

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is pleased to announce the annual meeting as required by Article V, section 1 of the by-laws. The meeting will be held at the Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC from April 30, 2010 to May 1, 2010.

The meeting will include reports from officers and the district executive, approval of the budget, election of President, Vice-President, two Directors, and the Nominating Committee.

Additionally, delegates will be asked to approve three recommendations by the Board of Directors:

1. A new name for the district chosen from the following or other names that may be brought forward by congregations and/or their delegates.
  - a. **Atlantic Southeast**
  - b. **Towne-Jordan**
  - c. **Toward Justice**
  - d. Other names that might come forward from congregations for consideration prior to the annual meeting. Congregations who wish to propose other names should submit them to the Secretary ([gracia.walker@charter.net](mailto:gracia.walker@charter.net)) by April 1, 2010. Any proposed new names with the rationale for that name will be published by April 5 to enable all delegates to the Annual Meeting to consider prior to the meeting.
2. By-law changes
3. Finally, delegates will be asked to ratify a new policy manual developed by the board as it has moved to a Policy-based Governance model.

Town Hall meetings will be held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to allow delegates to ask questions about the three issues above. To ensure the business meeting can be completed in the time available, any new name recommendations that congregations wish to have considered, policy manual revisions, or by-law change modifications should be brought forward at these meetings rather than the general meeting.

## RULES FOR DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED NEW NAMES FOR THE DISTRICT

1. At the appointed time for debate on the issue of proposed new names for the district, a resolution to change the name of the district will be moved and seconded. To avoid being a district without a name, the motion will include a statement that the name Thomas Jefferson District will be retained until a new name is agreed upon.
  - a. Example: *So moved, that ARTICLE 1 of the by-laws shall be amended by substitution from "The name of this organization shall be The Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association (TJ District) to a name to be selected by a Committee of the Whole and brought back to the business meeting for a vote.*
2. Parliamentarian will read the Rules of Debate, which follow the General Assembly model:
  - a. 20 minute time limit for the debate.
  - b. 2 minutes per individual speaker.
  - c. An individual may speak only once on a question.
  - d. Pro, Con, and Procedural microphones will be used.
  - e. If more time is required for debate, it may be requested from the Procedural microphone and voted on by the delegates
3. A 2/3 vote of the quorum will carry the motion. Quorum is 20% of delegates from 25% of congregations.
4. If the motion for name change carries, in order to avoid numerous motions for alternative names, we will dissolve into a Committee of the Whole.
  - a. A Committee of the Whole will allow free discussion of the names that may be brought forward. It also allows informal votes on names until we have one name that will be carried by a 2/3 vote.

- b. The President will turn over the chair to the Vice President to allow the President to speak in favor of changing the name change.
  - c. Again, the GA model will be used for debate.
- 5. Parliamentarian will read the Rules for Dissolving into a Committee of the Whole and read this resolution:
  - I move that the Assembly now dissolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a new name for our District.*
- 6. When we have agreement on a name, a motion to rise or adjourn the Committee will be made, seconded, and voted upon.
- 7. The formal resolution of name change will be read by the Secretary before the vote:
  - So moved, that ARTICLE 1 of the by-laws shall be amended by substitution from "The name of this organization shall be The Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association (TJ District) to \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - a. No second is required because we came to resolution as a Committee of the Whole.
  - b. A 2/3 vote is required to carry the motion.

Approved and accepted by TJD Board of Directors 2/5/10