

**Coordinating Team  
Report to the Board of Trustees**

**June 2019**

[Reminder: The Coordinating Team creates comprehensive reports that include specific team reports for the months September – March. These nine reports therefore include three reports from each of our congregation’s team. It has been our practice to use our June – August reports to inform the board more generally of issues within the congregation.]

**STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL ISSUES AND TRENDS**

•**Cultural Justice Core Group**

The thirteen members of this year’s Cultural Justice Core Group will complete this in-depth experience of listening and learning at the end of June. Members are currently considering the key learnings garnered from this engagement. These key learnings will help form the “curriculum” for the larger congregation so that this understanding may help inform how all of us think about these issues. From this group will soon form a new Cultural Justice Engagement Group that will be seeking opportunities for us to work as accomplices in the larger community under the leadership of our partners.

•**Economic Justice Core Group**

The Economic Justice Core Group held its last formal meeting of the year on June 2. A subgroup will meet June 17 to refine the list of “key learnings” we have been brainstorming over the past month. Similarly as with the Cultural Justice Core Group, we will soon begin forming an engagement group that will use our learnings as the basis for pursuing transformative work under the leadership of community partners.

•We hope by now that the board is aware of **our summer theme: “I am . . .’ ‘We are . . .’ What’s in a Name?”** We will kick-off our summer series of services on Sunday, June 23 when we return to one service at 10:00 a.m. We are also

creating a very extensive array of programming opportunities for children, youth and adults with a focus on fostering deep connection among our members. A remarkable lineup of ARESD offerings will enable participants to engage with this theme in a variety of ways. In addition, our Community Building Team will be offering many social opportunities both after our Sunday services and at various times throughout the coming weeks. We urge the members of the board to avail yourselves of as many of these opportunities as possible as a means of deepening your connection to our members and visitors.

- The group charged to manage **the process made possible by this year's Memorial Endowment Trust grant** is being formed and will begin meeting very soon. Under the leadership of its chair, outgoing board member Barry Arendt, and professional staff liaison Doug Swaim, this group will begin preparing for the first phase of this work—the reconsideration of the name of the congregation. We are delighted to report that longtime national UU leader and former interim UUA president Leon Spencer will serve as our facilitator for this first phase. Leon has a long relationship with the congregation and with our larger faith that should serve us well in this important process.

- This year's **UUA General Assembly** is being held in Spokane, Washington. Due to the very significant expense of participating, for the first time in recent memory none of the UUCC professional staff will be in attendance. We anticipate representing the congregation next year when GA returns to Providence, Rhode Island.

- The Coordinating Team and professional staff join the larger congregation in **thanking outgoing board members** Barry Arendt, Lincoln Baxter and Rebekah Visco for your faithful service to our congregation. Each of you has made significant contributions to the life of the UUCC in your tenure on our board. We express special appreciation to Rebekah for her leadership as chair this year.