

Proposed Motion to Implement Two Sunday Services 10/06/2025

Given that our Sunday service attendance has consistently reached 80% or more of seating capacity over the 2024-25 church year and is expected to increase in the 2025-26 church year;

Given that safety concerns arise when the sanctuary is more than 80% full;

Given that members of First Unitarian Society of Denver have indicated through survey and discussion their desire to continue to be a welcoming congregation for all who want to attend Sunday services in person;

Given that attendance grew by 20-25% when we last moved to a second service; and

Given that the ministerial and music staff and Board of Trustees agree with the need to expand capacity;

The Board of Trustees moves as follows:

1. To re-institute the practice of holding two services each Sunday morning during the regular church year;
2. Begin the two services schedule on or shortly after April 1, 2026, when Reverend Morran returns from sabbatical;
3. The Board of Trustees will conduct an assessment of the effectiveness of the two-services model by December 31, 2026.
4. A single service will be held during the summer months, starting the first Sunday in June, 2026 and continuing until InGathering Sunday in September, 2026.
5. Details integral to the offering of a second service, including timing, choir participation, additional volunteer or paid staff needs, and religious exploration programming will be finalized by a working group of the Board of Trustees and at least two congregants in coordination with FUSD staff.
6. A 2/3 affirmative vote by a quorum of members will be required to pass this motion.