the church's Ministerial Search Committee has chosen, pursuant to the congregation's charge to them, for the pastoral leadership of the congregation. Our committee's choice is the Rev. Rebecca Laban.

"Candidating" is the process by which the congregation meets the candidate and, as far as possible in the time available, becomes acquainted with his/her personality and professional capabilities. At the end of the candidating period, the congregation, at a formal meeting, votes to ratify or to reject the committee's choice.

During this "candidating" week, Rev. Laban will give the sermons on April 25, and May 2. Between those dates there will be a number of opportunities to meet and talk with her. Our candidate's schedule for that week is outlined on the accompanying sheet and chart.

Keep in mind that Rebecca will not present a program of any kind at the various meetings scheduled, unless noted. Her purpose will be to listen and get to know us and our areas of concern and interest.

There are two main purposes behind the activities chosen for candidating week. The obvious one is for us to meet and get to know the candidate. Equally important is the opportunity afforded the candidate to meet us and learn about our committees, our practices, our whole operating structure. (It has happened, though not often, that a candidate has rejected a congregation—*after* candidating week.) Rebecca's husband, Isaac, will be with her during candidating week.

Example No. 3
Schedule of Events

Schedule Of Events For Candidating Week, April 25 To May 2 (See attached Notes for specifics)

Sunday April 25	Monday Apr 26	Tues Apr 27	Wednesday Apr 28	Thursday Apr 29	Friday Apr 30	Saturday May 1	Sunday
10:00 Service, Dr. L preaching 11:15 Open forum		Church staff with Dr L					10:00 Service, Dr K preaching
1:30 Search		Church	12:30	12:30			

Ctte luncheon		staff Luncheon	Cong Affairs Ctte luncheon	Women's Alliance			
6:30 Dinner for Social Concerns, Denom Affairs, Communication & Extended Family Ctte chairs LRY Discussion Group on Cttes	7:00 Board and Nominating Ctte Dinner	6:30 RE Ctte Dinner 8:00 Receptio n for church school teachers	7:30 Circle Dinners	7:00 Dinner for Program Ctte Chairs	6:00 Singles Dinner 7:30 Singles Forum- - Dr W visit 8:30 Finance Ctte meeting	6:30 Congregational Dinner All members and friends Of the church welcome Sign up at church Brief talk by Dr L	8:15 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Vote to call minister

Sunday April 25
10:00 Service, Dr. L preaching 11:15 Open forum
8:15 Congregational Meeting on the calling of Dr. L

Example No. 3, cont'd
Notes on the Schedule of Events for Candidating Week
April 25-May 2

Sunday, April 25

- 10:00 service, Dr. Laban conducting. After a brief break for coffee those who are interested may join her in the large hall for an open forum.

The intent of the open forum is to give those people who will not be meeting with Dr. L during the week in smaller meetings an opportunity to ask her questions, share their thoughts and get to know her on a more personal level.

- 1:30 p.m. The Ministerial Search Committee will have lunch with Dr. L.
- 5:30 p.m. Representatives of the Social Concerns, Denominational Affairs, Communication and Extended Family committees will have dinner with Dr. L. at the home of _____. _____ will contact the invitees.
- During the rest of Sunday evening, Dr. L will meet with the LRY and sit in on the Discussion Group on Communities.

The several large gaps of time indicated on the attached schedule are provided to Dr. L and her husband to rest, take a good look at the housing market, and familiarize themselves with the community.

Monday, April 26

- 7:00 p.m. The Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee will have dinner with Dr. L at the home of _____.
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Tuesday, April 27

- The church professional staff will spend the morning and have lunch with Dr. L.
- 6:30 p.m. The Religious Education Committee will have a potluck dinner with Dr. L at the church. _____ is in charge of arrangements.
- 8:00 p.m. There will be a reception for Church School teachers to meet Dr. L in the small auditorium. _____ is hosting.

