

**2006 Annual Meeting**  
of the

**Universalist Church School Union Trust**

**Date:** March 18, 2006  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** First Parish Universalist Church  
790 Washington Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072

**Call to Order - 10:00 AM**

Susan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All of the handouts in the package were reviewed.

**Introductions**

Name	Church or Organization
Wendy Dennis	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Alyson Gaylord-Loy represented by Michael Dembrowski	First Parish of Malden, Universalist Malden, Massachusetts
Elisse Ghitelman	First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham, Massachusetts
Heidi Hudson (represented by Elisa Blanchard)	First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton, Massachusetts
Kathy Lique (represented by Susan O'Connor)	Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott, Massachusetts
Joyce Rodenhiser	First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Saugus, Massachusetts
Richard Trudeau	Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth Weymouth, Massachusetts
Kent VanHeukelom	Unitarian Universalist Church Melrose, Massachusetts

Richard Warye (represented by Susan Ware)	Universalist Unitarian Church Brockton, Massachusetts
Esther Rosado	Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford Medford, Massachusetts
Geraldine Lee, Treasurer	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Betsy Stevens (represented by Louise Marku)	Ballou-Channing District—RE Union
Ruby McKay Nadeau	Ferry Beach Park Association
Esther Rosado	Massachusetts Bay District RE Team

## **Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting**

Two corrections were noted in the minutes: page 3, change “there” to “three”; page 7 eliminate the duplicate paragraph on distribution of materials. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected (Motion 2006-01).

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Geraldine Lee, Treasurer, reported that there will be approximately \$8,500 to be distributed among the 10 churches and 3 organizations that submitted requests for funding and who are represented at this meeting. Performance of the investments has been consistent over the past several years.

Ruby McKay pointed out that many organizations are pulling their monies out of the UUA Investment fund since they were able to get better results through other investments. The question is how much risk we are willing to take in order to have higher yields. Ferry Beach has been using a Provencher Financial Planning (Worcester, MA) and are quite please with their choice. Geraldine will monitor the performance of the UUA Investments prior to making any changes.

The treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted (Motion 2006-02).

### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received.

1. Merry Stockton: Star Island RE Week: thank you for 2005 monies
2. Ruby McKay: thank you for 2005 monies; suggestion that only churches receive monies given that the investments have been low for so many years

3. Linda Stephansky, Clerk for FPUC: BoT designates Elisa Blanchard to represent them at this meeting. Heidi Hudson remains their Trustee
4. Jim Peterson, Past President UU Church of Greater Lynn: Authorizing either Bob Luck or Susan O'Connor to represent Kathy Lique at this meeting due to the critical and sudden illness of Kathy's husband. Kathy Lique remains their Trustee.

Ruby McKay's suggestion that the amount of monies given to organizations supporting the church was discussed. It was determined that organizations such as Ferry Beach and Starr Island support the RE programs at the member churches and that it was important to continue to support them.

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## Reports of Trustees

Name Church or Organization	How moneys allocated in 2005 have been used How plan to spend moneys to be distributed in 2006
<b>Ric hard Warye</b> Universalist Unitarian Church <b>Brockton, Massachusetts</b>	2005: The funds were applied to paying the salary of a professional DRE and curriculum 2006: To assist in payment for attendance at either Ferry Beach or Star Island R.E. weeks for teacher training and to assist in paying aa attendant during Sunday church services.
<b>Alyson Gaylord-Loy</b> First Parish of Malden, Universalist <b>Malden, Massachusetts</b>	2005: Purchased current UUA curricula, arts and crafts supplies, toys and visual materials as First Parish builds a cooperative RE program to meet the needs of its many new families and children. 2006: To purchase curricula and supplies for the classroom focusing on pre-K and K children of families who are now active in the congregation
<b>Esther M. Rosado</b> Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford <b>Medford, Massachusetts</b>	2005: Used the funds to start a senior high "Protestant Youth Group" in Medford and a social justice committee. 2006: The funds would be used to start a junior high youth group fashioned after the experiences in 2005 with older youth.
<b>Kent VanHeukelom</b> Unitarian Universalist Church <b>Melrose, Massachusetts</b>	2005: Helped pay the Youth director salary, Pot 'O Gold tuition for RE members and new curriculum for elementary students. 2006: To purchase new curriculum for junior high youth; to help pay the youth directors salary, and to pay for R.E. members to attend "Pot O' Gold".

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<b>Joyce Rodenhiser</b> First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Saugus, Massachusetts	2005: Books, Spirit Play curriculum and toys with UU ideas and supplies were purchased 2006: The funds will be used to further the education program for both children and adults.
<b>Heidi Hudson</b> (represented by Elisa Blanchard) First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton, Massachusetts	2005: Funded social concerns projects such as continue Kids Cook and fleece blankets for children in homeless shelters. Any remaining monies were be used to add books to the Church library, purchase curriculum or purchase supplies to enhance the RE Program.. 2006: to provide paid child care during worship services; to add to the library; to purchase additional curricula and special supplies; to fund social concerns projects such as Kids Cook and creating blankets or Kids Packs for children in the local homeless shelter
<b>Kathy Lique</b> (represented by Bob Luck or SMOD) Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott, Massachusetts	2005: The funds were used to partially support the Mass Bay District's Religious Educator 2006: The funds will again be used to partially support the Mass Bay District's Religious Educator
<b>Wendy Dennis</b> First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts	2005: Funds were used to supplement childcare and support adult and youth RE Programs 2006: Funds will be used to supplement childcare and support adult and youth RE Programs
<b>Elisse Ghitelman</b> First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham, Massachusetts	2005: The funds were used to support important RE programs: purchasing new curriculum (OWL for middle school) and continuing to provide high quality nursery care during services. 2006: The funds will be used to help purchase the equipment to start implementing the Spirit Play curriculum. This includes storage bins, art shelves, craft materials, supplies and materials which illustrate the stories told during lesson time. Any remaining monies will be used to buy a rug and fabric to make the classroom more child friendly.
<b>Richard Trudeau</b> Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth	2005: Purchased haggadahs for RE Seder, contributed toward the salary of the DRE, offset cost of copying curricula and related materials, general

