

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMARIES

Any attempt to distill all we have heard and explored into one hand-ful of observations risks missing the points which stood out to others. The following summary of summaries, therefore, is submitted for your study, comment and editing until we reach the moment when we have identified the course we are to follow toward the future of the UCC community of faith in this region.

- ❖ Clarify the mission of the “judicatory,” whatever form it eventually takes
- ❖ Reduce or eliminate multiple and duplicate layers of administration and programming
- ❖ Focus resources and relationships on local churches and clergy
- ❖ Develop staffing in which staff know where the resources, best practices and inspiring models are, but are not expected to be personally the experts
- ❖ Improve/develop/expand use of technology
- ❖ Articulate clearly the vision, theology, and brand of this region of the UCC
- ❖ If there is to be any unification or consolidation of staff, services, and funding, then develop regional outposts /offices/centers geographically close to local churches or clusters of them
- ❖ Foster greater awareness, collaboration and relationships between congregations, clergy, regions, national setting and mission partners.
- ❖ Be mindful that most of our congregations are small and getting smaller
- ❖ Get it done sooner because later is too late