

April 25, 2019

To the UUA Board of Trustees:

The members of the Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation (GMUUC) in Bowie, Maryland have decided to dissolve as of June 30, 2019. They are holding a congregational meeting on April 28 to discuss disposition of the financial assets of the dissolved congregation. While Goodloe is dissolving as a congregation, thereby triggering the need to transfer assets, GMUUC is spinning off its education ministry for 500 homeschooling families to be a self-sustaining organization called Goodloe Learning Community. GLC is organized around UU principles and welcomes people from other faith traditions. It is a statewide organization with five regional coordinators from other UU congregations in Maryland. This organization has been approved as a UU Covenanting Community. President Ken Shilling has stated: "While assets needed to keep the new Covenanting Community going will remain with the corporate entity to be known as GLC, all remaining assets will be transferred to the UUA or to designated UUA-associated organizations with UUA approval."

Under UUA by-laws as amended through July 1, 2018, congregations must include in their by-laws a provision that provides that, upon dissolution, all remaining assets are transferred to the UUA. However, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, they may transfer assets to other UU organizations.¹

The Goodloe Congregation has approximately \$217,000 in assets. Some funds will be held back to cover liabilities and expenses through final dissolution. The Congregation has requested that they be allowed to distribute approximately \$20,000 to other UU organizations. Under consideration are the following:

UU Legislative Ministry - Maryland
UUs for Social Justice
UUMAC Scholarships
UU Service Committee
Paint Branch UU Church (Goodloe Scholarship)
AUUMM Overdue Promise Fund
Donna Harris Fisher Fund (AUUMM)

The final allocations will be determined at the April 28 congregational meeting.

We recommend that the Board adopt the following resolution to authorize this action.

¹ Rule 3.3.5.(f). "A congregation shall include in its articles of incorporation or other organizing documents a clause providing that the assets of the congregation will be transferred upon dissolution to the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a congregation obtains the prior written consent of the Association's Board of Trustees, the congregation may name an organization that is affiliated with the Association (such as a district, camp, conference center or other congregation) as the recipient of the congregation's assets upon dissolution."

MOTION

VOTED: That the Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation's intention to distribute from its remaining assets upon dissolution approximately \$20,000 to other UU organizations is approved.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Board extends its appreciation for this transfer of assets to the UUA, which will be used to further the mission of the Association. Furthermore, the Board applauds the creation of the Goodloe Learning Community and welcomes it as a Covenanting Community of the UUA .

FURTHER VOTED: The president of the Association is authorized to approve the final list of recipients as determined at the Goodloe Congregation's congregational meeting on April 28, 2019.

Thank you,
Tim Brennan, Treasurer and CFO