



South East Wales Unitarian News

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday & Sunday, 12th & 13th September – As part of European Heritage Open Doors / Drysau Agored. Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, Cefncoed will be open – Sat: 2–4pm; Sun: 3–5.30pm, with a service on Sunday at 6pm.

Saturday 26th September – Lecture at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, Trecynon. (See Aberdare News.)

Saturday, 24 October – Copy deadline for the next issue of the South East Wales Unitarian News.

Sunday, 1 November – Visit of GA President Rev John Clifford: 3pm at Swansea Unitarian Church.

Sunday, 6 December – District Carol Service: 11am at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, Trecynon, Aberdare.

DISTRICT RALLY



Unitarians from SE Wales and Ceredigion at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil

Photo: Megan Jones

Shortly after 11am on Sunday 5 July, Unitarians from South East Wales and from Ceredigion gathered at the Mormon Church, Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil for the 2015 SEWUS District Rally.

We were welcomed with much friendliness and led into a capacious hall where we assembled for a group photograph. We then split into two groups and were taken on a short conducted tour of the many function rooms which the church possesses, including a visit to the Genealogy Suite: as it was a Sunday we were unable to research our forebears.

Following the tour we were re-united as a party and escorted to the worship area where we joined the congregation for their morning service during which we were invited to partake of Communion. As we took our leave at the close of the service our hosts once again were profuse in their thanks to us for having joined them in worship.

During the service we had been aware of the darkening of the sky and the claps of thunder, and as we left we had to make a dash through the rain to reach our transport. We were later to learn that lightning had claimed the lives of two walkers on the nearby Brecon Beacons.

In the rain we hurriedly set off for the short journey to Hen Dŷ Cwrdd at Cefncoedycymer, passing Cyfarthfa Park which we would visit later. By the time we reached Cefn the weather had changed completely: it was now warm and sunny, and so it remained for the rest of the day.

Eagerly looking forward to some sustenance, we took our seats in the recently refurbished Hen Dŷ Cwrdd vestry. We were not disappointed—and many comments have since been made regarding the excellence of the buffet lunch.

Suitably fortified we retraced our steps a little and spent an interesting and enjoyable 2–3 hours in the wonderful setting of Cyfarthfa Park, its Castle and its Museum.

We are grateful to our friends from Ceredigion who helped us enjoy the day and to Phil Griffiths, Cefncoed who was in charge of the arrangements. It was good, also, to have the Rev Carie Johnsen of Augusta, USA spend the day in our company.



Lunch at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd vestry, Cefncoed

Photo: Melda Grantham

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITARIAN WELSH DEPARTMENT

Have you all enjoyed yourselves over the past few weeks? It's been quite a busy time for us Unitarians with several opportunities to catch up with old friends, meet some new ones and generally have a good time. One of these occasions was the SEWUS Annual Rally – a very enjoyable day all round! The visit to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Merthyr was very interesting and I'd like to thank Julie Jones and her fellow members for making us all feel so welcome. I think we are all rather envious of the fantastic building which is ideal for maintaining the life and work of such a vibrant congregation. The marvellous lunch at Cefncoed went down very well with the visitors from Ceredigion and we are truly grateful to Phil Griffiths and the congregation of Cefn for looking after us so well. Everyone enjoyed themselves at Cyfarthfa Castle too. I know that they enjoyed themselves because there was some very loud (if not tuneful) singing on the bus on the way home – a sure sign that everyone had had a good time!

It was great to welcome some members of SEWUS to Ceredigion on the following Sunday for the annual Sponsored walk. The reward for completing the 5.2 mile walk was lunch in the pub at Llanddewi Brefi and a trip up to Soar y Mynydd chapel where Rev Cen Llwyd led the service. All the money from the walk has not yet been collected, but it looks as if about £3,000 has been raised for the Dialysis Unit at Glangwili hospital, who took such good care of our minister Rev Wyn Thomas recently.

You may have noticed that there is a questionnaire included with the newsletter this time. Please take a few minutes to complete this as it will give us a better idea of what you would like to see happening within the movement. Some of you will be familiar with the Vision Document which was launched at the GA this year. This is a series of articles by various people outlining their ideas for the future. If you haven't seen it yet, it can be downloaded from www.unitarian.org.uk. Our aim in Wales is to hold some sort of conference in the Autumn so that we may also voice our opinion. This will be an opportunity for us to come together to discuss and agree what we would like to see happening in Wales. Your responses to the enclosed questionnaire will be of great help in setting the programme for the event – so please – go and fill it out now!

