With more than 120 extensive second round worksheets tabulated, the Naming Circle is pleased to announce that Peace United Church of Christ is the choice of a name by and for our community.

The results of this round showed Peace United Church of Christ at the top of the ranked voting and also the top of the names to “embody our values,” “convey the essence of what we cherish”, and is a name “comfortable to share”. Not only did this name rise to the top in every category, it was also the name with which we had the fewest concerns. Peace United Church of Christ is a name that we can gather around and requires no explanation. Peace United Church of Christ is a name that will grow with us and with which we can grow.

In the process of finding Peace United Church of Christ, the community gathered four times (11/20, 12/12, 1/8 and 1/22), submitted more than 80 names, shared more than 150 first round ballots and more than 120 detailed second round worksheets. We are grateful for the incredible sharing of both enthusiasm for the future and respect for our history.

As we gather together around our choice, Janet R (on behalf of the Governing Body) will convene a “next steps” conversation on Sunday (this – 1/29/2012) at 9:45am in the Library.

The congregation will be invited to adopt Peace United Church of Christ as our name when we gather for our congregational meeting on February 12, 2012 (9:45am).

The results in more detail:

**Ranked in order of preference:**
1. Peace United Church of Christ
2. Sojourners United Church of Christ
3. Community United Church of Christ
4. Faith United Church of Christ
5. Webster Groves United Church of Christ
6. Ecumenical United Church of Christ

**Embodies our Values (Inclusive, Inquisitive, Inspirational, Intimate and Intentional).**
1. Peace United Church of Christ
2. Sojourners United Church of Christ
3. Community United Church of Christ
4. Faith United Church of Christ
5. Ecumenical United Church of Christ
6. Webster Groves United Church of Christ
Conveys the essence of what I cherish in our community
1. Peace United Church of Christ
2. Community United Church of Christ
3. Sojourners United Church of Christ
4. Faith United Church of Christ
5. Ecumenical United Church of Christ
6. Webster Groves United Church of Christ

Will be comfortable to share with a friend/co-worker when I tell them about our church
1. Peace United Church of Christ
2. Faith United Church of Christ
3. Community United Church of Christ
4. Webster Groves United Church of Christ
5. Sojourners United Church of Christ
6. Ecumenical United Church of Christ