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As the Commission has moved forward with the mandated review of Article II of the UUA Bylaws, it has received input from individuals lay and ordained, from congregational workshops, from district meetings and hearings at General Assembly and elsewhere. It has also reviewed past documentation and the rationales of the drafters of the Article II currently in place. Much of the detail of that investigation may be found on the COA website.

For the purposes of this report, it seemed most important to give you, as Unitarian Universalists from across the continent, a sense of what this challenging task has been like for those of us elected to serve on the Commission. Part of the use of history is that special window into process, not just final product. Not only does that window give others a sense of the commitment and care taken, but also it serves to inform those who will take on such a task some 17 years hence.

We on the Commission have tried to listen as broadly and as deeply as we know how, because we treasure this faith and want to serve you, our congregations and members, with the best attention of our minds and hearts. We have asked many many questions, large and small. We have disagreed and we have agreed, both with passion. We have listened yet again to one another, even as we have re-read the responses that we have received from you. We have done all this with a spirit of cooperation and love and hope.

As we prepare to draft our proposal for delegates at the General Assembly in 2009, we are filled with excitement. This task has challenged each of us in wonderful ways. And yes, we expect to be proposing some changes, although we have yet to decide on the content and language. We intend to pass on a proposal that reflects our respect for all who care about our tradition. We intend to pass on a proposal that will be affirming, challenging, inspiring, empowering and supportive for congregations and their members in this first part of the 21st Century.

We can only express our gratitude to you all for making it possible to serve you in what we experience as unique and transforming work.

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