

Assistant Minister's Report to the Board

December 2018



As of now, the number of days left before my sabbatical and the number of things I must accomplish before I leave seem woefully mismatched! It's a busy time of year.

I am sorry that I won't be with you at the meeting this month. My choral group, the Sacramento Master Singers, has the last of our six concerts, this one at the Harris Center in Folsom. It has been wonderful to have so many UUSS folk attend the concerts this year, the number seems to grow each year.

This is my last report until April. I want to thank to board for supporting my sabbatical. If I don't see you before I go, have a great Winter and I will see you April 9th.

Membership

We had 20 people participate in the new member ceremony on December 16th. It is such a pleasure to welcome new people into membership.

The November Exploring UU class had 16 attendees – two of them came to the class on their first day at UUSS. We have also had quite a few visitors in the past month, and a large group at the November Newcomer Orientation. I plan to lead the session on December 23rd. All the new people and new energy is very exciting.

Social Justice

We had a great meeting of social justice leader earlier in the month. Members of the strategic planning team attended, and we had a great discussion on goals #2 and #3.

We hosted three nights of the Winter Sanctuary program for homeless, sponsored by Sacramento County. The opportunity came up quite suddenly and since our space was available, we said yes. The non-profit group took care of everything, including cleaning the space, providing security and feeding them (and adding us to their insurance). We came through it unscathed, except for a lost alarm sensor (which they paid to replace) and some dirty bathrooms. Krystal, Gerald (our new custodian) and Elaine worked hard to accommodate them and to make the rooms presentable after they had left. It was quite a sight to have 100 homeless people in our main hall and welcome hall. I was very moved and proud of how we were living our mission.

Property and Administration

November and December were great rental months and we are only \$3K behind our budget for the year do far. The event planner we contracted with has not panned out so far. Members of APMC are reaching out to her to determine her status.

We have hired a new custodian and he is doing a great job. Krystal is relieved to have survived the transition. He is currently hired at 28 hours per week (compared to 40 for Aaron) and does not require health benefits.

I will have a final meeting with her and Michele next week before I head off on sabbatical. The staff will be doing some of my newcomer tracking tasks, as well as managing all the materials for the Spiritual Deepening Circles. I am grateful for their support, as well as for all that Roger will be doing while I am gone.

Until April,
sending love to all,
Rev Lucy