

Dear Members and Friends of UU Fort Wayne,

An emergency meeting of your Board of Trustees was called last evening, Thursday, March 12, to discuss our public health epidemic following the receipt of a message from the UUA in which they "strongly recommend that congregations avoid gatherings of more than 25 people, including worship and religious education, for the time being."

We discussed the need to minimize the potential for exposure to COVID-19. We were also encouraged to follow the guidance of health professionals who recommend early action even before cases have been confirmed in an area because it is most important to protect the public health of the vulnerable people in our communities.

We made the decision to suspend our in-person service for this Sunday and replace it with a simplified message via Zoom from Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly. You will receive an email invitation (not in this email) to participate with specific directions on video and telephone connections. Smaller groups, such as Sisters over 65 or Soul Matters, may still choose to meet at the Meetinghouse using the guidelines recently sent out in the Wednesday Word.

The board will be meeting via Zoom on Monday night with added discussion of plans to move forward into a more structured online

service if appropriate. We are very aware of the need to stay connected during this difficult time and will use all the means at our disposal to continue to stay in touch and help each other as needed.

Please feel free to contact [Rev. Shelly](#), [me](#), or any other board member with your questions or concerns, or if you just need to express your anxiety over the current situation. May this challenge show us new ways to be in beloved community.

In Fellowship,

Dee Koehl,
UUCFW Congregational President