

Calling All Congregants! Help Us Rename Our Community Hall!

We are now accepting submissions of name suggestions for the Albany UU Community Hall. It is our desire to make this process as inclusive as possible so that ALL congregants, including the youth and children at Albany UU, feel invested in the process. Over the past several years, there have been many discussions at Albany UU regarding multicultural events and how we can foster long term roots to our community, lasting into adulthood among our youth and children. It is our hope that by taking a multigenerational approach to the renaming process, with significant input from the youth and religious education classes, we will do our part to help water those roots.

All congregants of any age may submit a suggestion to the Renaming Team. All submissions should consist of a suggested name as well as a brief write up (one to three sentences) as to why you believe your suggestion would be the perfect choice for the hall and also in consideration of the guidelines below.

Please consider how your suggestion embodies our shared UU values, whether it has future staying power, and how it relates to our Seven Principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Suggestions may be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/2o9kB74>, via email to renaming@albanyuu.org, or via paper copy by placing it in the marked envelope on the Inclusivity Team bulletin board in Channing Hall. Submissions will close on Sunday, March 11. The Renaming Team will collate the suggestions and select the top three submissions, after which, the youth and children in RE classes will be given the opportunity to vote and choose the name for the hall. We believe that this will give everyone in the congregation a chance to be truly invested in the process, and give our youth and children true ownership and deep roots to their congregation.

Any questions, please send email to any of the Renaming Team members: Annika Pfluger (annikafam@gmail.com), Kathy Harris (harr70@nycap.rr.com), or Jon Newell (newelj@rpi.edu).

Please see the other side for a copy of the submission form.

