## **Summary of the December 2015 Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees met on December 15. **Julie Robinson** presented the monthly financial report. Overall, we are in good shape, but investment losses were noted and Julie indicated that the Finance Committee plans to take a closer look at UUCR's investment portfolio this year.

**Karl Irikura**, Chair of our Canvass Committee, announced that the canvass theme selected for this year is "Fire of Commitment." Thanks to **Susie Spangler** for designing the graphic for the theme. We'll have group canvassing, rather than one-on-one canvassing, and it will be in a social setting. Our goal is to canvass about one third of the congregation this year and everyone in a three-year period.

**Rev. Lynn Strauss** provided an update on the Director of Religious Education search process. The selection team is ahead of schedule and will interview the first of two strong applicants on January 8. Lynn also reported on the Racial Justice Working Group. Rev. Lynn is coordinating with area Unitarian Universalist ministers on Martin Luther King weekend events. She will present a sabbatical plan to the Board at the January meeting for her sabbatical in April, May, and June. The Board is grateful to Rev. Lynn for her work on so many fronts. She took on these two items in addition to her already long list of responsibilities.

**Ellen Rohan**, working with relevant staff and committees, updated the activities of our Strategic Plan that will be completed or begun this year, the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Look for the AIP on the UUCR website at <a href="http://uucr.org/sites/default/files/2015-2016">http://uucr.org/sites/default/files/2015-2016</a> Annual Implementation Plan.pdf.

The Board completed work on the Religious Education Transition Team's staffing recommendations, which will be part of the canvass budget. The full budget will be approved at the January Board meeting and shared thereafter.