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Temple Consolidation Plan Nearing Completion

The Temple consolidation process continues to make great progress and the Youngstown Congregation Collaboration Implementation Committee (YCCIC) remain committed to our goal of completing a plan by the end of June for the consolidation of our three Congregations into The core of the Plan remains to include recommendations for a new name, a new set of By-laws, new Clergy roles, the structure of a new Board and the building that will house us.

Towards that end, the YCCIC Committee has approved a new set of By-laws for the new Congregation and will shortly be recommending a new name. The Committee has further approved a plan recommended by the Clergy Search Subcommittee for the hiring of a new Rabbi ordained from the Reform Movement and a Cantor ordained by the Conservative Movement. The 16-member Clergy Search Committee is currently identifying and finalizing the set of qualities that it desires the new Clergy to have which will be incorporated into a formal application. Finally, and perhaps most sensitively, the Committee is completing its assessment of the existing buildings to determine which one is most suitable to house our new unified Congregation. As part of that process, the members of the Finance and Building Subcommittee recently toured each building with a local architect and a report and recommendation will be forthcoming.

The YCCIC remains committed to the greatest transparency and continues to share the minutes of all of our proceedings for the widest dissemination. With the Plan nearing its completion, the YCCIC has scheduled a “Community Town Hall” for **Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the JCC** where the Plan will be presented to the entire Community with full opportunity for questions and explanations. The Committee is requesting that the Board of each Congregation schedule a regular or special Board Meeting during the week of July 12th to consider and approve the Plan and for each to schedule a Congregational meeting to approve the Plan as their constitution requires in the week of July 19. Once the Plan has been approved the Clergy Search Committee can formally submit the application for a Rabbi for the new congregation during the search period which begins in July, 2021.

As always, if you have any questions about the work of the Committee, or suggestions and ideas for how we can best reach our goals, feel free to contact Mark Huberman, Elliot Legow or Lee Burdman.

Thanks for your continued support of this historic effort!

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