UUCTC CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to tell us about yourself and your experience of our congregation! We estimate the survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete. This survey will help you, your congregational leadership, your search committee, and your future minister understand our congregation better. Responses to these questions will help guide small group discussions, and enrich the narrative about our ministry context that your search committee shares with ministerial applicants.

For paper surveys, mail to or drop off at: UUCTC - Ministerial Search, 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, IN 47906

The raw data will be kept confidential. If a question makes you feel uncomfortable or too vulnerable, please skip it. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Stephen David (<u>davidstephen348@gmail.com</u>) or Susanne McConville (<u>suemcconville1200@gmail.com</u>).

Please be as honest as possible. The search committee and board are eager to hear what you have to say. While individual responses will be kept in confidence, a summary and analysis will be shared with the congregation.

1. What is your favorite thing about our congregation?

2. What do you perceive the top three functions of our congregation to be?

3. What do you perceive the top three functions of our minister to be?

Balcony View

Below are listed ministries and programs of UUCTC. We want to know how these affect your life as a person of faith.

4. On average how often did you participate in the following activities during the last year?

Check all that apply.

	Weekly	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Yearly	Never
Sunday Morning Worship Service					
Sunday Volunteer (Sound Tech, Fellowship Team, etc.)					
Sunday Morning Forum					
Adult Religious Education					
Young Adult Religious Education					
Children's Religious Education					
Governance (Board Meetings, Congregational Meetings)					
Committee Meeting					
Fundraising (Pledge drive, Service Auction, Art Fair, Football Parking, Plant Sale)					
District, Regional, or General Assembly					
Other Regional Offerings (Workshop, Webinar, Learning Circles)					
Choir					
Social Justice Activity or Event					
Family Ministries					
Intergenerational Activities					
Wednesday Lunch Hour with Minister					
Black Lives Matter					
Interest Groups (Feminist Book Group, Movie Group, Insight Meditation, Men's Night Out, Women's Night Out, Softball)					

Impact: looking back over the programs, ministries, and activities listed in the previous question, please choose one (or two at the most) programs for your responses to the following questions:

5. In which program, ministry, or activity do you feel most Unitarian Universalist?

6. Which program, ministry, or activity gives you concrete tools to live a dynamic UU life?

7. Which program, ministry, or activity inspires you to stretch and grow?

8. Which program, ministry, or activity gives you the deepest sense of belonging?

9. Where have you experienced fulfillment?

10. This congregation is generally open to change.

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	Strongly Agree

11. This congregation has a flexible enough structure to implement new ideas easily.

Mark only one oval.



12. This congregation focuses on a nurturing religious community that celebrates diverse beliefs and encourages spiritual growth.



13. I have concerns about our congregation's financial sustainability.

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	Strongly Agree

14. There is a high level of trust in leadership in this congregation.

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	Strongly Agree

15. We have a core group of leaders able to lead change in a non-anxious way.

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	Strongly Agree

16. We do a good job of having difficult conversations and staying in relationship.

Mark only one oval.



17. Our mission and ministry continue to adapt to changing conditions in the world.

Mark only one oval.



Expectations of our next Settled Minister & Vision for our Congregation

18. Consider the following roles of our future minister and their importance in different contexts. For each column, choose 5 roles: (column 1) 5 roles that are important to you, (column 2) 5 roles that serve the good of the whole congregation, and (column 3) 5 roles that will make the biggest impact on the next generation.

Check all that apply.

	Your preference	For the good of the whole congregation	For the good of the next generation
Pastoral Role - provides pastoral care, and, by example shows us how to care for one another.			
Prophetic Role - helps us imagine our future and inspire us			
Leading the overall ministry of our congregation			
Presenting inspiring and challenging Sunday services			
Encouraging social justice programs			
Developing volunteers and lay leaders			
Fostering a sense of community			
Supervising the church staff			
Providing visible leadership in the Greater Lafayette area			
Supporting families and multi- generational ministries			
Teaching classes and leading workshops			

19. If you didn't agree with something the minister said or did, would you...

Mark only one oval.

Tell the minister immediately

Write a note to the minister

Write a note to the Board

Tell those in your circles

Stifle, just keep your opinions to yourself

Would think it said more about yourself and less about the minister.

Stop coming to church

21. It could be	e unifying and energizing if the new minister tried to change:
Demographics	This part will remain confidential and great care will be given to report out in a respectful way. Information from these questions will paint a representative picture of our congregation and help prospective future ministers evaluate their fit. If you feel uncomfortable with any specific question, you can choose not to disclose.
22. What is yc	bur age?
Mark only one	oval
Under 18	
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20-29	
30-39	
40-49	
50-59	
60-69	
70-79	
80 years	or older
23. Which rac	ial or ethnic identity/identities do you hold? Please check all that apply.
Check all that a	pply.
Asian or As	sian American
	frican American
Caucasian	/White
Latinx	
Multiracial	erican or Other Pacific Islander
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20. It could become contentious if the new minister tried to change:

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Other:	Г
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24. Do you consider yourself part of a multiracial family?

