

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
Commission on Appraisal



August Meeting, 2008
Phoenix, AZ

Minutes

8-14-08

Present: Orlanda Brugnola, Barbara Child, Megan Dowdell, Pete Fontneau, Bev Harrison, Don Mohr, Michael Ohlrogge, Tom Owen-Towle, Jacqui Williams,

The meeting began with a centering led by Pete Fontneau

Process for Article II Project

The Commission discussed the premises and assumptions involved in the options the Commission was considering regarding the process for the remainder of the Article II project.

Legal Update from Ned:

Ned, our legal counsel, says that the three-year rule applies to the Commission and thus the option of extending our process is off the table. Furthermore, the matter of extending the terms of the people going off the Commission also becomes moot. Ned said that there's nothing to prevent us from sending something to the congregations for review before we send it to the board. But, we should make sure that if we do this, the board knows what we're doing, why, and is comfortable with it.

Plan for our Process:

- Finish our redrafting work this week. Send the draft to congregations for comment and suggestions in time for us to redraft further at Oct meeting before sending proposal to Board for January meeting.
- Have a mini-assembly at GA for people to propose amendments. Then we redraft late night at GA before putting proposal to delegates for vote.
- Send text to Warren Ross for Article
- Also send to Gini, Bill, Board
- Also send to ID groups.
- Create using Survey Monkey, an instrument that can be used online for people to respond to very specific questions.

8-15-08 & 8-16-08

Drafting work on Article II:

The Commission spent the entire day on Friday & Saturday working on a draft of Article II to be sent out to congregations for review.

8-17-08

Instrument for Input on Article II Draft:

The commission decided to use Survey Monkey to collect responses to the draft it created. Paper versions to print out will also be available for download on the website. Congregations will receive paper & electronic notices of the availability of the draft and survey, as well as the deadline for feedback, Oct. 16th. The survey will break the different sections of Article II down into separate questions, with people responding “excellent” “good” “ok” or “not acceptable”. This will allow a more complete understanding of how the different sections are received. There will also be opportunities for open comment on each section.

The meeting ended with a check-out by Commission members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Ohlrogge, Secretary
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