



November 5th, 2013 Update on Presidential Search

Dear fellow members of the Starr King Community,

I write to offer greetings, gratitude, and an update from the Starr King Presidential Search Committee after our first meeting, which took place October 21st-23rd, 2013. With this update, you will find a final list of search committee members, an update on our anticipated schedule over the year, and ways to offer your thoughts and input into the search process.

Over our two days together at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA, your Presidential Search Committee got up to speed on the state of theological education, the administrative and educational structure of Starr King as it exists today, trends in Unitarian Universalism, heard feedback from some of the stakeholders in the wider Starr King community, and deepened our understanding of the mission, vision, and culture of our beloved school. Through structured discussions, informal mealtime conversations, and theater of the oppressed exercises, we shared our own experiences of the school, and began the deep work of designing a process that will help us find our next President.

I left the meeting with deep gratitude to my fellow committee members who balance a wealth of experience embodying Starr King's values in the world, a deep love for our small-yet-transformative school, and an imaginative and grounded commitment to the next era of Starr King's growth. My gratitude extends to you – members of the wider Starr King community – many of whom have already offered valuable input to the search process, as well as those of you who will share your ideas with us in the coming weeks and months.

We are a small group tasked with a large job, and we need your continued help for this to be the best search process it can be. If you haven't already offered your thoughts to the committee, please feel free to send us your input via SKSM@hyatt-fennell.com, and help us recruit potential candidates by sharing the Presidential Search Profile (Job Description) that we will post on November 15th, 2013. If you are a student, we especially request your presence in person or via skype at the student lunch meet and greet with Cheryl Hyatt, our search consultant, TOMORROW, November 6th, 2013 at 12:45pm in the Fireside room. Email Jamie Krovontka at jkrovontka@sksm.edu to RSVP.

For the most up-to-date information on the process, keep an eye out for the Presidential Search page of the Starr King website (which will go live November 15th at www.sksm.edu) and feel free to be in touch with us via email at SKSM@hyatt-fennell.com.

In faith,

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