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**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
RESOLUTIONS  
Approved on May 18, 2018  
Hamilton ON**

**NEW MEMBER CONGREGATION**

**The Member Congregations Of The Canadian Unitarian Council Affirms The Decision Of The CUC Board Of Trustees To Recognize Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre As A Full Member Congregation Of The Canadian Unitarian Council.**

**BACKGROUND**

1. According to [CUC By-law #2: Membership](#):
  - 2.1.1. A congregation may become a member of the Council with the right to vote upon approval by the Board of a written application. The application shall state that the congregation subscribes to the objects of the Council as set out in its Articles and will abide by its by-laws. It shall include:
  - 2.1.2. A copy of the congregation's charter or constitution and by-laws including a dissolution clause naming the Council as a beneficiary;
  - 2.1.3. An initial financial contribution to the Council, the amount to be determined by the Board;
  - 2.1.4. A statement of the geographic area to be served;
  - 2.1.5. The mailing address of the congregation;
  - 2.1.6. A list of officers with their mailing addresses.

In addition,

- 2.1.7. A member shall maintain its standing with the Council through:
- 2.1.8. Conducting regular open services or meetings;
- 2.1.9. Maintaining a regularly constituted organization with adequate records of membership, electing officers, and providing for an annual meeting of its members;
- 2.1.10. Financially supporting the Council with an Annual Program Contribution;
- 2.1.11. Furnishing the Council with reports and statistics as and when they may be reasonably required by the Council.



- 2.1.12.** A member congregation in good standing shall have the right through delegates to vote at meetings of the Council.
- 2.1.13.** If a member congregation fails to comply with any of these requirements and fails to rectify the default within 30 days after written notice upon calling it to do so, the Board may suspend its right to vote at the meetings of the Council, and such suspension shall continue until the non-compliance is rectified to the satisfaction of the Board.
- 3.** CUC staff Joan Carolyn and Vyda Ng, with minister Rev. Debra Thorne, have been working with NUSC since 2015 on becoming a part of the national Unitarian Universalist community. This work was aided in part by a grant from the Pacific Northwest UU Growth Foundation.
- 4.** The Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre having met all requirements to become a member congregation, and have been duly approved by the CUC Board of Trustees.



## A. CUC STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2018 - 2019

### BACKGROUND

- A. Under Bylaw 3.5.3.4 the CUC is required to seek approval at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) for strategic priorities for the coming year.
- B. The goals and strategic priorities listed below were developed board and staff in joint face to face meetings in the fall of 2016, approved by delegates at the May 2017 AGM and reviewed and reaffirmed by board and staff at face to face meetings in the fall of 2017.
- C. Board and Staff agreed that the goals and strategic priorities should be recommended for approval at the May 2018 AGM to guide: a) the 12 months of staff work, 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2018; and b) the 12 months of board work, 1 Jun 2018 to 31 May 2019.

**The work of the CUC will be guided in 2018-19 by the following goals and strategic priorities:**

### Goals

**The CUC ensures that it has resources to maintain its own sustainability** in order to advance the cost-effective achievement of the following four primary goals:

1. **Enhance religious exploration and spiritual growth** grounded in the vision, principles, sources, and aspirations of the Canadian Unitarian Universalist (UU) movement;
2. **Advance socially responsible actions** to live out our vision of interdependence, love, and justice to bring benefit to Canadian and global communities;
3. **Build community resilience** so our congregations and communities are connected to each other, and thrive organizationally, economically, and socially in a diverse, multi-generational context;
4. **Strengthen local, regional, national, and global networks** of collaborative and interdependent UU congregations and communities.



## Strategic Priorities

*Within these goals, the work of CUC Staff and Board will focus on following **strategic priorities** for 2018-2019:*

- A. Ensure **sustainable revenue generation** to continue the work of building vital Unitarian communities;
- B. Optimize communications capabilities so that they are flexible, robust, and effective, with an **early focus on the CUC website** to make it a useful and appealing communications tool for both members and visitors;
- C. Advance social justice initiatives, including **truth, healing, and reconciliation amongst indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians**;
- D. Encourage innovation and sustainability in the growth and development of UU communities, **including youth and young adults** as they strive to foster a just and sustainable world and to enrich the spiritual lives of their members.