

The Ministerial Search Congregational Survey is now open.

As you know, we are searching for a new minister (to be called in Spring 2015 and to start working with our congregation in Fall 2015). Your Ministerial Search Committee is hard at work on the information-gathering stage of its search.

We really enjoyed learning about your hopes and dreams for The Unitarian Church in Westport during the focus group sessions. Now we need more specific input from you. We've created a survey for the entire congregation to fill out. It's on the church website now.

The survey fine-tunes input we received from the focus groups, and also gathers further information about our congregation that is required for the Congregational Record, the document that attracts potential candidates to TUCW. Your input is critical. We hope that everyone will participate. High participation will send a message to ministers that we're a committed congregation!

The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Please go to the church website at www.uuwestport.org and click on the link to the ministerial search survey.

Laptop computers will be available in the East Wing after services on Sunday, October 5. Although we prefer that you fill out the survey online, if you would rather complete a print version, hard copies will be available in the foyer on that Sunday. If you would like a hard copy mailed directly to you, please email your address to the search committee: ministersearch@uuwestport.org, or call Carrie McEvoy: 360-333-7499.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible. The survey will be open through October 6th.

Hold the date!

On October 18 and 19, Rev. Keith Kron, Director of the UUA Transitions Office, will be here to present a program called Beyond Categorical Thinking.

Are we open to any kind of candidate who may apply to be our minister? Or do we perhaps have subtle prejudices that we may not even be aware of? This program has been designed by the UUA Department of Faith in Action to promote inclusive thinking and to help prevent unfair discrimination in the ministerial search process. Keith Kron will lead a workshop in the sanctuary on Saturday morning, October 18, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, that will help participants examine their own ableism, ageism, heterosexism, racism, and sexism. On Sunday morning, he will continue speaking about this subject through his sermons. We hope you'll be able to participate in this important weekend.

Your Ministerial Search Committee

Jim Cooper, Charles Harrington, Linda Hudson, Kristen Leddy, John Mason, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Anita Pfluger, Kathy Robert

Get your tickets ... Skyline Lounge is the place to be!

Saturday, October 25 is the date of our fabulous Auction Gala, being held right here in the church. The theme is Skyline Lounge, and it will be an amazing evening of music, wonderful food, specialty cocktails, OPEN beer and wine bar, and the opportunity to support our church community by bidding on truly unique items that you will not want to miss.

There are auction items at ALL price points so everyone can get in on the fun. Tickets can be purchased on the uuwestport.org website for only \$50 (\$65 at the door). Availability is limited so purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

Please come to the auction and bid for our church! Invite your friends to come, too!

Make your donation!

We are asking all church members to participate with a donation. Please make your household donation by completing a Donor Form by October 3, 2014. If you are stumped on what to donate, check out the auction ideas in the foyer or contact the committee at tucwauction@gmail.com Bring your donated item in during the scheduled drop off dates.

Auction Item Drop Off Dates (in the East Wing):

Sunday 10/12 9am - noon

Sunday 10/19 9am - noon

Monday, 10/20 - Wednesday 10/22 9am - 4pm

Thursday, 10/23 12:30 pm - 4 pm

10/23 all items for auction must be delivered by this date!