Wednesday, April 28

- 12:30 p.m. The Committee for Congregational Affairs will have lunch with Dr. L. _____ is in charge of arrangements.
- 7:30 p.m. There will be several circles dinners this evening, Dr. L making the rounds of them. _____ is in charge of these arrangements.

Thursday, April 29

- At 12:30 p.m. at the church Dr. L will meet with the Women's Alliance.

All in the church are invited to attend this luncheon whether or not you are members of the alliance. Please bring bag lunch. For transportation call

_____ at _____.

- 7:00 p.m. The Chairpersons of the Program Committees will have dinner with Dr. L at the home of _____. _____ will contact the invitees.

Friday, April 30

- 6:00 p.m. The Singles Group will have dinner with Dr. L. _____ is in charge of arrangements.
- 7:30 p.m. Dr. L will briefly visit the Forum for Singles.
- 8:30 p.m. The Finance Committee will meet with Dr. L at the church office.

Saturday, May 1

- 6:30 p.m. Congregational dinner at the church, with a brief talk by Dr. L. *All members and friends age 14 and older are invited. Care, including dinner and games, will be provided for younger children.*

Sunday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. service, Dr. L conducting. After the service Dr. L will remain in the pulpit for a period of discussion.
- 8:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting. The only item on the agenda is the calling of Dr. L to be our new minister. The voting is open to all who are members of the church.

Example No. 4
Information About Candidating Week
and Schedule Of Events

Because our church's committees are clustered by standing committees, we have arranged the Rev. Wanderer's schedule so that he can meet with these clusters one-by-one. If you are not yet part of a committee, we suggest you contact a committee chair and volunteer. In this way you may be able to attend one of the principal committee meetings. There are several large gaps of time indicated on the schedule, intended to allow Jacob and his partner, Esau, to rest, to look at the housing market, and become familiar with our area.

Friday, April 26, 6:00-9:30 p.m. Intergenerational Square Dance in Main Hall. \$5.00 for adults, children under 18 free.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jacob will meet with RE teachers, parents, children and youth at a dessert reception to be served in the Fireside Room.

Saturday, April 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Jacob attends lunch meeting with RE teachers and RE Committee hosted by _____. Phone him at _____ 322-4339 for reservations.

6 p.m. There will be a Board of Trustees and MSC dinner at the home of David and _____.

Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. Jacob will give the sermon:

"_____." Of this subject he writes: ". . .".

12:00 noon. Silent auction and mingling until 2:00 PM. Lunch provided by Young UU's will be available on the patio. Opportunity to meet Jacob.

6 PM. Pot Luck Supper for: Congregational Affairs, By Laws, and Nominating Committee to meet with Jacob at the home of _____. Please call _____ for information /reservations.

Monday, April 29, 10 a.m. Jacob will spend the morning through lunch with the staff of the church.

7:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees will meet with Jacob at the church.

Tuesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. The Sunday Morning Program Group will meet in the Fireside Room for a potluck dessert. Call _____ at _____ for reservations.

Wednesday, May 1. Jacob's partner Esau arrives.

Thursday, May 2, 6 PM. The Finance Committee will host a pot luck supper at _____ home. Phone _____.

Friday, May 3, 12:00 noon. Jacob and Esau have lunch in town with available UU clergy.

7 p.m. Social Action and Adult Programming will have pot luck dessert in the Fireside Room. Please call _____ at _____ for information.

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Work Day. Lunch will be served to workers.

3-6 p.m. All Church Picnic at Mitchell Park. Bring a dish and a drink to share. Barbecues will be lit for those who want to cook.

Sunday, May 5, 11:00 AM. Jacob will give the sermon, ". . .". He writes: ". . .".

12:00 noon. Lunch on the patio.

12:45 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting. Agenda: (1) Decision to call Jacob Wanderer to be our settled minister. (2) Elect a member of the Board of Trustees. (3) Elect a member of the Nominating Committee

<p><i>Example No. 5</i> <i>Information About Candidating Week</i> <i>and Schedule Of Events</i></p>

Welcome to a very exciting time in the life of our church! Josephine Wanderer, our ministerial candidate, will be with us for candidating week from Sunday, June 4 through Sunday, June 11.

