

UUFSD Fellowship Self-Evaluation

We on the Board of UUFSD want to thank you, the members and friends of our fellowship, for your enthusiastic participation in our congregational self-evaluation. As many of you know, the Board sent out a survey, with the help of Rich Macdonald, in February. You heeded our call to complete it in a timely manner. 105 of you responded. Thank you! We've been asked to report the findings back to you. The four links in this document will lead you to that information. The third link summarizing your major perceptions will give you an overview of all the results. The other links offer more details.

The survey covered six areas of fellowship life: Fellowship and Community, Meetings and Activities, Religious Exploration, Sunday Services, Social Justice and Outreach, and Future Direction. Each area contained three or four questions plus space to make comments.

We tabulated the main results of the survey and presented them to you in a PowerPoint created by Dana Frieauf (link [HERE](#)) at a Forum on March 30, 2025. The purpose of the Forum was to bring the data back to you to get your feedback on it. During the Forum, in addition to viewing the PowerPoint, six small groups were formed to discuss the findings for the six areas. Each group had a discussion guide which presented more detailed information on one particular area (link [HERE](#)). After the discussions, the six groups shared their perspectives on the findings with the whole group.

Once the Board had both the survey results and the congregational feedback, we summarized the major perceptions of fellowship life reported by all of you (link [HERE](#)). We also included a fourth document which presents one congregant's perspective on spiritual growth (link [HERE](#)). We urge you to open those links to get a reading on the pulse of the fellowship right now.

To give you a peek at the data, we can say the fellowship is doing well. Most respondents want UUFSD to be vibrant in all six areas. The perceived main areas of strength are Fellowship and Community, Sunday Services and Religious Exploration programs for 0-12-year-olds. The principal challenges are perceived as Religious Exploration programs for those from 13 to 65+ and Future Direction.

But there are many nuances that are important for us to understand. Dig into the four documents referenced here to learn more and hopefully engage in ongoing discussions about who we are and who we want to be. This letter with information on the six areas of congregational life is being sent to our committees and staff so they can decide whether and how to operationalize the suggestions. If you're passionate about one of the themes or set of suggestions, volunteer with that committee to make things happen. The Worship committee has already begun to experiment with the format of Sunday services.

Respectfully,
Your UUFSD Board