

9/20/20

Via Zoom Meeting

Approximately 96 (of 202 eligible to vote) members were in attendance, along with several non-members and staff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am by Carole Campbell, Board President.
2. George Herr-Riser offered opening words, and Reverend Israel lighted the chalice.
3. All present indicated that they were able to hear and those calling in via phone were identified.
4. **A motion to suspend Section 5.3 of the UUCL bylaws regarding voting procedures of new members for the vote on the calling of a new minister at this meeting was made by Dave Dussinger and seconded by Paula Jackson. This would allow the new members who joined UUCL within the 60-day restricted period to vote today. This motion carried without dissent.**
5. The members of the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) – Laurie Thompson, Stephanie Santiago, Claudia Hostetter, Steve Jones, Susan Lithgoe, and Kristen Buchanan – were introduced. A brief tribute was also made to Bob Mroczkowski, one of the original members of the MSC who passed away in 2019.
6. Kristen Buchanan briefly introduced the Reverend Israel Buffardi, candidate for the ministry. **On behalf of the MSC, Laurie Thompson moved that the Reverend Buffardi be called as the next settled minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster. The motion was seconded by Steve Jones. By unanimous vote, the motion was passed.**
7. Reverend Israel made brief remarks to the congregation and introduced his partner Abigail and their daughter Nico.
8. A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Lithgoe, seconded by Heather Gehron-Rice, and carried. The congregation was invited to join Reverend Israel and his family for a socially-distanced parade and drive-by in front of the church. Celebratory cupcakes will be served.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Foster-Clark, Board Secretary