

UUCNH Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2021 - Conducted on Zoom

[Since no votes were taken, a quorum was not required, and individual member attendance was not recorded. Access via Zoom link was by pre-registration of Members and Friends of UUCNH. 74 Zoom participants joined the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Julie Kant, President of the Board of Trustees. The agenda followed was that which had been distributed in advance of the meeting. Presenters delivered their remarks via Zoom, including screen-shared slides. Questions and comments could be shared through the chat function.

Two presentations were made on budget and facilities issues:

- Buildings and Grounds – Mark Swihart Mark provided a summary of facilities management over the last 6 months, emphasizing the good work of our Sexton, Patrick Bauer, repairs and improvements (such as the roof project), and issues related to this pandemic period. Several slides detailed work completed and still in progress.
- Finance Committee – Dennis Doubleday Dennis began with the good news that our church finances are stable at present, in spite of the pandemic. He reviewed the status of our budget and identified several contributing factors, including strong fulfilment of pledges to date and Bellwood's continuation of its payments even though they have not been using the church building for in-person classes. There was a brief discussion of challenges ahead in the second half of our fiscal year.

Five Committee and Team updates were presented :

- Ministry Council – Matt Ferry Matt briefly reviewed the role of the Ministry Council and focused on the work beginning to support the Board's anti-racism goal. The Ministry Council finds this to be challenging and worthwhile work and asks for commitment to pursue it.
- Systemic Change Team – Liz Perkins Liz provided an update on the Team's substantial activities with four organizations: UU Justice PA, March on Harrisburg, Fair Districts PA, and PIIN . In addition, they are actively involved in our collaboration with St. Brendan's on racial injustice issues. There are many opportunities, and the Team would appreciate additional members.
- Green Sanctuary – Matt Mehalik Matt noted that the Board has officially converted this Task Force to a Team, and that the UUCNH Green Sanctuary application has been submitted to UUA. He summarized the great effort that

went into this over the last 3 years, the continuing benefits, and the intersection with other church efforts, e.g. social justice.

- Memorial Garden – Chuck Berry Chuck (who is co-chair of this effort with Peggy Trevanion) gave a progress update on Phase 1 of the project, which has been impeded by factors such as contractor illness and complications (drainage, electrical and other problems). Land has been leveled and problems solved, but winter weather has delayed completion of Phase 1 (planting trees, installing paths, etc.) until spring.
- TrUUe Colors Task Force –Amy Terizzi (with Erin Terizzi) Amy introduced this new group established to promote LGBTQIA issues and to serve as a support group for its members. She explained that while UUCNH became a Welcoming Congregation in 2003, this should be an ongoing process. She described the 5 Practices of Welcome Renewal suggested by the UUA that this Task Force will be promoting. The group is open to all – not just LGBTQ individuals – and would welcome more members.

A Call for New Business resulted in no responses. Following thanks and appreciation for all presenters and those organizing and conducting the Zoom meeting, the Board President asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Dennis Doubleday, seconded by Peggy Trevanion. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.