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The Unitarian Universalist Church

OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK


639 MAIN STREET 14301

2617 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, New York 14132
December 12, 1979




Department of the Ministry
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108


Dear Friends:



Enclosed is a copy of the questionnaire the Congregational Search Committee sent to members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara Falls, New York, as well as a summary of the responses to that questionnaire. Of the total respondents, approximately 90% indicated they are interested in a full time minister.




Other information gathered from the survey includes preference for a young and newly graduated minister. We would like a person who can provide leadership and who will be interested in community activities. It is necessary to have a minister who is willing to support fund raising activities.




At present our congregation is small in comparison to the area the church serves. The Search Committee recognizes that there is a need for growth in membership and would expect candidates to recognize this need.

We feel that we can offer a salary in the range of \$10,000 - \$12,000 annually plus a parsonage and maintenance for it, valued at \$6,000. A part-time salaried secretary will be provided. Our budget includes conference expenses not to exceed \$300.




Please review this information. If you require any further information please contact me. We will be awaiting your response.

Sincerely yours,



Linda J. Lovejoy
Linda J. Lovejoy, Secretary



Encl: Questionnaire prepared by the Congregational Search Committee
Summary of the Survey
1979 - 80 Church Budget
cc: Nick Cardelle

The Search Committee

Marvin Melnyk, Chairman
Betsy Morrow, Co-Chairman
Elinor Leighton
Linda Lovejoy, Secretary

John Peterson
Hans Popp
David Rosenberg

Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Kennedy, Minister

Church: (716) 285-8381

Study: (716) 282-1421

Rev. J. Donald Johnston, Minister Emeritus

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OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
639 MAIN STREET 14301

January 30, 1980

People Profile

A general profile of our congregation, and their needs and expectations regarding the church, are drawn from a recent survey and one done in 1978. Results were fairly consistent.

Many of our present group are fairly new: 45% have attended for 3 years or less and 21% for 3 to 10 years. Age distribution is 15% under 30, 41% in 30 - 40 range, 33% in 40 - 60 range, and 11% over 60. Female/male ratio is 55 - 60% / 40 - 45%. About 60% of the persons are married and 40% are single as a rough estimate. 55 - 60% live in the city of Niagara Falls with most of the balance from Niagara County. A small vital group from Ontario makes our membership international. Educational background ranges from 10th grade to post-Doctoral levels. 89% have some formal education beyond high school and 38% have graduate degrees.

Theological/philosophical positions taken by our group are quite varied: 70% humanist, 6% atheist, 30% agnostic, 24% theist, 19% mystic and 14% other. As the total indicates, a majority checked off two or more of the categories.

Things important to our group about the church showed Fellowship and Sunday Services at the top of the list. Personal Development was next, followed by Adult Programs, Social Action and Church School, with other items lower in rank.

Preferences in types of Sunday Services showed customary sermon-centered services best-liked, followed by musical or dramatic programs and ceremonial celebrations.

Methods for dealing with social issues finding most approval were discussion meetings and sermons. Opinions on public stands were divided with strong stands both pro and con.

The congregation definitely favors (95%) the retaining of a minister as opposed to operation as a lay-led group. The ministerial function seen as most important is leading of Sunday Services. Attention to the ill and elderly, counseling, religious education and work with small groups are next in importance. Community activities and social action were ranked as of lesser importance.

John Peterson
Search Committee

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

CHURCH OFFICERS, STAFF, CHOIR, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - OCTOBER 1979

CHURCH OFFICERS:

G. Thomas Martin, Bd. Pres.
David Rosenberg, Bd. V. Pres.
Linda Taylor, Bd. Sec'y
Elinor Leighton, Treas.
Kay Hogan, Ass't Treas.
Marbud Prozeller, Bd. Mbr.
Delores Denig, Bd. Mbr.
John Peterson, Bd. Mbr.
Jane Harrington, Bd. Mbr.
Betsy Potter, Bd. Mbr.

