

Resolution on Proposal to Change our Congregation's Name

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: April 29, 2024

Amended by the Board of Trustees on: May 7, 2024 to state that the passing vote is counted against "members present and voting". This language is in accordance with our bylaws and clarifies that if a member abstains from voting, that abstention is not included when calculating the passing vote percentage as the member is not considered to have voted.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION:

The congregation has conducted a series of congregational conversations and votes, and through them has selected a potential new name for our congregation.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees recommends for a congregational vote the final decision to adopt this new name. This vote may occur within a regular annual meeting or in a separate meeting. At its February 6, 2024 meeting, the Board adopted a policy establishing a 40% quorum with a 75% majority vote passing rate for the adoption of a new name.

MOTION TO ADOPT A NEW NAME:

We, the members of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society, shall change the name of our congregation to: **Merging Waters Unitarian Universalist Congregation**.

Vote "Yes" to approve the motion to change the name

Vote "No" to reject the motion to change the name

A passing vote approving the name change authorizes:

- amendments to the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation to incorporate the new name.
- amendments to account ownership, and other documents and contracts as needed to incorporate the new name.
- the Board of Trustees and/or Officers of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society to make these amendments, or to designate the minister or other staff members to carry out these changes, where appropriate.

This action shall be deemed to have passed with 75% or more of the members present and voting casting votes in favor.