



The Joseph Priestley District Board of Directors
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Dear Congregational President:

Since the 2016 Joseph Priestley District Assembly delegates authorized the Board of Directors of the Joseph Priestley District to take the steps to complete the transition to regionalization of the District into the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Board of Directors has been transferring financial, administrative, and governance responsibilities to various parts of the Central East Region or to the greater Unitarian Universalist Association, as appropriate. One particularly important piece remains: guaranteeing that the voices of our congregations shall be heard by the Board of Trustees, that is, assuring bi-directional governance linkage between the Congregations of the Joseph Priestley District and the UUA Board of Trustees.

To this end the Board of Directors of the Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations has proposed an amendment to the UUA bylaws that would require the UUA Board of Trustees to establish formal governance linkage with Congregations. We are asking Congregations to co-sponsor this amendment to the bylaws with us, in accordance with bylaw 15.2, which allows for 15 congregations to put a bylaw amendment on the Agenda of the General Assembly. You can read more about the background of this amendment at www.tinyurl.com/jpdamend.

We invite you to co-sponsor this amendment by having your governing body vote in favor of this bylaws amendment. Once your governing body has voted, please fill in and sign the letter certifying your co-sponsorship of this bylaws amendment and return it in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope, preferably before the beginning of the New Year, as we have to deliver everything to the Moderator and Board of Trustees no later than 31 January 2018 to have the bylaw amendment included in the Agenda of UUA General Assembly 2018.

Thank you for the support of your Congregation and delegates for this proposed UUA Bylaws Amendment.

In faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Wellnitz".

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