Melda Grantham

GA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE KEY MESSAGES 17 & 18 JULY 2015

1. Vision Update – “Making Change Happen”

The Executive Committee spent some time on Friday morning and most of Saturday morning considering the responses to the Vision document. They were pleased to see high levels of interest in all parts of the country, with many people getting involved and putting forward their views at congregational and district meetings as well as on social media. Some Ministers and worship leaders are using the various articles as the basis for sermons and group discussions. All this activity was welcomed and there is still time over the Summer and early Autumn for further comments to be sent.

We do not want the Vision document to sit on the shelf! The next stage in the process is therefore to develop together a clear plan of action. So the Executive Committee is arranging an Action Day on Saturday 21 November 2015 at Upper Chapel, Sheffield with the explicit purpose of “Making Change Happen”. We want to use the day to turn the Vision into a programme of real action for the denomination over the next five years.

To do this we need to bring together as many as possible of those who have been inspired by the Vision document and want to contribute to its success. In particular we want younger people and those new to the Movement to come along. The Vision will only be a success if it engages with members and attenders at the grassroots as well as those already involved in our structures.

As soon as arrangements for the event have been finalised, invitations will be issued. However, if you already know you would like to participate, then please contact the Chief Officer directly and let him know. We also hope that bursaries will be available to cover travel costs for those who would not otherwise be able to attend.

2. New Co-opted Executive Committee members

Sir Philip Colfox attended his first meeting of the Executive Committee. Rev Lynne Readett sent her apologies due to a pre-arranged commitment, but was able to participate in the discussion of the Vision document on Friday morning via Skype.



3. Risk Register

The Executive Committee carried out its annual review of the Risk Register. It was recognised that the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults remained the highest risk area facing the Unitarian Movement. So far the response of congregations to this issue has been disappointing and it was agreed that the audit would be repeated in 2016. EC members will be contacting their linked Districts to highlight the serious implications of not following recommended policies.

The risk assessment process also revealed that, despite successfully increasing the number of new Ministers in recent years, there is a growing number of unfilled vacancies in our churches. Combined with the number of current ministers planning to retire soon, this means that the numbers in training will not be adequate to fill these posts vacated.

In addition the Executive Committee recognised that falling congregational membership across the UK, as revealed by the recent survey, was likely to lead to unsustainable congregations and greater denominational weakness and decline overall.

4. Roll of Ministers

The Recommendations of the Ministry Strategy Group and Interview Panel were approved:

We are pleased to announce that, having successfully completed their probationary period, the names of Rev Jim Corrigan and Rev Helen Mills have been added to the Roll of Ministers with Full status and that Rev Phil Waldron, having completed the academic requirements of his training, has been admitted to the Roll of Ministers with Probationary status.

5. Millennium Fund

Two grants were awarded by the Executive Committee:

- a) The Unitarian Chapel, Bridgwater received £1,000 as a contribution towards the installation of a sound amplification system.
- b) The Ministerial Fellowship received £2,500 to arrange a residential retreat over a weekend in early 2016 for those considering ministry. The retreat will provide an opportunity for participants to gain deeper insight into what the role of ministry involves and their own aptitude for it, in a friendly and supportive environment. This will enable candidates to be better prepared before application and interview.

6. Annual Meetings 2016

The Annual Meetings Panel reported that arrangements were well in hand for an exciting Annual Meeting in Birmingham from Wednesday 30 March to Saturday 2 April 2016. In addition a venue for 2017 is currently being explored with further site visits planned for August. Look out for more information in the Autumn. It was agreed that Rev Celia Midgley would be proposed to the Meetings as a new member of the Steering Group replacing Rev Dr Ann Peart, who was thanked for serving for the last three years.

7. Constitutional Review Group

The Executive Committee agreed to re-establish the Constitutional Review Group. It will review several issues in the current General Assembly Constitution and also what the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation status might have to offer in improving our national governance. The following were appointed and thanked for agreeing to serve; Michael Allured (Golders Green, London) John Bates (New Unity, London), Ann Sinclair (Edinburgh) and Philip White (Kingswood).

