THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS EXCITED TO

INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN

***CANDIDATING WEEK APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 2013***

***FOR REVEREND MEREDITH GARMON***

After a thorough 12-month search process, the Ministerial Search Committee recently announced that **Reverend Doctor Meredith Garmon** accepted our offer to be the final candidate for the next settled minister of CUC.  A life-long Unitarian Universalist, in the UU humanist tradition, Rev. Meredith Garmon (Rev. Meredith) entered fellowship as a UU minister in 2004 and was ordained later that year. Since 2006 he has served as the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Gainesville, FL, first as co-minister with his spouse Rev. LoraKim Joyner from 2006-2010, and then as Senior Minister.  Rev. Meredith’s spouse, Rev. LoraKim, is also a veterinarian and a certified trainer in Nonviolent Communication and currently is a community minister focusing on compassionate communication and multispecies ministry.

During the week of Sunday, April 28, 2013 through Sunday, May 5, 2013, Rev. Meredith will visit with us at CUC.  In addition to preaching on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5, Rev. Meredith will be attending the activities listed on the attached schedule.  **You are invited to attend any of the activities listed in bold, and to attend as many as your schedule allows.**  In addition, **time has been scheduled for each committee/council during the week**. This is our opportunity to meet and get to know Rev. Meredith and it is his opportunity to meet and learn about CUC.  Members of the Ministerial Search Committee will be available at group events for feedback or questions.

**Immediately following the service on Sunday, May 5th, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of voting on Rev. Meredith’s candidacy to be the next settled minister of CUC.** Legal members of CUC (i.e. those who have signed the book and made a financial contribution during the 2012-13 fiscal year) will be eligible to vote.

If you are interested in learning more about Rev. Meredith, you are encouraged visit his blogspot on the web at [**meredithgarmon.blogspot.com**](http://meredithgarmon.blogspot.com/).  This site provides extensive background information about Rev. Meredith, his family and his ministry. There are links to his sermons and his writings as well as pictures of Rev. Meredith and his family.  Unfortunately his spouse, Rev. LoraKim will be traveling during candidating week and is unable to join us at this time. For those congregants who do not have access to a computer, there will be several CD's in the office at CUC with audio recordings of Rev. Meredith's sermons. Please feel free to borrow them.

Review the attached schedule, select the appropriate activities and mark your calendars for candidating week with Rev. Meredith!

*Schedule of Events*

***(Open Gatherings in Bold)***

*Sunday, April 28 -* ***Sunday sermon, followed by* expanded coffee hour *with a Q & A session 11:30 am-1:00 pm***

*Afternoon meeting with Program Council and Welcome Committee*

*Evening, dinner with current BOT*

*Monday, April 29 - Dinner with past BOT Presidents*

*Tuesday, April 30 - Staff meeting and lunch*

*Evening dinner with Music committee, directors and choir members followed by choir rehearsal*

*Wednesday, May 1* ***- RE Families and teachers open house evening******5:30-7:30 pm*** *(dinner and dessert) followed by RE Council meeting*

*Thursday, May 2 - Lunch with local ministers*

***Afternoon tea******3:30-5:30 pm*** *hosted by Caring and Sharing committee*

***Evening******All Church Open Forum 6:30-9:00 pm*** *with wine, juice and cheese*

*Friday, May 3 - Daytime Attendance at Metropolitan New York UU District Annual Meeting*

***Evening Youth pizza party 6:30-9:00 pm*** *and prep for Midnight Run*

*Saturday, May 4* ***- Church Tag Sale***

***All community open house 11:00 am -1:00 pm***

*Afternoon meetings with Worship Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, In the Spirit of Truth and Buildings & Grounds Committee*

*Late Afternoon*

***Social Justice and Community Service conversation 4:00-5:00 pm***

*Sunday, May 5 -* ***Sunday service, followed by congregation meeting and vote***