

Dear ERUUF Members,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we will hold our multi-platform Annual Meeting of the Fellowship on Saturday May 20, 2023 at 9:30 am. We will gather in-person at 9:00 am for coffee and checking in, then start our hybrid meeting at 9:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to engage in the governance of our community.

The Annual Meeting is both an opportunity to engage in fellowship and an important moment when we come together to fulfill our responsibilities as Members, living into the democratic process that guides our congregation by voting on important matters of business. For members who cannot attend in person or via zoom, absentee ballots will be accepted until 12pm on May 19th. Absentee ballots will be available on the ERUUF website as part of the annual meeting packet.

This was a year of transition and excitement, as we joyously installed Reverend Jacqueline Brett as our new lead minister, shifted our staff to meet our growing needs, welcomed many new faces and members to ERUUF, and embarked on the development of a new strategic plan. As a Board, we began this ERUUF year by articulating our 2022-2023 Annual Vision of Ministry:

- Deepen ERUUF's commitment to Racial Equity and Inclusion by introducing the Theory of Change.
- Reinvigorate ERUUF's community through Engagement, Connection, and Faith Formation for all ages.
- Imagine and articulate a bold 2023-2026 Strategic Plan to advance ERUUF's Mission, Vision and Values.

You will hear more about the status of these priorities at our annual meeting, and have the opportunity to vote on the next generation of leaders who will move us forward, as well as the budget needed to help get us there. You will also hear the results of several recent surveys that have been used to get a sense of where we are as a congregation - the annual Pulse survey and the racial equity and inclusion survey that took stock of where we see ourselves on the REI journey. These were important touchstones and we look forward to sharing the results with you.

While this is my last year on ERUUF's Board of Trustees, I know that our Fellowship has the leaders it needs to move boldly forward. It is an exciting time to think about all we can accomplish together and the annual meeting is an excellent way for us to turn the corner to meet the opportunities that await us.

In Fellowship,

Sara Terry

Chair, Board of Trustees