

05/30 Ad Hoc Board Meeting minutes.

Attending: Roy Dickerson (chair), ~~Mark Reimers~~, Bob Simoni, Jan Anderson, Lincoln Baxter, Joanne Krettek, John Wunderlin, Kevin McCulloch

A quorum is 5

Absent:

Topic: Direction to Principles task force:

Joanne asks good questions that perhaps need to be answered before we discuss the main question:

Joanne:

Do we want to be considered a denomination, a service organization, or something else?

Denomination (is a tricky word) (term of truce... more than one valid church)

Liberal Unitarianism vs. Liberationist Unitarianism

General agreement:

- To small,
- We are a service organization (ren
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John: why join us? (UUA has framed things — how will we be differentiated)

Wants a Denomination for differentiation

Seems rushed (may be excluding some people)

Bob, refocused on the urgency of getting principles out there

Do we plan to stay mostly UU-aligned or do we want to be equally welcoming to all religious liberals?

How much do we want “religion” and “spirituality” reflected in our principles / how we define ourselves?

How central a role should our historical values / foundations of “human dignity, reason, freedom and tolerance” play in any set of principles?

To Jan’s point, are we sure that we even want to endorse a specific set of principles?

Lincoln: Actually I think she said subsequently pretty clearly that she wanted to... (that comment was from an earlier board meeting)

What next steps do we want to take, such as enlarge the principles task force, gather more member input than just one survey, push back our timeline on presenting a set of principles to be voted on at the annual meeting, etc.?

How important is it to have any introduced principles reflect modern societal challenges vs. restating what was developed by the UUA decades ago?

How important is the process of holding discussions, exploring issues in the Liberal Beacon and/or a series of Academy and/or Summit sessions, etc. vs. the actual outcome only?

Motion: To provisional adopt the 7 (as is)

Mvd: Bob 2nd; Roy

Discussion

Lincoln: Apposed AIs can come up with go alternatvie words

Kevin: Thinks proposal needs more thought.

Joanne: Not confident that it will brings us anyone (objected to what team came up with)

Not comfortable give what we have communicated and what they developed

A number hesitations.

Mark: No going to make everyone happy (we set expectation)

Owe David and Cathy apology (going to feel hurt)

Real issue is that we are not growing a lot

Address more substantial issues (put on agenda)

Bob: withdrew the motion.

Now consensus not enough members present