8. Nominating/Volunteering Group

District Associations will be reminded by their EC link-member that a response to the letter seeking views on a proposed Nominating/Volunteering group would still be welcomed by the Executive Committee. They will only take the plan forward if there is support. In the meantime the request for suggestions for the posts of GA President and GA Vice President for 2016/2017 required consideration across the Movement.

Executive Committee

THE UNITARIAN VISION

[Two of the foregoing articles (*Welsh Dept. Sec.* and *EC Key Messages*) include a reference to a 'Vision document' and below we reproduce a document sent by Lis Dyson-Jones on just this topic. Lis came across it when sorting out some of her old paperwork, but she is completely in the dark as to its origin (author, date, etc.) and wonders whether any reader can help—she would very much like to hear from you if you can.]

The Unitarian Vision

- Our original Mission was to provide a free and inquiring religion through the worship of God, the celebration of life and the service of humanity.
- The celebration of life should be an integral part of church life and our presence needs to be marked.
- The service of humanity must be remembered but we are rapidly losing sight of the 'caring community' and respect for all creation and the environment. We must re-focus on this.
- We must ensure that our centres of worship have meaningful roots and small numbers must be nurtured.
- We must be proud of our leading, liberal faith and inspiring worship and commit ourselves to social justice. We must fight for people's rights and be prepared to speak out for the injustice shown to others, just as our forefathers did.

Do we still have the same vision or have we changed? There are changes in attitude, but these are gradual changes and there is still a long road ahead.

We must ask ourselves: Do we have open minds or are we afraid of change? Are we too comfortable living in the past?

We must nurture an inclusive community but also recognise other faiths and what they can teach us.

Are we still a true voice of liberal religion which can provide a spiritual home for a caring community?

THOUGHT FOR NOW

(We are indebted to Anne Jones for bringing the following to our attention)

Surely there is something in the unruffled calm of nature that overawes our little anxieties and doubts: The sight of the deep blue sky and the clustering stars above, seem to impart a quiet to the mind.

Jonathan Edwards

MINISTRY

Representatives of Aberdare, Cefncoed, Swansea and Trebanos attended a meeting at Highland Place Church, Aberdare on Tuesday, 21 July. Consideration was given to the preparation of a prospectus to be supplied to would-be applicants.

ABERDARE

The Late Edna Jones

Since our previous District News, we have lost one of our faithful members, Edna Jones, The Walk, Abernant who died on 9th June at the age of 94 years. She had been faithful to Highland Place for over 60 years and supported our events with enthusiasm and interest. She was an energetic person, unafraid of work and walked to town more than once a day until very recently. Cremation was at Llwydcoed, conducted by the Rev Eric Jones. Our sympathy to Janis and Mark in their loss.

Historical milestone

Highland Place was the venue of the first Same Sex Church Wedding in Wales with the ceremony to unite Stephanie Kendrick Jones and Natalie Atherton Doyle from Llanharry in Marriage on Saturday August 1st. They were joined by around 60 family and friends who came to wish them well. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Jacob Jones officiated at the Organ and the Service was conducted by the Rev Eric Jones.

Personal

Hazel Jones is feeling a little stronger but is confined to the house. Our thoughts are with Marian Whippey, Dilys Evans and Betty Evans who have not been too well recently. We were pleased to hear of a visit from Mr David James, son of a former Highland Place minister, Rev V M K James. He was visiting the area with a Choir from Melbourne, Australia.

Trecynon Service

A service was held at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd Trecynon for the first time for 20 years after the chapel has been partly renovated by Addoldai Cymru (Welsh Religious Buildings Trust). We were pleased to welcome some visitors on that occasion and we heard talks from D L Davies, Philip Griffiths, Melda Grantham and Rev Eric Jones. An Open Day is being arranged on Saturday September 26th when Huw Williams will speak on Chartism, with musical items from Jacob and Grace Jones. The District will arrange a Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 6th.



Service at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, Trecynon 19 July 2015
Photo: Melda Grantham

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in aid of the NSPCC and Water Aid was held at 14 Clifton Street on August 8th and the sum of £340 was raised. Thanks to all who helped along the way.

CARDIFF UNITARIANS / UNDO DIAID CAERDYDD

Again we offer thanks to all who have conducted worship in Cardiff over the past few months. We are always glad to see those who give of their time so generously.

