

## **Linkage Working Group**

October 17, 2014

The Linkage discussion on October 17th will include a brief report on the results of the “Gathering for Purpose” survey and Fall linkage plans.

Susan Ritchie will be leading a discussion, related to the Transforming Governance work, on our heritage of congregational polity. Please read the material she has prepared, “Basic Principles in Congregational Polity, with Primary Source Voices,” provided in the Board packet.

I’m quite pleased to let you know that Linkage Group has engaged Isabella Furth, a consultant with extensive professional background in facilitating dialogues on policy issues, to assist in creating the information gathering process with our Sources of Authority and Accountability. Bella will consult on the creation of interviews and online surveys in connection with our Transforming Governance efforts. She also is assisting to frame the Transforming Governance conversation at our October meeting.

Bella is a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Church of San Diego. As an initial introduction, I include her resume.