

The Council of Unitarian Universalist Camps and Conferences, Inc. – CU2C2

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Dear Colleagues,

Let me first introduce myself. My name is Kevin Miller and I am the newly elected President of the Board of the Council of UU Camps and Conferences (CU2C2) after the last annual meeting at UbarU, near Kerrville, TX, during the annual conference held on October 24-29, 2006. I was attending the conference in my capacity as Director of UUMAC 2007, an annual institute held in late July of every year on the campus of DeSales University near Allentown, PA. I was the Assistant Director this last summer and was on the Board of Trustees the two years prior to that. These are all volunteer positions so I feed myself and family by working as a Deputy Project Manager/Resources for NASA, at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, on a weather satellite program.

The reason that I am writing this cover letter to each of you is to briefly explain the rationale for the enclosed resolution. During the annual meeting at CU2C2, ably chaired by Mike Schwartz, Director, Camp Unistar, the body was informed of the meeting planned for mid-December by the landed-camp Directors at the Rowe Conference Center. There was concern, based upon an email communication received from Craig Lentz, Executive Director, Ferry Beach Park Association, that there was the possibility of either a division within CU2C2, or a fracturing of the organization altogether. The camp representatives at the annual meeting felt concerned enough about these potential outcomes to draft this resolution, discuss it and vote upon it.

In the spirit of collegiality we did not want to send the resolution without gaining a better understanding of the issues and concerns facing those attending the meeting at Rowe. Toward that end I agreed, along with Jon Durbin, a member of the UbarU Board and a new member of the CU2C2 Board to try and have a telecon with Craig (please see approved attached minutes of that discussion). I believe that Craig, Jon and myself found the meeting useful and agree that the important factor was to keep the lines of communication open, try to understand the concerns and issues, and work towards meaningful resolution of them.

The Board of CU2C2 has already begun working on several new initiatives to better improve its customer service towards and for the individual camps and conferences, and hopes to use some new processes to better measure the value of those efforts. The Board feels strongly that the viability of our organization is stronger if we remain together and that under its umbrella we can strive to meet the needs of smaller groups. Toward that end we have included a brief survey and ask your help by responding with your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you for your time and consideration for reading this information and evaluating it.

Cordially Yours,

Kevin N. Miller
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Director UUMAC 2007