CHOIR

Tom Novak
Elaine Pethybridge
Arlene McGee
John Peterson
Joyce Peterson
Judy Peterson
Susan Stone
Kate Hobbie
Laura Martin
Jerry Hatch
Tom Cunningham
Marilyn Cunningham

CHURCHMANHIP

Delores Denig, Convenor
Marbud Prozeller

BINGO

John Peterson, Chm.
Pete Diachun, MIC
Susan Stone, MIC
Betsy Morrow, MIC
Jane Harrington, MIC
Joyce Peterson
Helen Popp

RELIG. FILM SERIES

Gary McCunn
Ingvar Swensson
Jackie Shirk
Marvin Melnyk

BANNER COMM.

Drew Kennedy

MINISTERIAL ADVIS. COMM.

Delores Denig
Tom Martin
Tom Novak
Jiff Safran
Susan Stone
Marbud Prozeller

CHURCH STAFF:

Andrew C. Kennedy, Minister
Lucile McElwain, Music Dir.
Therese Drozdowski, Sec'y
John Drozdowski, Sexton
Helen Popp, volunteer

MEMBERSHIP COMM.

Linda Taylor, Convenor
Tom Novak
Drew Kennedy
Ingvar Swensson

FINANCE COMM.

John Peterson, Convenor

CHURCH SCHOOL

Jeanie McLellan, R.E. Dir.
Dorothy Auman
Joyce Peterson
Larry Bazinet
Linda Lovejoy
Margaret Omer
Betsy Morrow
Jackie Shirk
Joy Hicks

PULPIT SUPPLY - PROGRAM

Jane Harrington, Convenor
Linda Taylor
Jeff Stone
Susan Stone

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Barry Taylor

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Marvin Melnyk, Chairman
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Linda Lovejoy, Secretary
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CONTACT STAFF TO KEEP THIS UP-TO-DATE.....

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THE PARSONAGE



The parsonage, adjacent to the Devil's Hole State Park on the Niagara Gorge, is two-storied, of red brick and in the English cottage tradition. The distance from the church to the parsonage is 4 miles using the Robert Moses Parkway. Via the same Parkway, there is close access to the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge to Canada and to the New York State I-190.



The garden and front lawn, although small, have established plantings of shrubs and spring wild flowers. The garage is below grade and is part of the basement.



Downstairs there is a living room with attached screened-in porch, fireplace and bay window in the front. There is also a dining room, kitchen, study and full bath. Upstairs there are three bedrooms with closets, linen closet, storage closet and full bath. The solid mahogany woodwork has been painted upstairs and in the kitchen.



The semi-finished basement is equipped with set tubs, many electrical outlets, and a work bench. The basement is dry enough for storage of clothes, books and storm windows and screens.



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1970 CENSUS

<u>County Subdivisions</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Percent change</u>
Niagara County.	235,720	242,269	-2.7
Cambria Town.	4,193	3,661	14.5
Hartland Town.	4,223	3,577	18.1
Middleport Village(Part).	383	142	169.7
Lewiston Town.	15,888	13,686	16.1
Lewiston Village.	3,292	3,320	-0.8
Lockport City.	25,399	26,443	-3.9
Lockport Town.	8,177	6,492	26.0
South Lockport.	1,341	-----	-----
Newfane Town.	9,459	8,523	11.0
Newfane (U).	2,588	1,423	81.9
Olcott (U).	1,592	1,215	31.0
Niagara Falls City.	85,615	102,394	-16.4
Niagara Town.	8,368	7,503	11.5
North Tonawanda City.	36,012	34,757	3.6
Pendleton Town.	4,733	3,589	31.9
Porter Town.	7,429	7,309	1.6
Pansomville (U).	1,034	-----	-----
Youngstown Village.	2,169	1,848	17.4
Royalton Town.	7,375	6,585	12.0
Middleport Village(Part).	1,749	1,740	0.5
Somerset Town.	2,677	2,489	7.6
Parker Village.	567	528	7.4
Wheatfield Town.	9,722	8,008	21.4
Wilson Town.	5,316	5,319	-0.1
Wilson Village.	1,284	1,320	-2.7
Tonawanda Indian Reservation(Part).	-----	-----	-----
Tuscarora Indian Reservation.	1,134	1,934	-41.4

