

Questions & Answers from 9-13-11 Transition Advisory Council Information Session

Question	Answer
Is one of the criteria that the group be diverse?	Yes, see application (what skills, interests, background would you bring to service on the Advisory Council). And yes, that means diversity in thought, spirituality, race, etc., etc.
Confirm the Board will do the interviews and make the selection.	Yes, that is correct.
Is it our goal to have a minister in a year?	Miracles can happen – it could be a year. Based on others’ experiences, it could be a year to 2 years.
Where are we on the open Board positions? Are we moving forward?	Yes, via the Nomination Committee – Diane Ward, Wayne Dorsey, Rhonda Curtis.
Do you still have to have taken the Unity Way of Life class to be on the Board?	Yes, and you must have been an active member for a year.
What does “active congregant” to be on the Advisory Council? Is it enough to have been here for the past month?	On the application, you fill out you can note how you have contributed. And yes, you can include activities not only from the recent past.
What decision was made on the number of Council members?	It’s based on recommendations of others who have gone through this work. Too many and you can get into a “lock”.
Is the commitment to be on the Transition Advisory Council until we are through the transition process?	Hopefully, people on the Council will stay for the long haul, i.e., for the period of transition.
Recommendation from Carol Wehmann – utilize the applications of these people for other positions within the Center. Long at these people for the skills they bring to the Center.	Also, those not on the Advisory Council are needed to give input and support to the Council. And yes, we want to see skills of everyone used.
How do we return the applications?	Hand them to any Board member or in an envelope to Peggy.
Can I return the application electronically?	Yes, sign and scan it in.
We aren’t here all year and can’t be on the Council but want to be available for other activities.	Fill out the application and note on it that you are available for other opportunities.
Can we have the Council’s email addresses so we can send them input?	Yes. And they will send us status reports.
I thought the purpose of the Council is to be an example of Unity, of who we are. It’s really not about a minister right now.	Yes, and we need to become a vibrant, healthy congregation before we begin a minister search.
Is the Council’s primary goal to select a minister?	No, “Advisory Council” is not a euphemism for “Search Committee.”
People on the Advisory Committee will want to see that what they offer moves forward. They want to really see that they are doing something that will be part of the moving forward of this congregation. They don’t want to waste their time on recommendations that the Board overturns.	Concrete work needs to be done on such things as revisiting mission, vision, and goals. We all need to work on moving forward.