During this week, Josephine will meet with all the committees of the church and with representatives of the local community outside the church, and will be available to meet the members of the congregation. A list of activities is enclosed. All members of our church are invited to attend any of the meetings listed here, and to attend more than one if they like. Although individual committees will be meeting each day to discuss areas of particular concern, every one is welcome.

Josephine will be conducting the services on June 4 and June 11. Immediately following the June 11th service there will be a congregational meeting to vote on calling the Reverend Dr. Josephine Wanderer to be our next minister.

To assist you in planning to meet and talk with our candidate, following is the schedule of events for. Candidating Week. Evening receptions for members will be sponsored by the Search Committee. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Saturday, June 4 Coordinator: P.W.

6:00 p.m. Social hour for all members and friends.

7:00 p.m. All-Church Pot Luck Supper. The candidate will be there.

Sunday, June 5 Coordinator: A.H.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service conducted by Josephine Wanderer for all members and friends.

12:00 noon Sunday-Plus Luncheon prepared by the following groups and committees:

Peer Ministers	Caring	Nominating
Welcoming Congregation	Hospitality	New Member
Social	Lay Leadership	Young Adults

1:00 p.m. Meeting with the groups sponsoring the Sunday-Plus Luncheon.

Note: the Young Adults are invited to remain after this meeting for an informal get-together with Josephine.

6:00 p.m. Reception in Conover Auditorium for past and present members of the Board of Trustees and their spouses and partners

7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner with present members of the Board of Trustees

Monday, June 6 Coordinator: L.C.

12:00 noon Lunch with the R.E. Director

5:30 p.m. Reception in social hall for members whose last names begin with the letters A-C.

6:30 p.m. Pot luck dinner and meeting in the small auditorium with the Religious Education Committee.

7:30 p.m. Meeting in social hall with the following committees:

Religious Education	Public Relations	Denominational Affairs
Sister Church	Art Gallery	UUSC
UU-UNO	Folk Dancers	UULGC

Tuesday, June 7 Coordinator: J.M.

12:00 noon Lunch with Rev. D.E. of nearby UU church

5:30 p.m. Reception in the Church Lobby for members whose last names begin with the letters D-J.

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner and meeting in the Church Lobby with the following Committees:

Forum	Symposium	Library/Archives
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Wednesday, June 8 Coordinator: G.C.

10:00 a.m. Meeting and lunch with staff

5:30 p.m. Reception in small auditorium for members whose last names begin with the letters K-Q.

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner and meeting in the church lobby with the following committees and groups:

Adult Programming	Bookshop	Ctte. on the Ministry
Pledge Campaign	Memorial Fund	Facilities
Administration	Communications	Budget/Finance
Fund-Raising	Endowment Trust	Art and Property
Personnel		

Thursday, June 9 Coordinator: G.H.

12:00 noon Lunch with local clergy

5:30 p.m. Reception in small auditorium for members whose last names begin with the letters R-T

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner and meeting in small auditorium the Religious Services & Music Committees

7:30 p.m. Reception in small auditorium with the following committees and groups:

Religious Services	Music	Women's Alliance
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Friday, June 10 Coordinator: L.B.

12:00 noon Lunch with past presidents of the Board of Trustees

5:30 p.m. Reception in small auditorium for members whose last names begin with the letters U-Z and all others who were unable to attend a previous evening reception.

7:00 p.m. Pizza party and get-together in small auditorium with YRUU members.

Saturday, June 11 Coordinator: P.W.

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner at the church for all members and friends

7:30 p.m. Open Forum for all members and friends--a question-and-answer session.

Sunday, June 12 Coordinators: A.H. and P.W.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service conducted by L.M. for all members and friends

12:00 noon Bag Lunch sponsored by the R.E. Committee

12:30 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting to call the Rev. Dr. L.M.