

"Never place a period  
where God has placed a comma"  
(Grace Allen)



God is still speaking.

**PARKROSE COMMUNITY  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



February 10, 2008

Dear friends,

We are writing to inform you that earlier today the people of Parkrose Community United Church of Christ held our Annual Meeting. The primary purpose of this gathering was to consider recommendations made by the Church Council related to our year-long strategic planning process.

83% of the members present voted for one of two different resolutions directing the Church Council to explore the possibility of merging Parkrose Community United Church of Christ with another local UCC congregation (63% of the members voted to consider a merger without any preconceptions as to what such a merger would look like and 20% voted to merge with the hope that we might remain in our current facilities).

Our Church Council will now form an "implementation team" and request assistance from the conference office and our national offices as to how to proceed. We anticipate putting together a church profile (similar to one used during a pastoral search) and to send out a Request for Proposals to churches in the CPC to gauge interest in a merger. We hope that within 1-3 years this process will be completed with the emergence of a new and stronger UCC congregation.

The Church Council will also be working with the conference office to decide how to best proceed with a pastoral search. Our current interim pastoral arrangements will end in mid-2009.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this process or interest in learning more about our plans for a merger. We hope that you will continue to hold Parkrose Community United Church of Christ in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Barbara Simpson  
Church Moderator

The Rev. Chuck Currie  
Interim Minister