

**Scenario 1:**

UUCOV is located on 5 acres in what is rapidly becoming a center of the Venice community. Periodically suggestions are made about how to make wise use of our site.

Question: How would you like to see our congregation make maximum use of its property?

## **Scenario 2:**

In Venice where the median age is 69.1, UUCOV's most active members are even older: Board of Trustees: 86% (6/7) older than 69; Coordinating Council: 82% (9/11) older than 69.

Teams & committees are comprised similarly. Those of us in our 70's are closing in on our expiration date.

Question: How should UUCOV address this situation?

### **Scenario 3:**

Many people seem unaware of what Unitarian Universalism is. Sometimes when a visitor introduces themselves at a service they declare they “never knew” such a church existed.

Question: How could UUCOV and UU become better known in the community?

### **Scenario 4:**

Each year UUCOV conducts a pledge drive to raise operational funds. For several years a small percentage of those who pledge have supported the bulk of the expenses. Consider this year, the top 10 pledges covered almost a third of the proposed budget, and the people behind these pledges are, on average, 83 years old. When they leave our congregation due to death or illness, our finances will take a major hit.

Question: What strategies should UUCOV adopt to strengthen our outlook?

## **Scenario 5:**

For several years UUCOV's Social Justice efforts have focused on supporting the homeless and the hungry. Recently, however, Florida political and social environments have become increasingly hostile to some of the issues that UUs take very seriously, such as LGBTQ concerns, voting rights and abortion rights.

Question: How should the congregation respond?

## Scenario 6:

In reference to spirituality, Michael Durall writes, “The prevailing culture in too many UU congregations is that churches offer programs that people attend. Parishioners are educated, informed, enlightened, fed, and entertained — but not challenged to lead lives of meaning and purpose.” (*The Almost Church*, Jenkin Lloyd Jones Press, 2006)

Two part Question:

1. Does this quote describe UUCOV?
2. What part should or does spirituality play in the life of UUCOV?