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## The Votes are In!

At the NH/VT District Meeting in Portsmouth, NH on April 23rd, and at the Northeast District Meeting in Auburn, ME on May 7, the delegates to both meetings voted to begin sharing staff starting July 1, 2006. The motion voted on at both meeting stated that “the New Hampshire/Vermont and Northeast Districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association work together with the UUA to employ a shared full-time District Executive and a shared one-half time Small Church Specialist beginning in July, 2006.”

It is an exciting time as we move along this path together.

The following proposed Time Line was presented to each group at their meetings:

April/May 2005 – Both Annual Meetings approve the hiring of shared DE and Small Church Specialist to begin July, 2006.

October 2006 – Joint Fall Meeting at Ferry Beach; ongoing joint meetings of Extension, Lifespan Religious Education, and Conference Planning/Program Committees.

April 2006 – Both Annual Meetings approve the hiring of shared Religious Education Program Consultant to begin July, 2007.

July 1, 2006 – Shared full-time District Executive and shared half-time Small Church Specialist begin work. Task Force formed to consider consolidation of the two District offices, location, and staff makeup.

January, 2007 – Offices consolidated; shared administrator and staff hired.

April/May, 2007 – Both Annual Meetings vote on whether to consolidate. If yes, shared Trustee elected. If no, then NH/VT elects Trustee.

July 1, 2007 – Full-time shared Religious Education Specialist begins work.

April/May 2008 – If consolidation was agreed to in 2007, then Joint By-Laws approved; combined budget approved; officers elected for merged District.

July 1, 2008 – Merger (if approved) becomes official.

Some groups are already meeting ahead of the time line. The two District Religious Education Committees are working together, and recently held a very successful joint conference at Ferry Beach. The Extension Committee and the Conference Planning/Program Committee are also working together. Plan on attending the joint Fall Conference in October at Ferry Beach.

As the Joint Task Force has now accomplished their initial “charge,” the two District Board will need to consider a renewed charge, and some new members. We are losing the Rev. Karen Brammer, and the Rev. Buffy Boke, as well as Alden Center, from Amherst, NH, who recently passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. These members will be missed.

Thanks to the delegates of both Annual Meetings who took this courageous step forward.

