

We are in the first of 6-8 weeks of considering the name of our church. Please read the words and suggested combinations of them that emerged on the walls of the chapel last Sunday. If you do not think you'll be in the church during the next few weeks, please send your suggestions to Louise (Louise@firstbaptistgranville.org), so that we can add them to the list. You can see the process we're following--it's included below after the lists of words and names.

\*Words suggested so far:

First  
Baptist  
UCC  
Church  
Granville  
Christ  
For  
Peace  
On  
Pilgrims  
Congregation  
Congregations  
Conversational  
Broadway  
Disciples  
United  
Seekers

*\*please note that we are not limited to these words; people are free to suggest others*

Written so far on the Graffiti Wall:

First ABC/UCC Church  
Broadway United Congregations for Peace  
Broadway United Church  
Granville Community Church  
First United Church of Granville  
First Baptist Congregation of Peace  
Community Church  
First Church of Granville  
Outsiders Church  
Corner Church  
Baptist Church of Christ  
Granville Seekers for Peace  
First United Church of Granville Baptists  
Granville Seekers for Peace and Truth  
Broadway United Conversational Church  
United Church of Granville  
Seekers for Peace  
United Church on Broadway  
Broadway United

**What consensus allows:**

- ▶ Empowerment of all interested voices (sharing power)
- ▶ Shared ownership of the process and the results
- ▶ Disagreement in favor of clarifying and understanding another's perspective
- ▶ Creativity and collaboration
- ▶ Community building (or even reconciliation)

**What consensus isn't (or need not be):**

- ▶ About power over others (or majority rules)
- ▶ About producing winners and losers
- ▶ Sprawling in terms of time

**What consensus requires:**

- ▶ Commitment
- ▶ An intentional, multi-faceted formal consensus process
- ▶ Understanding of the goal and process by which consensus will be reached
- ▶ Trust
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Deep listening
- ▶ Unbiased facilitation
- ▶ Inclusivity and a desire to stand together
- ▶ Flexibility (give and take)

**Process by which to consensually determine a name for the Church  
(Proposed by task force)****WEEK I - BRAINSTORMING**

- Education segment/handout
- Activity: Word play

Outcome: Working list (“graffiti wall”) to be posted in Chapel and on website for continued consideration and additions

**WEEK II – DEEPER BRAINSTORMING**

- Activity: Values scales (with recurring terms from word play and mission statement)

Outcome: Share personal values; activity left in the chapel and graphs to be created and posted on the website. We’ll see what’s important to us

**WEEK III – CONSIDERING OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS**

- Activity: Semi-anonymous sharing of hopes and concerns about a new name.

Outcome: Lists displayed in chapel and on website. We’ll understand what our issues are.

**WEEK IV – REVIEW**

- Activity: Word play (round II); having collected information about what we value, what we hope, and what we are concerned about, we’ll revisit the word play activity with new eyes.

Outcome: We will see and share commonalities. Information will be collected and compiled for following week.

**WEEK V – LOOK AT EMERGING NAME OPTIONS**

Worship segment (10 minutes)

- Meeting of congregation after worship: Share realizations over coffee; determine where would we like to go from here
- Commit to formal consensus meeting format for Week VI.

**WEEK VI – CALL FOR CONSENSUS**

- Worship: Readings and sermon to reflect on choice-making, honoring the community, etc.
- After worship discussion, open to all who have committed/or commit that day to the formal consensus meeting format.

(In the event consensus is not reached in week 6, weeks 7 and 8 would be on hand to continue consensus building to resolution)