Mark only one oval.

YesNoMaybe

25. With which gender do you most identify? Please check all that apply

Check all that apply.

Female
Male
Gender Queer/ Gender Fluid
Transgender
Two-Spirit
Agender/ Gender Androgenous
Other:

26. What is your sexual orientation?

Mark only one oval.

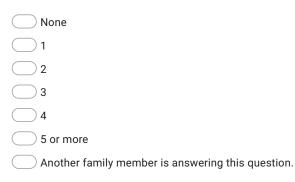
Asexual	
Bisexual	
Pansexual	
Heterosexual	
Lesbian	
Gay	
Other:	

27. What is your relationship status?

In a Committed Relationship
In Committed Relationships
Married
Separated or Divorced
Single
Widowed
Other:

28. How many children under the age of 18 are there in your family? If other adult family members are filling out a form, too, please choose one family member to count the children.

Mark only	one oval.
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29. If you have children under the age of 18 in your family, please check all that apply. Again, if other adult family members are filling out a form, too, please choose one family member to answer this question.

Check all that apply.

- All the children are in the house full time.
- Some of the children are in the house part time.
- All the children are in the house part time.
- It's complicated.
- Another family member is answering this question.

30. If you have children under the age of 18 in your family, how many are currently participating in the Religious Education program at UUCTC? Again, if other adult family members are filling out a form, too, please choose one family member to answer this question.

No children under the age of 18
None
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2
3
4
5 or more
Another family member is answering this question.

31. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Mark only one oval.

Some high school
High School or GED
Some college
2-year degree (Associate Degree, e.g. AA, AS)
4-year degree (BA, BS, etc.)
Trade school or apprenticeship
Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, MEd)
Octoral degree (Ph.D, Ed.D, ect.)
Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM, JD)
Other:

32. What is your current employment status? Check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

Employed full time
Employed part time
Employed and looking for more work
Homemaker
Retired
Self-employed/freelance
Student
Unable to work
Unemployed and currently looking for work
Unemployed and not looking for work
Other:

33. Which of the following income categories best describes your total annual household income?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than \$15,000
- () \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- () \$35,000 to \$49,000
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- 🔵 \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 to \$249,999
- \$250,000 or more

34. What is your current household annual giving pledge, whether you pledge as individuals or as a family?

Mark only one oval.

\$0
 Less than \$299
 \$300 to \$599
 \$600 to \$999
 \$1000 to \$1499
 \$1500 to \$2999
 \$3000 to \$4999
 \$5000 to \$7499
 \$7500 to \$9999

- \$10,000 to \$19,000
-) \$20,000 or more

35. What do you take into consideration when deciding an amount to give?

36. When was the last time you increased your giving to UUCTC?

Mark only one oval.

This year
Last year
Two years ago
Three or more years ago
Never

37. What inspired an increase (or decrease) in giving?

38. On average, how long does it take you to travel to UUCTC from your home?

Mark only one oval.

Less than 15 minutes

_____ 15-30 minutes

🔵 31-45 minutes

_____ 46-60 minutes

More than 60 minutes

39. What is the most effective way the church can get news to you? Check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

Meridian Update
Order of Service
Website
Facebook
Email
Phone call
Snail Mail
Text

40. What is your relationship to UUCTC?

Mark only one oval.

Member

Friend

Visitor

_____ Staff

41. How long have you attended UUCTC?

Mark only one oval.

Less than 1 year

🔵 1-2 years

3-5 years

🔵 6-10 years

🔵 11-20 years

More than 20 years

42. Besides this congregation, are you a member of another congregation? Please check all that apply.

Mark only one oval.

Member of another religious community	of another religious communit	nitv
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Member of Church of the Larger Fellowship

Member of another UU congregation (other than CLF)

Member of a UU Covenanting Community

Other:

43. What is your faith background?

- 📃 I was born into the Unitarian Universalist tradition
- I attended a UU congregation during my childhood/teens years
- 🗌 I was unchurched
- I was raised in another faith, but unchurched as an adult
- I came from another faith tradition
- 🗌 I grew up in an interfaith family

44. Which faith tradition(s) do you currently identify with? For example: Secular Humanist, Christian, Hindu, Wiccan, etc.

45. How important is religion/spirituality in your life?

Mark only one oval.

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not at all	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	very important

46. How many years have you been a Unitarian Universalist?

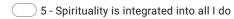
Mark only one oval.

Less than 1 year
1-2 years
3-5 years
6-10 years
11-20 years
O More than 20 years

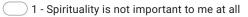
I do not consider myself Unitarian Universalist

47. How would you rate your spiritual life?

Mark only one oval.



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48. Do you have a regular spiritual practice?

Mark only one oval.

YesNoMaybe

Conclusion

49. What brought you to UUCTC?

50. What keeps you here?

51. What kind of developmental growth would you like to see in this church?

52. Why should our future minister consider joining the next chapter of our journey?