

Over the years, many landed camp directors have fallen away from CU2C2. In recent conversations (and over the course of several years), many of the Executive Directors have indicated that the CU2C2 structure does not meet their needs and that they are now interested in creating a separate association (organization) for landed camps. It's not that landed camps are better or worse than the conferences; it's that they are apples and oranges and have different needs. This isn't a new issue, and has been going on as long as CU2C2 has been in existence and we believe that it is time to address it head on. The new Independent Affiliate Status rules at the UUA have also helped to bring this issue to a head.

The Executive Directors of the Unitarian Universalist Landed Camps and Conference Centers believe that a different type of organization(s) is called for - something that would serve all of their needs better. CU2C2 has struggled to be all things to all people, and the opinion of many is that dilutes the experience and the good work that is done for everyone. ~~While there are many similarities between the two different groups, there are many fundamental differences as well.~~ Landed camps own property and deal with maintenance and capital issues on a daily basis. They deal with paid staff, insurance issues, and consecutive months of varied programming. They also deal with marketing and outreach on a much larger scale, and the user groups are more varied and spread out. The organizational effectiveness of two distinct organizations could greatly strengthen all of us, and give us greater visibility at the UUA and throughout the denomination. Many of the Landed Camp Directors envision the new organization interacting and supporting whatever organization is developed to support our UU institutes around the country.

A meeting of Landed Camp Directors will be held at Rowe from December 12 – 14 to discuss the creation of a new organization. Once the details have been worked out, the new organization will contact the Board of CU2C2 to explain what is going to happen and how it may affect them. If there are any questions or comments prior to the meeting in December, please contact Craig Lentz, outgoing President of CU2C2.