

Draft Covenant of Partnership

Between the Binghamton and Cortland UU Congregations 2015-16

(voted on by UUCB, 3/17/16)

I How We Will Be Together

Our partnership will be a sharing of resources; we will endeavor to consider areas of worship and education, leadership, fellowship, and justice-making; finding ways in the months to come of doing joint activities in these categories.

While staying independent organizations, we explore broader interconnection and how to better to serve UUism in southern tier; as Cortland and Binghamton are at the heart of the I-81 corridor of congregations, we see ourselves as a single unit at the center networking with those other congregations in spreading the good news of UU

While we are not equal in size and resources, we are equally dedicated to live our personal UU faith in our personal lives, in our congregations, and in the Southern Tier

We recognize that as we move forward our individual congregation cultures will inevitably blend in ways intentional and unintentional

II Agreements

Worship

- Fourth Sundays Cortland will play DVD of Rev Taylor's sermon as selected and forwarded by him
- Pulpit exchange between Rev Taylor and Rev Rickey (or contract minister for Cortland, if one) on fifth-Sunday months
- UUCB intern, Jo VonRue, agrees to preach and conduct service on ad hoc basis at Cortland; UUCB Intern agrees to do so without fee but with mileage reimbursement from UUCB location

Education

- UUCB and UUCB will share in the cost of Soul Matters (small group ministry program) subscription and agree to follow the monthly worship themes in worship and in their respective small group ministries
- UUCB and UUCB plan for future sharing of RE resources including but not limited to Coming of Age and Owl programs

Leadership

- UUCC seeks UUCB leadership mentoring where practicable including but not limited to representatives from each congregation being present at each other's regular board meetings

Fellowship

- Co-host at least one annual gather of both congregations in order to promote fellowship

Justice-making

To explore joint justice-making in our respective geographical areas