

Coordinating Team (CT) Minutes  
February 8, 2017

Present: Rev. David Miller, Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Kathy Smerke Hochberg, Pete Krone, Rich Sider, Ministerial Intern Kin Sims

Guests: Mary Lareau for the congregational meeting discussion and churches as sanctuaries, Dee Idnani for the discussion on sanctuary.

The minutes from the 1/25/17 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Tasks (New tasks highlighted below.)

- Rich to explore obtaining 501(c)(3) status.
- Rich to prepare a list of budget reduction options.

Ministers' Reports

- Rev. David Miller
  - Participated in the National Prayer Breakfast clergy witness and was interviewed by the Chronicle of Philanthropy at that event.
  - Had lunch with the senior UU D.C. area UU ministers to talk about cooperation and coordination of responses in the current environment.
  - Seven people attended the first People of Color UUCF Caucus. The group wants to continue meeting and selected Kristin Keen to serve as a liaison to the ministers.
  - The Gun Violence Prevention task force is meeting this evening to continue conversation about next steps.
  - He will be teaching the third of five Senses and Meaning classes tonight.
  - Will be away Feb. 20-24 attending the senior ministers of large UU congregation conference in San Diego.
- McKinley Sims
  - Is planning a social justice summit for April, which will include training on creating systemic change.
  - The young adult group is planning a joint service project with other area congregations.
  - Is pursuing a possible collaborative relationship with a congregation in West Texas as a way to have conversation outside the northern VA "bubble."
- Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
  - The Jan. 30 gathering of UUCF federal employees attracted 22 people. The group expressed a strong desire to continue meeting and Laura is recruiting volunteers to host the group going forward.
  - Officiated at a memorial service for Brian Kinlan on Feb. 3.
  - Will be starting a spiritual direction group in March.
  - Marlo Nash, Lay Minister for Membership & Outreach, has expressed willingness to participate as needed in the upcoming membership staff transition, including assisting with the review of the Program Evaluation Committee report.

### Old Business

- Auction floor chairperson – Kathy reported that the one major volunteer position still to be filled is the floor chairperson the night of the Auction. **She will contact possible candidates.**
- Annual Giving Campaign – The committee will meet tonight to continue to work on communications and messaging.
- Congregational meeting on the leadership endorsement – David reported on the Board follow-up discussion at last night's meeting and the CT discussed plans for a congregational forum on Sunday, Feb. 26, after the second service. **David will work with Karen Wolf to plan the meeting,** which will focus on the purpose of the endorsement and how to respond quickly and appropriately to current events.

### New Business

- Yard signs on immigration promoted by the UU Church of Arlington – The CT decided not to participate in this promotion.
- Report on the workshop about sanctuary churches – Mary Lareau and Dee Idnani reported on the meeting last Saturday at All Souls in D.C. about churches getting involved in providing sanctuary to undocumented immigrants facing deportation. There are multiple ways to get involved in addition to hosting an individual or family on campus. The CT recommended that Mary and Dee invite interested people to a meeting to review the input from the workshop and to gauge interest in forming a group to explore UUCF participation.
- Leadership summit to discuss ministry in the current environment – David proposed and the CT affirmed calling a meeting of the Board, Lay Ministers, the CT and staff on Feb. 18 or 25 to discuss how to be effective in ministry in the current situation and how this should impact UUCF's strategic goals, direction and governance processes.

### Miscellaneous

The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by Rich Sider