

Sanctuary Now



**All Church Forum
October 8, 2017**



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Chalice Lighting & Opening Words



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UUCB Mission

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder will become a beacon of liberal religion, committed to:

- Nurturing the spiritual growth of our diverse and multigenerational religious community
- Fostering ministry and hospitality between and among our members, friends and visitors
- Actively promoting Unitarian Universalist values here and in the wider world
- Sustaining these efforts through our culture of social justice and generosity



Covenant of Respectful Relationships

Our spiritual health and growth requires our best efforts to maintain respectful relationships with each other, especially when we encounter conflicts among our members or with our Minister or staff.

As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, I covenant to do the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will treat others in our community with the same love and respect that I would like to receive.
2. I will listen to others with attention and empathy, recognizing that it is as important to understand as to be understood.
3. I will speak honestly and directly, with care and compassion.
4. I will honor the right of others to form and hold differing opinions.
5. I will speak directly with anyone with whom I have a concern.
6. I will focus on the present and the future, rather than on the past.
7. I will keep an open mind and remain engaged in the process of seeking a resolution when conflict occurs.



Discernment Timeline - What We've Done So Far

- September - Share Our Plate recipient:
 - Metro Denver/Boulder Sanctuary Coalition.
 - Stories all month during worship.
 - We are members of the coalition so from our operational budget, we offer \$1000.
 - These funds support immigrant families directly
- September/October - Sanctuary Now team meets with Affinity Groups, Ministry Teams and Committees
- September 18 - Immigration 101 Part 2
 - First Congregational Church, 7-9 p.m.
- September 27 - COSM training on Covenant and Covenantal Conversations
- Conversations with other churches who have hosted



Discernment Timeline continued

- TODAY October 8 - All Church Meeting to answer questions and take the pulse of the congregation
- October - More Sanctuary Now Gatherings so everyone can get questions answered
 - Thursday, October 12 6:00 pm in Emerson Room
 - Wednesday, October 18 10:00am Emerson Room
 - Sunday, October 22 10:30 and 12:15 - Emerson Room
- October 29 - Congregational Vote
 - 12:30 Earth Room
 - Light lunch provided
 - Let's have a very large turnout



After October 29

- 11 other Boulder churches are committed to supporting us as part of the Boulder Chapter of the Sanctuary Coalition
 - They are already signing up to volunteer and will attend the events below
- Thursday, November 2 - Safety and Security Training 6:30 - 8:00
 - Regardless of vote, we will hold this training because Safe Congregations and the Board have been planning it
 - Anti-Defamation League and Boulder County Sheriff's Office
- Sunday, November 12 - Volunteer Training - 6:30 - 8:00
- Building Reconfiguration
 - Emily Snyder is project manager
 - B&G and all groups affected are involved



Once a Guest Arrives

- Covenant with guest about how we'll be together (we have samples from other churches)
- Sanctuary Now Team and Staff welcome and orient to the building
- Volunteers begin to meet the guest gradually
- Welcome ceremony during a Sunday service about 10 days later



Some Answers to Questions (More after Rev. Mike speaks)

- No need to have someone onsite 24x7
- Guest will have access to the kitchen but not on Sunday mornings or during big events
- Volunteers needed?
 - Boulder Coalition - from other churches over 30 already committed
 - Immigrant guest has a support network



Rev. Mike Morran - First Unitarian Society of Denver



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More Questions and Answers - 20 Minutes



Which officers can come on our property?

- Sheriff's office is our ally
- The only time you need to allow entry by federal agents is if they have a **valid search warrant** for the location in question.
- If they have only an **arrest warrant**, you don't need to let them in—and you should not grant them consent to enter.

Collective Discernment



Discernment - the ability to judge well

Involves discussion, not debate

Take our time, lots of opportunity to express and ask

Stay together regardless of decision



Take the Pulse



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Congregational Vote is Critical

- Let's have a big turnout!
- October 29th - 12:30 pm
 - must be present to vote
 - must be a member for 60 days
- Light lunch served
- Childcare provided with reservation



Resources on UUCB Website

Go to: Justice/Social Justice

Scroll down to Immigration.



Closing and Extinguish the Chalice



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