



## **Notice of Annual Meeting**

February 5, 2016

Dear Member of the Oakland Center for Spiritual Living,

Our annual business meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11, and you are invited and encouraged to attend. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and we'll be serving a community dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the business meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

At the business meeting we are proposing two changes to the Bylaws of the Oakland Center for Spiritual Living in 2016.

First, the elected stewardship body is currently known as the Leadership Council. At some point a new model – Core Council – was introduced, implemented, and subsequently abandoned. The term "Leadership Council" was then adopted, but in the interests of clarity, definition and better understanding, "Board of Trustees" is the correct term to convey accurate definition of duties and responsibilities.

A trustee is an individual person or member of a board given control or powers of administration of property in trust with a legal obligation to administer it solely for the purposes specified (in our Bylaws). The primary aspect of a trustee's duties is its fiduciary character. The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the financial activities of a nonprofit organization. We propose to change the term "Leadership Council" to "Board of Trustees."

The second proposal is related to the first: At some point along the way the Senior Minister, while a member of the Board of Trustees, became a "non-voting" member. In other words, while the Senior Minister has all of the responsibility for running the organization, and **is** a working member of the Board, he or she is the only member of the Board that has no vote as to the disposition of what is considered. We propose to change that and reinstate voting rights to the one permanent member of your Board of Trustees – your Senior Minister. A caveat is that the Sr. Minister would not be able to vote on any revisions to his or her compensation package.

Additionally, we will be presenting the slate of two candidates to fill the two positions on the Leadership Council / Board of Trustees that are to be filled this year.

Those candidates are:



**Larry Wyman**



**Robert Leeds**

**Here is a brief excerpt from Larry Wyman's bio:** "Our initial religious experience as a family was with the Episcopal church as we were both raised in that philosophy. At some point in the mid 1990's Linda discovered First Church. It took her a while to get me in there but the first time I did Dr. Margret spoke clearly and directly to me and I knew I had found my spiritual home. I proceeded to take Foundations and all the other classes. I am deeply committed to our principles and spiritual practices. Over the years I have served on the Core Council, in the Tape Ministry, and in the kitchen."

**Here is a brief excerpt from Robert Leeds bio:** "I have been married for 18 years to my wife Alena who is a psychotherapist and we have two children, Jacob (17) and Laurel (15) whom we adore. When the kids were small we knew we wanted to connect with a spiritual community and after attending a few different congregations we came to OCSL and have never left. The fact that I can express my eclectic spirituality at OCSL is why I call it my spiritual home."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of your leadership council / board members prior to the meeting:

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 annual membership meeting, and thank you for your continued support of the Oakland Center for Spiritual Living.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garnet McQuitty".

Garnet McQuitty, RScP  
Chair, Leadership Council / Board of Trustees  
Oakland Center for Spiritual Living