

# COTTAGE

# MEETINGS

Here's what we learned at the **COTTAGE MEETINGS** . . .

## What are *THREE THINGS* that you want the search committee to tell a prospective minister about **First Unitarian?**



We want a prospective minister to know about the DIVERSITY of our THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS. We want a minister to know we place great value on our COMMITMENT and INVOLVEMENT in SOCIAL JUSTICE. We want a minister to know there are a MULTITUDE of AGES, GROUPS, and we want to CONTINUE to SUPPORT and GROW those groups.

## What are the most important *QUALITIES* that our next minister must have?

We want a minister who provides ENGAGING and NOURISHING SERMONS, including INTELLECTUAL and MORAL LEADERSHIP. We desire a minister who is ADAPTABLE and who UNDERSTANDS they are not the church, but instead are one part of a SYMBIOTIC COMMUNITY. Overall, MINISTRY is SHARED with the congregation. We desire a minister who is SELF AWARE and OPEN to GROWTH.



## Imagine it's the end of our next senior minister's first year with us, how do you measure a *SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY?*



We want to have a SENSE of WHO our MINISTER is and have started BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. We would like to see MORE INVOLVEMENT from current members and IMPROVED ATTENDANCE. We long for ENERGY, a STRONGER SENSE of BELONGING, and more ENGAGEMENT with EACH OTHER and the LARGER COMMUNITY.