The Joint service held in Cardiff saw members from Highland Place and Cefncoed again share worship; this time on a theme of 'Change'. The service was conducted by Cardiff members including two of the children. Tea and fellowship followed and this completed a happy afternoon. It was good to welcome everyone to the capital city.

A Welsh service held at St Fagans in June, conducted by Euryng Ogwen, saw three denominations join together in a truly ecumenical and inspiring gathering which lifted the hearts of all who were able to attend.

The Rev'd Carie Johnsen was a welcome service leader when she returned to Wales for a second visit in June and July. She spoke enthusiastically about the Unitarian Universalist Partnership Scheme, bringing greetings from several congregations from the North East of America. The Cardiff congregation wish to be part of the scheme and hope soon to be partnered with a congregation in the USA.

The charity adopted by the congregation for the next twelve months is the Motor Neurone Disease Research Project.

There will be a United Nations meeting on September 30 at the Temple of Peace Cardiff. The speakers will be Wayne David MP for Caerphilly and Bruce Kent speaking for and against NATO on '*Should the UK stay in NATO?*' Further meetings are planned for October and November and as corporate members the congregation may jointly host one of the meetings

Members of the Women's League enjoyed joining with other district members at Highland Place on Wednesday 1st June, for an afternoon tea hosted by Dilys Evans. The happy event raised £215 for the Motor Neurone Charity and this donation will help specifically with research into the illness.

Good Wishes

We are delighted to congratulate Caroline Boyce on gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Drama at Exeter University. Carrie has been working with overseas students in Cambridge during July and will be looking for a permanent job after the holidays. We wish her well for the future.

The Choir, *Côr Y Gleision*, of which Diana Bianchi is a member, came second in its class at the National Eisteddfod this year. Many congratulations to Diana – (and of course to the choir).

As Gwynn settles into his new role as a member of the General Assembly Executive Committee we wish him well and we welcome having his reports.

Something to think about

'May the quest for unity keep the peace and save us from all that would divide us' (Rev. Cliff Reed)

'One love, one heart, let's get together and feel alright' (Bob Marley)

Lis Dyson-Jones

CEFNCOED

Women's League

On July 1st (which was our League day) we were invited to an Afternoon Tea in Aberdare to support the Motor Neurone Charity appeal. We had a lovely afternoon and it was very well attended, and quite a lot of money was raised.

We organised a 'Welsh Tea' on Sunday, July 19th when we had a visit from the Rev Carie Johnsen who took our service that day. The service and tea were enjoyed by everyone.

We were pleased as usual to see Anne Watts who came on July 29th to give us a talk all about the 'Queen Mother'. It was so interesting, with quite a few surprises. Anne is a mine of information and never disappoints. We hope it won't be long before she comes to *surprise* us again.

At last, we've been to Barry! We went on Wednesday, August 5th and had a lovely afternoon. We went to Romilly's in Cold Knap for a light lunch, then saw Barry Island for an hour or so, and finally went back to Romilly's for Tea. We had a great time and the weather was kind to us.

We've decided on another little trip at the beginning of September – this time we'll be heading for Porthcawl.

Best wishes to everyone,

Vera Tomsett

Joint service at Cardiff

On Sunday, 7th June members of Aberdare, Cardiff and Cefncoed congregations worshipped together at the Friends Meeting House, Cardiff in a service conducted by Cardiff Unitarians. The service, on 'Change', was much appreciated, as were the appetising refreshments provided by our hosts.

Visitors

We were pleased to have Professor David Brynmor Thomas join us at our service on Sunday, 28 June. This was a very brief visit – David returned to St Andrews, Scotland a day or two later – but he promises to see us again in early autumn.

There were visitors aplenty at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd during July ...

On Sunday, 5th July we were pleased to provide a 'comfort break' for those attending the District Rally and to welcome everyone to a meal in our recently refurbished vestry.

On Sunday, 19th July, Rev Carie Johnsen, Augusta, USA took our service. We were pleased to welcome Carie and also to have Susan Hudson (Owen) and Marilyn Murray (Bann) join us for the afternoon.

Then, on Thursday, 30th July, a 30-strong group of Welsh-learners on a week-long summer course at Coleg Gwent, left their lecture-room for an 'Away Day' in the Merthyr Tydfil area. Their itinerary included Joseph Parry's Cottage, Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and iron master Robert Crawshay's grave at Vaynor. They rounded off their tour by visiting Hen Dŷ Cwrdd where they were given a condensed version of the chapel's history and a brief introduction to Unitarianism. On their departure each was given a copy of *Llwybr Ffydd Yr Undodwyr (Unitarian Faith Trail)*.

