

**ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT UUA**  
**MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2007**

**1. WELCOME**

The District President, Ellen Asprooth, welcomed all those assembled to the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly.

**2. PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The District Secretary, Karen Palmer, announced that the following were present at this Annual Assembly: 57 delegates, 15 ministers, and 8 Board members, representing 26 Congregations. A quorum was present at the Assembly.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Karen Palmer read the names of all St. Lawrence District UU congregations. Representatives of those individual congregations who were present were recognized.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: That the printed agenda be adopted. Duly seconded and approved.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING**

Motion: That the minutes of the 2006 District Annual Assembly be approved. Duly seconded and approved.

**6. ARRANGEMENT FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2006**

Motion: That the Board review and approve the April 28, 2007 District Annual Assembly minutes at its August 2007 meeting. Duly seconded and approved.

**7. STATE OF THE DISTRICT**

President Ellen Asprooth and Rev. Thomas Chulak, District Executive, gave a brief review of the state of the District. Ellen noted that our District is an example of transformation. Tom emphasized that we are a covenant faith. It is leadership that makes things happen. We are building the "beloved community". Tom recognized the District board members and staff.

**8. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW WEBSITE**

Christy Multer, District Communications Consultant, unveiled the first look at the new St. Lawrence District website design. The site will be online in the near future.

**9. CONGREGATIONS AWARDED CHALICE LIGHTER GRANTS**

Eileen Hamlin, chair of the Growth Committee, acknowledged the congregations that received Chalice Lighter funds this year. The following congregations made presentations highlighting the positive results of this funding: Hamburg Unitarian Universalist Church, Adirondack Unitarian Universalist Community, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Cortland.

Eileen also announced the congregations who have been chosen to receive the next Chalice Lighter awards. They are the May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

#### **10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CAMPS**

Reports from Committees and Camps can be found in booklet 2 of the delegate packet (also on file in the District Office). David Friedman, UUA Trustee, informed us that GA will be held in Minneapolis, MN in 2010 and Charlotte, NC in 2011.

#### **11. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The District Treasurer, Roger Thielking, described the state of the District finances. His report can be found on pages 16-18 of the delegate packet (also on file in the District Office).

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

#### **13. PRESENTATION OF THE 2006-2007 BUDGET**

Ellen Asprooth left the meeting because an item of upcoming business pertained to her. Vice President Robb Smith presided during this portion of the meeting.

Ernie Hall, Finance Chair, presented the 2007-08 budget. It can be found on pages 19-22 of the delegate packet (also on file in the District Office). He discussed the new initiatives of Bookkeeper, District Reporter (Ellen Asprooth appointed), and Planning Consultant (Jeanne Crane appointed).

Motion: That the St. Lawrence District budget as presented be approved. Motion Approved.

#### **14. RECOGNITION**

Debby Herman recognized Mindy Whisenhunt, outgoing chair of the Religious Education Committee. A gift was presented to her.

President Ellen Asprooth recognized the following people for their significant service to the District. A gift was presented to each.

- ❖ Rev. Carl Thitchener, outgoing chair of the Financial Resources Committee
- ❖ Rev. Betsy Spaulding, outgoing Annual Program Fund Representative
- ❖ Jeanne Crane, outgoing Growth, Planning, and Leadership Development Program Consultant
- ❖ Robb Smith, outgoing Vice President of the SLD Board for the past three years
- ❖ Kevin Fox, outgoing Youth Trustee for the SLD Board
- ❖ Sue Tabone, District Administrative Secretary for many years. Sue has and will continue to provide wonderful support to our board, staff, and congregations.

Tom Chulak and Karen Palmer recognized Ellen Asprooth for her outstanding service as SLD Board member for six years and President for the past three of those years. A book of words of appreciation from SLD board members, presidents, and ministers throughout the district as well as a gift were presented.

#### **15. SLD BANNER PRESENTATION**

The new St. Lawrence District Banner made by artist Mary Krupp was displayed.

## 16. ELECTIONS

Board member Jerol Kent, liaison to the Nominating Committee, announced the nominations of the following people for the SLD Board:

- ❖ Robb Smith of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany
- ❖ Nancy Manown Reed of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua

Jerol also announced the nomination of Rev. Martha Munson to the Nominating Committee.

The District Youth Adult Committee nominated the following person for SLD Board Youth Trustee:

- ❖ Casey Asprooth-Jackson of the First Unitarian Church of Rochester

Motion: That the report of the Nominating Committee and Youth Adult Committee be received and that the recommended slate of candidates be elected. Duly seconded and approved.

Therefore, the newly elected Board of Trustee members are:

- ❖ Robb Smith
- ❖ Nancy Manown Reed
- ❖ Casey Asprooth-Jackson (Youth Trustee)

And the new Nominating Committee member is:

- ❖ Martha Munson

## 17. 2008 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT

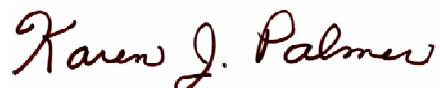
President Ellen Asprooth announced that the next District Annual Assembly will be held in Binghamton, New York on April 25 & 26, 2008.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the business meeting (4:05 pm). Duly seconded and approved.

**The first SLD District Bridging Ceremony followed the Annual Meeting to honor our youth as they transition to young adulthood and to celebrate their contribution to our District and Association.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Palmer  
St. Lawrence District Board Secretary