

Senior Minister's report to the UUSS Board and Program Council ~ February 28, 2019

Meetings and Activities Since Last Month's Meeting

I have conferred with Board President, Treasurer (on wage budget recommendations), Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Team and the Feb. 2 event, Safety Policies Task Force, Program Council plus its co-chairs, Endowment Trust (first meeting in two years!), Family Ministry Team plus its chair, Pastoral Visitors Team plus its chair; Stewardship Ctte plus its chair, three of our Auction leaders; Nominating Ctte chair. Chaired Religious Services Committee meeting.

Staff etc.: I meet weekly with Krystal and Miranda and student minister Sangye Hawke, biweekly with Keith, and I check in with Elaine and Michele every day I'm on site, as Lucy has. They do great work, juggling so much that's going on around here! Michele prepared the certification of membership (424 adults) and UUSS budget data and I updated other information for the UUA submission at the end of January. Recruited substitute pianists for one choir rehearsal (Eric Howe) and one worship service (Jay Johnson, volunteer) in February.

Pastoral care by me has included home visits, office visits and phone calls, a memorial service. In the Blue Sheet, "Sending Love" lists those recovering from surgery, grieving losses, or in rehabilitation or long-term care. This may be too much for me to keep track of but is a function that's helpful for folks in our growing church; I got the idea from St. John's Lutheran.

Generosity and Vitality

"Growing Love" auction—I led the Live Auction & Fund-a-Need (this raised \$12,000 for playground equipment & nursery renovation). I met with at least 3 of the auction leaders before and after the event. Thanks to Tiki Harlow, Mary Howard, Linda Buckley and many others!

150th Anniversary--We have come just \$900 shy of the goal of \$200,000! We still have commemorative 150th Anniversary window decorations (\$10). Thanks to a great team!

Grounded in Love—Growing Our Mission. The pledge kickoff sermon is March 3, and tables will be staffed every Sunday in March. I have met with some donors for advance pledges, many have raised their pledges by 10-15%; I have raised my pledge from \$440/month to \$480/month.

Soup Sunday has concluded (October-February). Thanks to BoT and PC for being part of it and to Bobbie and her team for organizing it so well. Kids Freedom Club host a pancake breakfast after service on March 31 to raise funds to end modern slavery. Salad Sunday, anyone?

Adult Enrichment, Child/Youth Religious Education and Family Ministry

Family Ministry Valentines party after church Feb. 10 was lively. LaTour, a family band that plays funk and soul; will give a concert after church March 31, sponsored by Family Ministry. July 8-12 *Chalice Camp* still seeking a camp director; see more the [UU World](#) magazine.

I'm co-planning a late June camp for teens from UU churches in the valley and foothills.

Alliance Programs very strong on 2nd Thursday mornings. Blue Sheet shows lots of Adult Enrichment offerings coming up. Note RE and Connections Tables trading locations March 17.

Presence and Action in the Larger Community and Denomination

I again attended the interfaith Environmental Justice meeting of Sacramento Area Congregations Together, hosted here at UUSS, so I gave the many guests a welcome. Very exciting work!

I attended and observed the Sacramento City Council's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

With 2 UUSS members I attended the second interfaith meeting to form an Arden Arcade HART (Homeless Area Resource Team). Other, established HART groups exist in Carmichael etc.

Feb. 27 at Congregation B'Nai Israel I attended the Sac area's Habitat for Humanity event for its second Build for Unity project, which brings multifaith partners together to build local houses.

I attended an online meeting with the Grass Valley minister and Director of RE from Reno to plan a summer camp in the Tahoe area for youth entering grades 7-12 who are connected to congregations from Davis to Reno to Chico. It may happen over 3 or 4 nights in late June.

I am on the Pacific Central Board of Directors; we've met only twice (online) since July 1 and have not had a quorum. This is concerning but not dire, as we don't have much to do except plan and annual PCD meeting and review the UUA Regional Lead's budget proposal for the PCD share. I missed the monthly breakfast meeting of UU ministers from our area. I did attend an online meeting with PCD ministers or staff who lead Religious Education.

Monday mornings (Feb. 4-May 6) I teach a course on church administration at Starr King School for the Ministry. I meet an hour each month online with a senior UU colleague who is a coach for me. I also have a monthly session with a local spiritual director.

I'm on the advisory council of the Sacramento YMCA and the board of the regional YMCA, and our Annual Support Campaign is now taking place. I am behind on my solicitation of donations!