

Ministers Report to the Board – June 2019

GA attendees and question of delegates

We have three attendees to UUA General Assembly: Susan K. Joan Landsberg, and Gail Kamna. We need to have a vote on making them delegates and then a conversation on what that means for us.

Aesthetics

The Team met Tuesday, and all were in favor of the succession plan putting it under my direct leadership with the Aesthetics Team becoming ad hoc when a project is needed. It was agreed that this will protect the integrity and vision of the design, offer continuity, and protect our building asset from rotating leadership “styles.”

Adult Religious Education

I met with the ARE Team and we are all looking forward to my closer involvement with this group next year. The goal is to have schedules for the fall and winter/spring available at the outset of the seasons.

Staff

I hope you have had chance to meet Jonathon, our new Event Manager. He went through an intense May and did great. He is bringing lots of new ideas to the table, streamlining, and already creating new revenue. Leora Mauck is set to join us on July 1 as our Fellowship Administrator. I hosted our current staff for an evening of bowling as a staff appreciation and farewell to Jenn and Phil. We are sad to learn that Ian will be leaving us in August. He is heading to Portland for better job opportunities and for music. Mark and I have begun the search for 2 new pianists. And then, of course, the new DRE search will begin in the fall.

LGBTQ Team

We are well organized for Pride this year with Randy and Dick leading the way. We look like we will have a great turn out. We used money from our Social Justice budget to be an official sponsor of Pride this year. I am exploring the possibility of our congregation hosting an event (discussion or forum) around the Stonewall uprising in late June for the wider Bend community.

Auction

Oh my gosh! What a great event on Saturday. It was so energetic, lively, and FUN! People are buzzing all week form it. I am so grateful to Grace and Shonna for all their work on the auction. It took a lot of time and energy. But what a result. What a joy it was for people to experience. And what a wonderful way to invite people to support the congregation!

Fireflies

I attended two schools for the bookbag giveaways. It truly is amazing to see. They have done incredibly well this year. But perhaps you know this already if you read the color, front page article in the Bulletin on Tuesday. We should all be very proud of this program that is becoming a flagship program of our congregation.

ISN

Our Immigrant Solidarity Network has been working on project-based legislation every once and a while. The larger interfaith group does not have steady leadership, so it is not always consistent. We are planning for the fall to find ways to make this work more available and visible for our congregation to engage.

Signs

I am finalizing some language to add two new signs to supplement our men’s and women’s bathrooms signs that make clear gender diversity is welcome. Also changing the “family

restroom” to an “all genders” restroom. I have been in conversation with both LGBTQ Team and Aesthetics.

Corvallis Men’s Retreat

I have agreed to create and lead a Men’s Retreat for Corvallis UU church next fall on a Sunday I am not in the pulpit. I will be working with them this summer. The program is called *Being a Man in a #Metoo World*. I hope to offer it here after it is completed in some form.

Summer Schedule

Whew! We crossed the Flower Communion finish line! I will be out of town next week attending Ministry Days in Spokane. Then taking the week June 24-30 off (somewhat. I will still be here and taking some meetings but will not be in the office). I hope this break is enough to break the rhythm of availability. I will be working Monday-Wednesdays the first three weeks of July. Attending the Association of Unitarian Universalists Musicians conference July 24-28. Then we will be going back east for family vacations August 3-18. I will be in the pulpit July 14 and August 25.

For conversation

Thank you

For Vote

Delegates