

*Merger Prompts New Title*  
Universalist Church Approves Name Change

First Universalist Church of Binghamton, which was organized under that title 70 years ago, this week changed its name to Unitarian-Universalist Church of Binghamton.

The name change, approved by a unanimous vote at a congregational meeting, will take effect immediately, according to the Rev. Richard M. Woodman, minister.

The Unitarian and Universalist denominations merged last May. New name for the church group is Unitarian-Universalist Association.

The merger prompted the local change of name, Mr. Woodman said.

"The denominations have merged, and many former Unitarians are members of the congregation here. We wanted to recognize this fact," he said.

Many Unitarian and Universalist churches have retained their original names, he said. In cases where two congregations have merged, the churches are known as Unitarian-Universalist churches.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This information statement quickly became obsolete. Soon all congregations in the denomination became known as Unitarian Universalist or "UU" congregations, although not all congregations formed before the merger have changed their names, and not all congregations formed after the merger have taken the formal "Unitarian Universalist" into their legal names. *Karen E. Dau*