

FAQ SHEET for CONGREGATIONAL VOTE TO ORDAIN THERESA ROHLCK

Who is theresa rohlck?

Theresa has been a longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor. She currently serves as a member of the Chalice Singers, conducts the Handbell Choir and serves as a worship associate at UUAA. In May of 2019, she earned her Master of Divinity (MDiv) from the Meadville Lombard Theological School. She has expressed her desire to be ordained by UUAA, her congregational home.

What does it mean that we are voting to ordain theresa rohlck?

A congregation's process to decide whether to ordain a person is outlined in their bylaws and includes a Board and Congregational vote.

Ordination is one of the most important traditions of our faith. A congregation's decision to ordain someone represents the congregation's faith in, and support for, the ordinand's ministry. This recognition of a person's calling forth is taking an ordinand from their status as a lay person and initiating them into the community of clergy. In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, the ritual of ordination also allows the minister to use the title of Reverend.

As a formal recognition of entry into service as a Unitarian Universalist minister, ordination offers an invitation to individual and communal transformation, as well as an opportunity to serve our faith in the world.

Who has approved and endorsed theresa's ordination

Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti and the UUAA Board of Trustees.

What is our obligation for this ordination?

We have determined it will cost approximately \$5,000. The Board of Trustees will establish a workgroup to oversee and plan the ordination, and raise the necessary funds.

If we vote to ordain her, what happens next?

A preliminary date of June 6, 2020 has been set for the ordination ceremony and celebration.