

**MEMO TO UUA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FROM EMERGING CONGREGATIONS WORKING GROUP  
FOR OCTOBER 2014 MEETING**

The Emerging Congregations Working Group desires to engage the Board in a discussion and consideration of the attached Proposal drafted by the UUA staff following numerous discussions with the Working Group.

The Working Group particularly recognizes the work of Scott Tayler and Carey McDonald, which has brought forth this Proposal.

The Proposal embodies the ideas that the Working Group believes merit consideration for creating relationship with non-member groups, communities and emerging congregations advancing a mission consistent with UU principles.

The Proposal should be treated as an outline for discussion rather than a plan seeking an up or down vote. There are different levels of detail throughout the Proposal; but, at the highest level, the Working Group is simply advocating that the Board should consider facilitating real relationships with the groups under consideration. It is our belief that such relationships can advance the End of the Association to expand the reach and promote the growth of our Faith.

Each section of the Proposal ends with a Key Question suggested by the staff, which may serve as a launching point for our discussions.

The staff report to us that this Proposal to establish a recognition system for emerging congregations and communities is part of a two-prong strategy. The other prong of the strategy is a support system. We expect to receive more details from the staff on their plans to support emerging congregations and communities soon.

Please review the brief Proposal prior to our scheduled discussion at the October meeting. We look forward to everyone's input.