

Summary of the January 2016 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on January 19. Next year, when we'll celebrate UUCR's 60th anniversary, we'll undertake a re-visioning process, leading to the creation of our next five-year strategic plan. With that in mind, the Board approved a canvass budget representing a 6% pledge increase over this year's budget.

This year, our current strategic plan called for us to contract for a professional assessment of the acoustics in the Sanctuary and identify possible physical improvements. Thanks to the Sound Committee for researching and formulating sound system upgrades for better intelligibility. The Board approved \$14,450 to improve sound quality and acoustics in the Sanctuary. This money comes from the capital improvement budget which is separate from the operating budget. However, any funds left over from the operating budget at the end of the fiscal year go into the capital improvement budget.

Rev. Lynn shared her sabbatical plan for the months of April through June. Stay tuned for further details from the Sabbatical Committee. **Karl Irikura**, our Canvass Chair, briefed us on the canvass fellowship events during February. We hope that you participate in one of these group canvass events this year. The goals of these events are to provide an opportunity for fun and fellowship, along with a chance to hear about the 2016 canvass budget and pledging. And, just as important, these events are intended to be an opportunity for members and friends to share experiences and their fires of commitment. We are doing this rather than one-on-one canvassing. Our goal is to reach about a third of the congregation this year and everyone in a three year period.

We hope to speak with you at the Board table in Fellowship Hall after the Sunday service to hear what is on your mind. We are also happy to hear from you via email or over the phone.