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

General Population Characteristics:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
All Races-----85,615	45 to 54 years	5,536	6,449
White-----76,793	55 to 59 years	2,582	2,707
Negro-----8,021	60 and 61 years	861	977
Other-----821	62 to 64 years	1,100	1,239
	65 to 74 years	2,533	3,281
	75 years & over	1,378	2,142
	NEGRO all ages	3,784	4,217

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total All ages	40,517	45,098		
Under 5 years	3,376	3,117	Under 5 years	485 484
5 & 6 years	1,429	1,402	5 to 14 years	1,195 1,118
7 to 9 years	2,307	2,296	15 to 24 years	672 857
10 to 13 years	3,575	3,348	25 to 34 years	345 462
14 years	865	873	35 to 44 years	393 554
15 years	848	873	45 to 54 years	341 377
16 & 17 years	1,657	1,660	55 to 64 years	227 227
18 & 19 years	1,354	1,772	65 years & over	126 138
20 years	572	852		
21 years	539	855		
22 to 24 years	1,721	1,925		
25 to 34 years	3,970	4,350		
35 to 44 years	4,314	4,930		

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS - 1970
 ECONOMIC RESEARCH STUDY - NIAGARA FALLS
 AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHURCHES OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VICINITY

African Methodist	1
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	1
Armenian Apostolic	1
Armenian National Apostolic	1
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	11
Christian (Disciples of Christ)	1
Christian & Missionary Alliance	1
Churches of Christ	2
Church of Christ (Scientist)	1
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	1
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	1
Church of God in Christ	2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saint	1
Church of the Nazarene	1
Congregational (United Church of Christ)	1
Episcopal	6
Free Methodist	3
Independence	4
Jewish	2
Lutheran	14
Niagara Falls Air Base Chapel	1
Polish National Catholic	1
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints	1
Roman Catholic	17
Russian Orthodox	1
Salvation Army	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Syrian Greek Orthodox	1
Unitarian Universalist	1
United Methodist	10
United Presbyterian	9

HEALTH FACILITIES
Niagara County

Niagara Falls
Area Chamber of
Commerce

HOSPITALS

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
621 - 10th Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14301
Phone: 278-4484

Mount St. Mary's Hospital
5300 Military Road
Lewiston, New York 14092
Phone: 297-4800

McGraff Memorial
445 Tremont Street
North Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120
Phone: 694-4500

Mount View Health Facility
5465 Upper Mountain Road
Town of Lockport, N.Y.
Phone: 433-6716

Lockport Memorial
521 East Avenue
Lockport, New York 14094
Phone: 434-9111

Inter-Community Memorial
2600 William Street
Newfane, New York
Phone: 778-8576

GERIATRICS CENTER - 822 Cedar Avenue, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301 282-1207

NURSING HOMES

Briody Nursing Home
109 Niagara Street
Lockport, New York 14094
Phone: 434-6361

DeVeaux Manor Nursing Home
Bellevue and Main Streets
Niagara Falls, New York 14305
Phone: 285-9155

Fairchild Manor Nursing Home
765 Fairchild Place
Lewiston, New York 14092
Phone: 754-4322

Howell's Harmony House
238 West Avenue
Lockport, N.Y. 14094
Phone: 434-8542

Newfane Health Facility
Transit & Charlotteville Roads
Newfane, New York 14108
Phone: 778-7111

Niagara Home for Adults
1105 Ferry Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14301
Phone: 284-2159

Niagara Falls Memorial Nursing Home, Co., Inc.
621 - 10th Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14301 278-4578

Odd Fellows Home
153 Lake Avenue
Lockport, New York 14094
Phone: 434-1701

Presbyterian Homes of Western NY, Inc
327 High Street
Lockport, N.Y. 14094
Phone: 434-8805

Ransomville General Hospital
3509 Ransomville Road
Ransomville, N.Y. 14131
Phone: 791-4211

Restwell Nursing Home
8022 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14304
Phone: 283-2562

