

Senior Minister's report to the USSS Board and Program Council ~ April 26, 2019

Events

- *International Dinner -- refugee neighbors, IRC staff, music, kids' activities, **Sat., 4/27** 5:30 p.m.
- *Sacramento premiere of *The Long Ride* (about Immigrant Workers' Freedom Ride of 2003) with the director and a panel discussion afterwards, here, **Sun., 5/5**, 2:00 p.m.
- *Activity Fair after church **Sun., June 2**. Possibly a fire drill during the service.
- *All-Ages Camp, **June 7-9**. Lucy & Miranda at USSS; Roger & Keith at Camp Norge.

Meetings and Activities Since Last Month's Meeting

Very happy that Rev. Lucy is back! I have conferred with Board President, Executive Committee, Refugee Support Team (for its meetings and I will emcee the International Dinner here on April 27), and chair, Program Council and agenda-setting meeting with Council's co-chairs, Family Ministry Team members and its Easter event, plus this Sunday's team meeting), Stewardship Ctte chair, Committee on Ministry; Religious Services. *Staff etc.:* I meet weekly with Miranda and with Lucy, biweekly with Lucy and Keith. She is now meeting with Sangye for mentoring conversations, though Sangye and I talk often. Sangye recently achieved status as a Ministerial Candidate in the UUA system of ministerial credentialing!

Pastoral care by me has included home and care-home visits, office visits and phone calls. Rev. Martha Hodges and Christine Lewis have been coordinating our Pastoral Visitors volunteers, who see folks who can't get to church. Martha created the program a few years ago and plans to step down June 1, so we seek two coordinators to work with me. I will do a small service for Mary Schneider and family at her home in memory of her husband, Hans.

Generosity and Vitality

150th Anniversary--We have come about \$1,000 shy of the goal of \$200,000!

Auction—hosting, co-hosting or attending a number of auction-item events in May and June.

Grounded in Love—Growing Our Mission. Pledge drive thank you letter (with a copy of signed pledge form) mailed yesterday; we'll send a letter to say "thanks for continuing your automatic pledge payments" soon to those who have not indicated any change on their credit cards or ACH payments. Email or US Mail reminders went out last week to those without automatic payments who have not indicated a new pledge yet; John Abbott will coordinate calls in early May to those who don't respond. Of note: More than 30 of the pledges are brand new, including many Lucy will invite to join. A few folks have joined in recent weeks and pledged; Lucy and I expect more folks to join and pledge in the next few months.

Stewardship Committee debriefing meeting Monday, May 6. Deep thanks to Bobbie Keill and a great committee for hours of work and attention to detail. Bobbie has created a complete three-ring binder of all steps and materials used so future leaders won't have to re-invent the wheel!

PCD Youth Ministry

As explained in the March 28 report, I will participate in a series of ministerial/RE professional/lay leader and youth leader conversations about youth ministry dynamics in our Pacific Central District. I will go to San Jose Friday April 26 for a facilitated small group on Saturday and come back in time for the International Dinner. I will go to Redwood City May 4 for a large-group one.

UUA Pacific Central District (PCD) Annual Meeting May 11 2:00 pm

Reminder of my request for you to make sure we have delegates for a brief online Annual Meeting of the PCD at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 11. (Anyone can register without being a delegate, and there is no cost.) Brief Agenda: approve a budget, approve minutes from 2018, elect new PCD Board members to fill openings, discuss future of PCD as an entity.

General Assembly delegate support--I requested and UUSS has received \$500 toward from the PCD Budget to help us provide support to UUSS delegates to General Assembly.

Adult Enrichment, Child/Youth Religious Education and Family Ministry

With only four registrations made by deadline day, we have called off the July 8-12 kids' day camp, *Chalice Camp*. I had planned to serve as the camp director.

Lots of visiting families with kids at service and the Easter Egg Hunt and pizza lunch.

I met with Christopher Jensen, Jed Shapiro, Bobbie Keill to complete a behavioral covenant for the All Ages Camp weekend; it will be given to all who registered and/or all who show up.

Presence and Action in the Larger Community and Denomination

I attended and observed the Sacramento City Council's meeting of Tuesday evening, April 23.

I went to Grass Valley for the monthly coffee meeting of UU ministers in our cluster (Reno to Chico to Davis). On May 6 I finish teaching 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, whose President/CEO resigned, so there have been more meetings than the usual 4 per month).

I accepted the invitation to join the Professional Advisory Group of the UC Davis Med Center's chaplaincy education program, known as CPE (for seminarians of all faiths and denominations).