UNITY CHURCH OF ALBANY
Minutes for Meeting for Spiritual Practice and Sacred Service
Thursday February 26, 2026

Present: Rev. Brigid, Deb D., Deb F. Chris Q., Mary M., John R., Diane T., Tim S.

1. Call to order and opening prayer
2. Brief Check-in
3. The agenda for February 26, 2026 was reviewed and approved
4. The minutes for January 29, 2026 were received

5. **Congregant Comments:** There was a suggestion to revamp the Book Store; more info is needed

6. **Minister's Report:** Rev. Brigid reported on the Spiritual Education offerings; her time on retreat; and informed us about a local "singing Resistance Movement" that was generated in Minneapolis.

7. **Old/Current Business:**

a. The 30th Anniversary in our current building was outlined.The Commemoration Service will be March 15. A celebration in the Community Room will follow. "Stories of Unity" will conclude the observance at the Church in the Park this summer.

b. A song sung by the board (lyricist Mary Myers) will be performed at the Feb. Coffee House.

c. Rev. Brigid invited Board members to dinner/ planning the Annual Meeting at her home March 5.

d. The Ministers and office staff are looking at options to replace the printer

e. The Board voted to include RISSE,a local organization that supports immigrants, in our tithing.

8. **Treasurer's Report**: Deb offered the Board a six month's span of our balance sheet. The Board found it helpful to draw comparisons and note trends.

Ministry Liaisons:

Social Justice Circle: Tim shared that the group has chosen to study and rally for bills that the state can pass to backfill Federal cuts. A speaker is planned to speak to the Congregation on the impact of the cuts to the poor – Rev. Joe Paparone. (April 12)

Building and Grounds: Chris shared Spring clean-up is being planned at their March meeting.

Abundance and Prosperity: There is new energy that has put the group on a positive course.

Spiritual Education: Deb shared that a book study using The Five Principles, will start March and will be conducted after Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Unity Cares: Diane coordinates 20 volunteers that can be depended upon to help congregants who have short-term needs.

Special Events: John reports that his goal is to have social opportunities monthly, big and small, to meet the tastes of our enthusiastic members; like the Coffee House on February 28.