Well Done!

We are pleased to express well-earned congratulations to former Children Together member, Emily Farmer on her success in her A-level examinations. Emily, who is the granddaughter of Vera Tomsett, is now all set to study Law at Swansea University. We wish her well.

Hospital Patient

We are sorry to hear that Peter Powell (Brecon) is a patient at Abergavenny Hospital. We send him our best wishes, and hope he makes a speedy and full recovery.

Prepare a road for the Lord...

(Isaiah 40:3, NEB)

It is always a pleasure to make one's way along Old Chapel Road on the way to a service at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd – especially since the graveyard wall has been rebuilt. Now, thanks to Merthyr CBC, that pleasure will be enhanced. The road (from the Lord Raglan pub to a little beyond the entrance gate) has been re-surfaced and the dangerous potholes that had, repeatedly, to be filled-in, have disappeared – for good this time, one hopes. Of course, there is often a downside to good news – in this case it means that passing motorists are likely to be tempted to travel even faster than they do at present—so we'll need extra care as we travel to and from the chapel.

Ken Morgan

NOTTAGE

The visit of Carie Johnsen was a big event at Nottage, it was well attended, and everybody was impressed with her friendliness and her message. She was quite happy to stop the flow of traffic in the village while she took photos of the outside of the chapel, which amused the congregation! Sincere thanks to Helen Steel, Jean Thomas and June Pattimore for arranging a delicious lunch which was shared before she left for her next service, and for the much appreciated "Nottage hospitality."

Gwladys Howell still maintains her love of Nottage chapel, and is as eager as ever to know what is happening to us all. She has recently acquired a battery operated wheelchair, so she is able to move about the Home without the help of staff, and find other residents to talk to. She will be 94 this month, we all send her our love and best wishes.

We had the great pleasure of a 2-President Sunday last week. National Women's League President, Joy Foster, and her husband Tony, District President joined us, unexpectedly, for our service. Julianne Morgan was conducting a Flower Communion Service (which she does every year at both Nottage & Wick), and we were delighted that they both joined us and took part with readings and one of Julianne's "famous" quizzes, and then coffee after the service. We all enjoyed a lovely service, sharing flowers and such good company. Thank you.

I thought you might be amused to hear what happened recently at one of our services. The service had begun when I heard "a commotion" at the chapel door. I went to investigate, and there was an "elderly" gentleman trying to manoeuvre his walking aid through the double doors. I welcomed him, and asked if he had come to join us for the service. "No," was the reply, "I was married here and I want to see it." I told him there was a service in progress.....meaning "Please keep quiet." at which time he pushed past me, opened the inner door, looked around and said "Yes, that's it" and proceeded to leave! I smiled politely, and stood to watch him leave the premises as he said, "You have a lot to be sorry for, we have been married for 40 years!" We have no idea who he is, or where he came fromit takes all sorts!

*Best wishes to all,
Avril Protheroe*

TREBANOS

GELLIONNEN

We've had several pieces of good news over recent weeks. The senior mixed choir of Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera won a 'second' at the Urdd Eisteddfod, two of the singers were Siân Evans and Aneurin Jones. Then the presentation of songs sung from the musicals carried away a 'first' with their extracts from *Fiddler on the Roof* – Aneurin was the fiddler. They had previously performed at the Gwyn Hall, Neath over several nights to a full house each time!

The Rev Eric Jones took a service in which he recognised the installing of a cabinet and a registrar's table given in memory of the Rev Eirion Phillips and Dr Beverley Littlepage – two men who dearly loved Gellionnen Chapel. Present at the service were Tony Foster, SE Wales District President and Joy Foster, National President of the Women's League. Thank you for coming, we were honoured to have you both.

Congratulations and good wishes to Catrin and Bill Brennan who came over from Singapore where they live to be married in Wales. Catrin is the daughter of our Sandra Beynon, Bill hails from Australia.

