

Weekly Update copy

**Notes from the President:**

The congregational semi-annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see a crowd for this meeting. The full agenda is available [HERE](#), but the bulk of the meeting will be devoted to imagining together what we want to do, in the short- and in the longer range. We will be discussing two questions--“What would we do now if only we had the funds to do it?” and “In five years, how do we wish to be known in our community/region?” Take some time between now and the meeting to mull over these two questions, discuss it among your friends. And then, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, we’ll put our heads together to come up with some common ideas.

Also on the agenda will be congregational approval of an amendment to our Rapid Response Policy. Last year we passed a policy that authorizes the Board and Minister to speak on behalf of all of us in response to hate crimes. This year, EdJ is proposing that we expand that authorization to include actions intended to harm LGBTQA+ persons. The proposed amendments are available [HERE](#). Please review them prior to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the semi-annual meeting (if not sooner).