

The Open Door

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First Parish UU invites you to our 2021 Annual Meeting on Zoom JUNE 13, at noon

This is a very important time for our church. All are invited to attend and speak, but only members can vote. If you are not a member yet, and wish to become a member before Annual Meeting, please contact Wil.

PLEDGES

The Board has decided to have pledge forms reach you just after June 13th so that you will be fully informed about our finances.



Topic: First Parish 2021 Annual Meeting On Zoom

Time: Jun 13, 2021, 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Links to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3543028682?pwd=NGg0SGpCREltOEdmaHg3WENVS1cvUT09>

Meeting ID: 354 302 8682 Passcode: 745987

One tap mobile

+19294362866,3543028682#, *745987# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Your presence, your voice, and your votes are critical for our continuance PLEASE ATTEND



Don't use a computer? You can call into a Zoom meeting from your phone.



There are many ways you can help as we head toward reopening in September! Along with your pledge form, you will receive a list to check off ways you'd like to assist. You can send it in with your pledge form! Please be as generous as you can with time and financial contributions.

We can reopen joyfully if we all work together!

Pursuant to By-Law Article XI—Meetings of the Church, Section 1: “The call for Annual Meetings shall be issued by the Clerk at least eight days before said meeting by posting a notice in the meeting house and notifying the Church Membership by mail. A notice in the newsletter shall satisfy the mailing requirement.”

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WORCESTER SS WARRANT

To the Clerk of the First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist of Fitchburg:

You are hereby notified to meet virtually in First Parish Church’s Zoom Account Sunday, June 12, 2021 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

To hear and act on the following reports of the officers and ministries/committees of the church and other reports that may legally come before the meeting:

ARTICLE I: Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting held on 5/2/2021

ARTICLE II: The following reports of the church:

Report of the Minister

Report of the President/Executive Board

Report of the Beginning Anew Committee

Report of the Property and Maintenance Committee

Report of Music Director

Report of the Membership Committee

Report of Social Responsibility Committee

Report of the Endowment Fund

Report of Dillon Fund

(Report of the Worship Committee and RE Director are not included this year. These Committees did not operate during the 2020-2021 pandemic year.)

ARTICLE III: The Report of the Finance Committee

ARTICLE IV: The Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

ARTICLE V: The Report of the Nominating Committee (election of officers) Committee Members could not be found. Should the Moderator entertain nominations from the floor; votes may be taken.

Any additional reports will be submitted into record.

ARTICLE VI: New Business

1. Vote on Minister’s revised ordination request.
2. Vote to designate an amount (to be specified at Annual Meeting) from the Dillon Fund for any needed heat system repairs; with any balance to be used for legal services and then the Kitchen.

May 30, 2021 Per order of the Executive Board

RE Commission needs one more Volunteer for a summer- long commitment

Purpose: Re-establish the RE program at First Parish

Who we are looking for:

FPC Members and Friends who strongly believe that RE is imperative for church growth and stability.

Innovative; outside-the-box thinkers who are active participants in group brainstorming

People who are forward-thinking and community-oriented

Folks who have some familiarity with UU RE programs

Goal:

Work with Sue Berkowicz (Lancaster church), Laura Doell, and Trish Geraghty to create a flexible, community-based RE program to attract and keep families with children. We will be thinking outside our building to draw people in.

Programs need to be flexible enough to accommodate different ages and needs; and to promote UU 7 Principles using engaging instruction and participation.

Time Line:

Tuesday June 8: Initial meeting with Sue Berkowicz will be held at our church at 5:30 on Tuesday, June 8. It is hoped that all RE Commission Members will attend. At this meeting, we will determine dates and times for a series of meetings for June and July. to determine the nature of our new program.:

June and July: We will hold a series of meetings to determine what our programming will be; and to write a job description for a search for our new CRE.

By August 1: Advertise for new CRE; set up interviews. Send a descriptive "Come Grow with Us UUs" blurb to Membership Committee for inclusion with their mailing to new Fitchburg area residents.

By August 22 at the latest: New CRE on board; possibly have him/her meet with Sue Berkowicz. As many of us as possible can give the new CRE available times to assist with supply acquisition and setup.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a Half-Year or One-Year commitment

We need to start a new **Religious Education Committee**. It's very, very important that we have people working to support our new CRE. As a parent who raised three kids at our church, I am forever grateful to those who stepped forward when it was their time in RE.

I'll start. I am willing to do three Sundays a month (not Exec Board Sundays) during the first or second half of the church year.

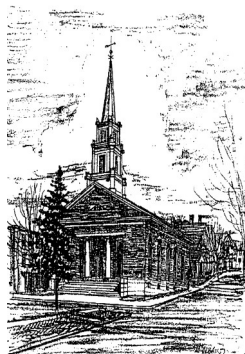
Email me if you can help on either endeavor. THANK YOU!

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