The District Rally was most interesting. We wish District Representatives well for the coming year and have to say a big thank you to our own Julie Nedin for her efforts as the past president. The visit to the Mormon Church was eye-watering – there were so many people! We were made most welcome, any and all of our questions were answered. Lunch at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd was sumptuous and the new facilities are so comfortable and welcoming. The visit to Cyfarthfa was a first for many of us, it is a gem. To the organisers, thank you, your efforts were much appreciated.

We enjoyed Rev Carie Johnsen's service. This was followed by lunch in the chapel before she took off again to take the service at Cefncoed.

We've had drop-in-visits from two couples wishing to marry in the chapel. The first wedding is likely to take place this autumn.

Thanks once again to our visiting speakers. Our great advantage is that we hear from the standpoint of different people with different life experiences and we much appreciate the effort they make to serve our small congregation.

Marian Littlepage

WICK

We were very pleased to welcome Rev Carie Johnsen to Wick. Eric had given her good directions –from the East– so she avoided the upheaval of the St Bride’s diversion. She took lots of photos, Wick was the smallest chapel she had preached in. Sadly the weather was very misty so she missed the views through Ogmere-by-Sea on our way back to Swansea. We have had some good news—at last the bridge has been repaired and we now have our direct route back.

As usual there will be no services in August, we return on September 13th and our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on September 27th.

Our best wishes to all our District friends and we would love to welcome you to our services if you are in the beautiful Vale of Glamorgan at any time.

Julianne Morgan

MEN’S GROUP

It was decided that intellectual activities would be put to one side for July, and there is no better way to celebrate the summer than a trip to Barry Island. So it was on a grey, dismal day that we left our homes at Cefn and Aberdare, and gathered at Aberdare railway station. "It will be fine in Barry." said Eric, which quickly earned him the title 'The Prophet'. So with distant memories of Sunday School trips whirling in our heads, we were off!

On reaching Pontypridd, it was raining heavily. "It will be fine in Barry." said Eric, with the fatherly reassurance to a group of disappointed children. By the time we reached Cardiff the sky was clearing. Gwynn joined us on the train at Cogan station. The valleys’ contingent was surprised at the number of stations between Cardiff and Barry Island. On alighting from the train, Eric was proved to be correct and it was sunny and warm.

I’m not sure if the Barry Islanders were unaware we were coming, or possibly they *did* know we were coming, as nearly everything was closed! No calliope music as we wandered through the fair, no candy floss, no ice cream. As we exited the fair, two scouts were sent out to try and find somewhere to eat. No cafes or chip shops were open but we managed to find a pub/restaurant. Fish, chips and mushy peas were the order of the day, and they were excellent.

A stroll along the front followed, but we sadly decided that the tide was too far out to go for a swim. Finally it was back to the station after a very pleasant few hours.

Normal activities will resume in September with a visit to Caerphilly Castle, where I am sure probing questions will be posed, such as: What was the strategic reason for building a castle in Caerphilly? Was the size of the castle purely a demonstration of power? What physical forces act on the tower that allows it to remain at such a precarious angle? Where is the best pub for lunch? All may be revealed next time!

Tony Foster

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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Share your views

Looking for new ideas

Have you got any ideas regarding Unitarianism in Wales? This is your opportunity to tell us what you think. You won't need more than five minutes of your time to complete this questionnaire which will help us to identify and consider any new ideas. Please return it to Melda Grantham, Clettwr Vale, Capel Dewi, Llandysul, Ceredigion SA44 4PP or if you prefer I can send you an electronic copy – just e-mail me at mgrantham@unitarian.org.uk

Thank you for your time

1) Sex? Male Female

2) Age: 10 - 20 21 - 35 36 - 50 51 - 65 Over 66

3) Are you a member of an Unitarian Congregation? Yes No

If not, is there a reason?

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If not, would you like to become a member and why?

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4) How often do you attend a service?

Every time Once a month Every 3 months Every 6 months

Once a year Special occasions only Never

Other

5) In your opinion, how important is it to attend services regularly?

Please circle your reply

1 = Not important 10 = Very important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6) Why do you go to services? What do you want to receive at services?

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7) What is your opinion of these ideas? Mark them from 1 to 5.

5 = Very good idea; 1 = Very bad idea.

Vary the pattern of services?

Hold services in places other than the chapel?

Hold an occasional evening service in the week?

Hold different events other than a service?

Any other ideas?

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8) What could the movement do to attract more people?

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9) What could the movement do to attract more young people?

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10) What other ideas do you have to develop the provision within the movement?

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