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<b>Weymouth, Massachusetts</b>	RE supplies, Quilt project supplies. 2006: The funds will be used for supplies for the annual quilting project, Seder supplies,, Coming of Age gifts, photocopying and the RE Administrator's salary.
<b>Helen Zidowecki</b> (represented by Geraldine Lee) <b>Church of the Larger Fellowship</b>	2005: Expanded our web listings of religious education materials for all ages by an additional 200 items, thereby completing the work that was started with last year's grant. Developed new materials specifically designed for two groups which have been as yet under-served by CLF's R.E. department: preschoolers and youth Prepared new Coming of Age materials designed specifically for use by families and small congregations, and post these to the web site. 2006: NO REQUEST
<b>Ruby McKay-Nadeau</b> <b>Ferry Beach Association</b>	2005: Funds were used as scholarships for our TE program and/or "Family Matters," a conference prepared by the task force of the UUA and which is being tested at Ferry Beach this summer. 2006: These funds will be used to provide a scholarship(s) for any religious educator in the New England Area to attend RE Week at Ferry Beach (7/8 to 7/14)
<b>Esther M. Rosado</b> Massachusetts Bay District RE Team	2005: For child care at the Team's RE meetings and for youth scholarships. 2006: To start a RE Cluster Group for small churches. The funds would enable us to provide baby sitting and religious materials and programming that is more tailored to small church RE programs.
<b>Betsy Stevens</b> Ballou-Channing District—RE Union	2005: The funds were used as scholarships for BCD religious educators to attend Renaissance modules, Summer conferences, and other training events.. 2006: The funds will be used to finance the creation and distribution of a Peace Project Packet—a collection of resources and information (curricula, books, games, activities, songs, and art projects, etc.) to be mailed to every church in the Ballou Channing District.

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**No representative / no application** 2005: We would use any granted funds as scholarships to help DREs and RE teachers afford the cost of coming to RE Week at Star island. First priority would be to religious educators and teachers from member churches of the Union Trust.  
Star Island RE Week  
2006: Application was not submitted on time.

## By-Law Revision

The proposed revisions to the Bylaws were distributed electronically in early February. The proposed changes include:

1. Consistently call the organization “Universalist Church School Union Trust”.
2. Indented text within each Article so that it was more readable.
3. Page 1: correct capitalization of church names; Alan F. Sawyer (reviewed previous bylaws; fuzzy copy resulted in his name being Alan P. Sawyer in the 1996 version)
4. Article 5. Remove term limits for trustees. This is the major revision and should provide more flexibility to both Churches and trustees. Churches can retain trustees indefinitely as long as they are elected every 5 years. Churches can elect new trustees whenever appropriate.
5. Changed the summary statement and signatories

These changes were unanimously approved (*Motion 2006-03*).

## Old Business

### ***Disbursement of Investments***

Approximately \$8,500 will be available for disbursement. There are 10 churches and 6 organizations requesting monies in 2006.

After reviewing the amount of money available for disbursement and understanding the requests for funds it was determined that the monies would be distributed as follows:

- \$750 to each attending member church which submitted a request
- \$325 to each of the 3 organizations (BDC RE Committee, Mass Bay District RE Team, Ferry Beach ark Association)

depending on the actual monies available for distribution.

This distribution schema was unanimously approved (*Motion 2006-04*).

### ***History of the Union Trust***

Susan asked that all the churches look in their records for anything they can find on the history of the Union Trust. The intention is to compile as complete a history of the organization as possible.

### ***Distribution of Materials Electronically***

Since some trustees could not access the electronic meeting announcement and the application for funds, it was decided that these items should be sent in hard copy. All other documents will be posted on the Union Trust's web site: [www.nmuc.org/uniontrust](http://www.nmuc.org/uniontrust). If possible, the electronic application should be in HTML format.

### ***New Business***

#### ***Election of Officers***

Susan O'Connor (Chair and Secretary) and Geraldine Lee (Treasurer) are willing to continue as officer. There was no need for an election.

#### ***Next Annual Meeting Date***

Elise Ghitelman volunteered to hold the meeting at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. The next Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2007, in Waltham. (*Motion 2006-05.*)

### ***Adjournment***

The 2006 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. (*Motion 2006-06.*)

## Motions

Motion 2006-01	Motion to accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting as corrected.	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2006-02	To accept Treasurer's Report.	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2006-03	To amend the By-laws of the Universalist Church school Union Trust as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consistently call the organization "Universalist Church School Union Trust".</li><li>2. Indented text within each Article so that it was more readable.</li><li>3. Page 1: correct capitalization of church names; Alan F. Sawyer (reviewed previous bylaws; fuzzy copy resulted in his name being Alan P. Sawyer in the 1996 version</li><li>4. Article 5. Remove term limits for trustees.</li><li>5. Changed the summary statement and signatories</li></ol>	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2006-04	To distribute money available from the investment fund (approximately \$8,500) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$700 to each attending member church which submitted a request (Brockton, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Saugus, Stoughton, Wakefield, Waltham, Weymouth)</li><li>• \$325 to each attending organization (BDC RE Committee, Mass Bay District RE Team, Ferry Beach Association)</li></ul> depending on the exact amount of the final check.	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2006-05	To set the date for the next Annual Meeting for March 18, 2007 at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA.	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2006-06	To adjourn the 2006 Annual Meeting.	Unanimously approved.