St. Mary's Manor
515 Sixth Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14301
Phone: 285-3236

Senior Meadows
6508 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14304
Phone: 283-7679

ADDRESSES

LaSalle Senior High School	Military Road, 14304
Niagara Falls High School	Pine and Portage Road 14301
Center For Young Parents	501 Tenth Street 14301
Trott Vocational High School	11th and Ashland Avenue
Gaskill Jr. High	910 Hyde Park Boulevard
LaSalle Jr. High	76th and Buffalo Avenue (7436 Buffalo Ave.)
North Jr. High	Cleveland Avenue and 15th St.
South Jr. High	Portage Rd. 14301
Harry F. Abate	1625 Lockport Street
Henry J. Kalfas	1800 Beech Ave.
Ferry Avenue School	1605 Ferry Avenue
Hyde Park School	Hyde Park Blvd.
Maple Avenue School	Maple and McKoon Avenues
Niagara Street School	25th and Niagara St.
Thirty-ninth Street School	39th St. and Walnut Avenue
Sixtieth Street School	60th and Kies Avenue
Sixty-Sixth Street School	66th St. and Girard Avenue
Seventy-ninth Street	551-79th Street
Ninety-third Street School	1101-93rd Street
Ninety-fifth Street School	1330-95th Street
Ninety-ninth Street School	600-99th Street
Cleveland Avenue School (99th Street School students)	Cleveland Ave. and 13th Street

PHONE LISTINGS - CITY HALL - CONVENTION CENTER - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

*ASSESSORS OFFICE 278-8144

*BUILDING - HOUSING & REHAB.
 * Building Inspection 278-8040
 * Electrical Inspection 278-8141
 * Housing Inspection 278-8343
 * Plumbing Inspection 278-8030
 * Permits 278-8040

CIVIL DEFENSE 283-0371
 Bollier Ave. & Military Rd.

*CITY CLERK
 * Office 278-8208
 * Licenses 278-8208
 * Vital Statistics 278-8208

*CITY MANAGER 278-8255
 *CITY TREASURER 278-8330
 *CIVIL SERVICE Commission-Mncpl 278-8202

CITY COURT -Public Safety Bldg.
 Chief Judge 278-8044
 Associate Judge 278-8038
 Acting Judgw 278-8177
 Court Reporter 278-8108
 Civil Division 278-8370
 Criminal Division 278-8166
 District Attorney 278-8270
 City Marshall 278-8355
 Traffic Court 278-8244

*CONTROLLER
 * Accounting Office 278-8236
 * Payroll Office 278-8077
 * Purchasing Office 278-8250

*ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 * City Engineer 278-8212
 * Construction Inspection 278-8322
 * Drafting Room 278-8090
 * Field Engineer 278-8088

*FIRE HEADQUARTERS
 To Report a Fire ONLY 285-1233
 Fire Chief - Public Safety Bldg 278-8211
 Fire Prevention " 278-8082
 Training " 278-8218
 Communications " 278-8338
 Personnel " 278-8160

GARPAGE COLLECTION--New Road 278-8151
 GOLF COURSE OFFICE--Hyde Park 278-8081

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 278-8232
 734-7th Street

*LEGAL DEPT. 278-8344
 *LICENSES 278-8208

LIBRARIES
 Earl W. Brydges Library
 Admin. Offices-1022 Main 278-8027
 Bldg. Mntce. & Sec. " 278-8039
 Bookmobile " 278-8092
 Children's Dept. " 278-8112
 Film Booking " 278-8209
 Films, Records&Music Info 278-8209
 Local History 1022 Main 278-8220
 Over-due Books " 278-8237
 Reference & Magazines " 278-8332
 General Information " 278-8092
 LaSalle Branch
 8728 Buffalo Avenue ... 278-8352
 Nioga Library System
 2510 Seneca Avenue 297-6161

*MANAGEMENT SERVICES
 * Director 278-8320
 * Computer Services 278-8320

*MAYOR'S OFFICE 278-8200
 *MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT 278-8140
 *MUNICIPAL CIVIL SVC. COM. 278-8202

MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION
 COMMISSION
 Bus Information-1036 Bflo. 297-8341
 Market City - Pine Avenue 278-8266

NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL
 CONVENTION CENTER
 Administrative-Fourth St. 278-8066
 Conv. Bureau Sales " 278-8010
 Director " 278-8066
 Events Coordinator " 278-8066
 Security Center " 278-8135
 Ticket Box Office " 278-8130

PARKS DEPARTMENT
 Administrative Offices
 Hyde Park 278-8102
 Golf Course Maintenance
 Hyde Park 278-8148
 Stadium - Hyde Park 278-8277
 Shops - Hyde Park 278-8228

*PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 278-8018
 *PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT 278-8202
 *EMPLOYMENT OFFICE 278-8202
 *PERMITS 278-8040

* - City Hall

*PERMITS

278-8040

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency & Complaints 278-8111
 Information-Public Safety Bldg 278-8280
 Communications Officer " 278-8060
 Community Services " 278-8161
 Confidential Investigation Unit 278-8262
Convention Center
 Deputy Sup'td. - Fourth St. 278-8290
 Sub-Station - Fourth St. 278-8135

Detective Bureau-Public Safety 278-8220
 Identification Bureau " 278-8350
 Jail " 278-8050

JUVENILE BUREAU - Public Safety 278-8120
 PERSONNEL DIVISION " 278-8171
 POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE " 278-8022
 POLICE RECORD ROOM
 Accident Reports-Pub. Safety 278-8260
 Complaint Reports " 278-8155
 Lost and Found " 278-8340
 Parking Violations " 278-8099

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE " 278-8100
 TRAFFIC DIVISION " 278-8240

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Corporation Yard-Hyde Park
 and Seneca 278-8238
 City Market - Pine Ave. 278-8266
 * Dir. & Administ. Offices 278-8080
 Motor Repair - New Road 278-8348
 Salt String Tanks " 278-8272
 Sanitation Division " 278-8151
 Sidewalk Division-H.P.&Seneca 278-8048
 Street Cleaning " 278-8103
 Street Const.&Maint. " 278-8238

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Administ. Offices-Hyde Park 278-8055
 Golf Course Office " 278-8081
 Ice Pavillion Admin. Office 278-8366
 Ice Pavillion Lounge-H.P. 282-9875

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES H.P. 278-8360
 SPCA SHELTER-2050 Military Road 297-2490

SEWAGE DEPARTMENT

Dir. of Sewage-Bflo.Ave & 53rd 278-8138
 Maintenance " 278-8138
 Treatment Plant - Ashland Ave. 278-8098

SNOW REMOVAL-H.P. & Seneca 278-8238

TRAFFIC ENGR.

Admin. Offices-Pub.Sfty 278-8033
 Electrical Maint. " 278-8033
 Parking Meters " 278-8033
 Traffic Signals-Repair 278-8033
 Traffic Signs-Shop 278-8033
 After Hrs. Sun. & Holidays 278-8280
 Trash Pick-Up--New Road 278-8151

*URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY 278-8282

*VITAL STATISTICS 278-8208

WATER DEPARTMENT

Director's Off.-Bflo.&53rd 278-8248
 Meter Repair " 278-8028
 Store Room " 278-8216
 Treatment Plant " 278-8248
 * Water Bills 278-8020
 Water Main Mainten." 278-8122
 Emergency Calls Nights
 Sundays & Holidays... 278-8230

YOUTH BOARD - 734-7th St. 278-8150

* CITY HALL

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS AND SERVICES

POLICE (Emergency & Complaints 278-8111
 POLICE-INFORMATION 278-8230

FIRE DEPARTMENT-To Report Fire 285-1233
 WATER EMERGENCIES 278-8122
 (Nights, Sundays & Holidays) 278-8230

GARBAGE COLLECTION 278-8151

SNOW REMOVAL 278-8238

TRASH PICK UP 278-8103

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 DEPARTMENT OR FUNCTION DESIRED:-
 D I A L 278-8000

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