

Worksheet for the UUB Planning Meeting of Sunday, January 23rd, 2022



The purpose of this planning meeting is to give everyone a chance to express what is most important for them in the programme and life of our small UUB community. To do this, we hope that everyone will participate and express clearly what they themselves hope from their congregation, especially in what ways the life and activities of the congregation can be shaped to encourage our personal spiritual development and acceptance of one another (Our 3rd principle).

Our planning session is 2 hours. The first hour session should give everyone the chance to personally express themselves and to be clearly heard as persons in our community. The second hour will give us an opportunity to find common areas of needs, motivation, and hopes for our community. The worksheet is designed to help this process which should include your own thinking, telling and listening to each other, as well as areas of convergence and maybe initial suggestions for orientation and activities for this semester (through June), and indications for the second semester (through December).

Consider quietly and note in the following pages what you think and feel is most important for you. In doing so, you may wish to use the questions given, or frame and express your own personal thoughts and feelings. Our

mandate of mutual respect covers our privacy and boundaries. So please don't hesitate to pass or decline to participate if you do not wish to.

A. FOR YOURSELF

Our third principle encourages each person's spiritual development. This is a basic need for many persons in our community. The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists calls us to honor and serve the infinite spirit of life. Our last service was on this theme.

1. Spiritual growth is both a vast and a personal subject. In your own thinking and experience, what is most important or vital for you? Can you help explain its importance for yourself? To put it another way: what purpose does it serve for you as a person, or what role does it play in shaping who you are and in living your life?

2. Can you give examples from your own experience in UU or other spiritual communities.?

3. Has our community helped or hindered; and in what ways ?

B. YOURSELF IN UUB. Imagine that you have been given a magic wand that enables you to build the congregation you hope for, and its main activities. Note that the main focus should be on our own personal development)

1. What activities would be most important for you?

a. This semester?

b. Second semester or this year?

2. Who could, or should coordinate and lead them?

3. Can you indicate how you would like them to be planned, scheduled and announced?

4. Would you use your magic wand to get us back to our regular meeting home in 'Im Lohnhof', and when at the earliest if the Covid situations could allow it.

5. Our congregation can have a significant role and impact beyond and outside itself? Indicate one or two areas where you think UUB should be active.

C. YOUR REPORT. Individually and in group, put it all together so that there is significant convergence in what is most important for the persons in our community. Outline the activities for the first semester and indicate possible activities for the second semester, and/or for the year. Write a paragraph summarising all of this and add an indicative schedule and submit your report to our UUB congregation with a blessing and a hope that our year will be another best ever year.

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