

Name Submissions – Summer, 2024 Submitted online

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What name do you recommend for the church?	Why is this name meaningful for you?
Wildflower UCC	It retains a portion of the original name, references the "lilies of the field", our deep commitment to the Earth, and we are a little wild are we not? I mean this in the best flip-the-tables-in-the-temple sort of way. Wildflower, has a ring to it and is true to the spirit of our community in my experience. A wildflower's roots run deep. I see it as an aspiration to break free what should be free again and return to the wildness that is Christ's work here and now.
More Light UCC	I am of two minds about changing the name at all. It feels like denying our past, although I accept that the name Mayflower might stir negative feelings in some. Consequently, I'm suggesting a name that, while free, I hope, of negative connotations harks back to the words of Pastor John Robinson to the departing Pilgrims and reflects our hope that there is more truth and light to break forth from the Word.
Living Justice	"Living" describes life, action, doing. "Justice" is named in our mission "To inspire spiritual journeys on the Jesus path and to transform each individual into a catalyst for justice through communion with God, education, and action."
All Are Welcome	I love the words of this song by Marty Haugen. And it will always be true.
All Are Welcome UCC	We sing it every Sunday. I believe it is at the core of what this congregation aspires to.
Shalom Community UCC	Shalom is God's vision for a world of justice, peace, and love for one another.

Rolling Waters or Rolling River UCC	A reference to Amos 5:24: "Let justice roll like a river", and echoes the name of nearby Minnehaha Creek (which in Dakota means falling or rapid water). This proposed name connects our church's dream of justice with this land and its sacred waters.
Faith Journey UCC	When we joined it was transformative to learn that faith is a journey, not a list of changeless beliefs.
Spirit of Justice and Peace UCC	I think this captures the essence of our congregation.
Mayflower	This name honors the ship that carried refugees seeking religious and personal freedom to a new land. And as Mayflower our church is an honored and respected denominational leader in our community and throughout the nation.
Faith	It honors Faith UCC members who chose to join Mayflower in the 1990s and we did not take that opportunity to discern a name at the time that would reflect who we would be as a blended congregation.
Diamond Lake UCC	It honors our location in South Minneapolis and the history of the church that has been committed to the city and neighborhood. Retaining UCC honors the denomination that we are a part of and it drops the Congregational that has connection to the early oppression of the Mayflower settlers. It also drops the Community which only adds to the length of name.
Living Faith	Living reflects our intent to live our faith in an active way. Faith gives homage to the members of Faith UCC who chose to join Mayflower. And, Faith, reflects how we strive to be a faithful community and the ways that we demonstrate that faith through acts of justice. Living Faith says our faith is how we live, or strive, to live our faith each and every day.
Justice for All UCC	This is at the core of our faith journey together.

Peace, Love, and Justice Community UCC	This represents the biblical vision of "shalom"
Witness for Peace UCC	We are a congregation dedicated to the practice of peace individually and societally. Jesus calls us to put our faith into practice by following his example. The word "peace" is spoken by Jesus many times and he calls us to be peacemakers as well.
House of Peace UCC	The earliest Congregationalists called their churches "Meeting Houses." Peace is a central tenet of Jesus' ministry and discipleship.
Spirit of the Living God UCC	We say in UCC parlance that God is still speaking. God's Spirit is like a burning fire, alive with visions and blessings. It is in that Spirit that followers seek the Jesus Path.