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worth and dignity of every person"



# Greater Philly

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Equity Spiritual Growth Love Respect  
Acceptance Peace Compassion Justice

**December 12, 2015**

# Agenda

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# Chalice Lighting and Opening

*Connection and Commitment Chalice Lighting*

By Cynthia Landrum

As we kindle this flame,  
May it spark in each of us  
Connection and commitment  
To this living tradition  
And to each other.

# Cluster Steering Committee Covenant

- Be true to UU purposes/principles
- Listening to others with respect and regard
- Be as present as possible
- Share knowledge
- Communicate with congregations
- Step up but step back
- Talk about strengths rather than limitations
- Process others comments thoroughly before responding thoughtfully
- Start/end on time
- Honor commitments
- Be conscious of others styles and limitations
- Open minds and optimism
- Avoid saying, been there, done that, didn't work.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RVvWKEvMR4&list=PLNP4i-lilrN6vu38FCkqxJZdQPk737Pfi&index=6>

# Review of Cluster Accomplishments / Current Status

## 2013 - 2014

Committee covenant

Cluster calendar

Mission

Website

Needs assessment

Cluster logo

Cluster brochure

Cluster banner

Pride parades

T-shirt fundraiser

## 2014 - 2015

Google group

Music witness

Get Out the Vote

Delegate description

H-UULTI training

Pride parades

# New Vision for the Cluster

- New Leadership Team:
  - Amy Nothelfer, Chair
  - Marilyn Huff, Meeting Moderator, Treasurer
  - Felice Macera, Communications
  - Pat Infante, CERG primary contact



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- New Leadership Team
- Benefits of Cluster
  - Greater social justice impact
  - Shared resources
  - Regional growth of UUism



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- New Leadership Team
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- Goals for 2015-2016 church year
  - Further develop cohesion of the 14 Cluster congregations
  - Create a couple of successes to build on

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- Goals for 2015-2016 church year
- Plan to achieve goals
  - Communication
  - Community Building
  - Social Justice
  - Education/Training

# Plan to Achieve Goals

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- Add events to Cluster google calendar
- Monthly paragraph about cluster in OOS
- Add Cluster website content
- Pulpit announcement re cluster at spring congregational meetings

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- Seek Board Presidents' and Ministers' buy-in
- Bimonthly Cluster Steering Committee meetings
- Congregational delegate identification
- Pride Parades (May: New Hope; June-Philly)
- General Assembly (JPD: April; UUA: OH in June)
- Annual Cluster event (October 2016)
  - Church fair at Main Line UC

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- 1) Communication
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- 3) Social Justice
  - Develop a stronger network of info and action within the Cluster on 2 primary projects:
    - Reproductive Justice
    - Anti Mass Incarceration
  - Both already have multi-congregational support
  - Both are UUPLAN Core Issues
  - Support other projects on adhoc basis

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- Q: What about all the other ideas we've discussed?
  - A: We'll put in a parking lot for future consideration



# Future Planning / Parking Lot

Speaker Exchange/Pulpit

Supply database

Advertising

Fundraising

Social Justice – Young

Adults

Webinars (JPD)

MLK Day

Conf call with Delmarva

Multi-site Speaker series

Congregational database

Link to Cluster website on congregations' websites

Directory of members' issues, interests, skills

Promote denominational growth

Campus ministry

Revival meeting

# Assignment of Tasks – Committees

- 1) Communication (Leader: Felice)
- 2) Community Building (Leader: Amy)
- 3) Social Justice (Leader: Marylin)
- 4) Education/Training (Leader: Pat)



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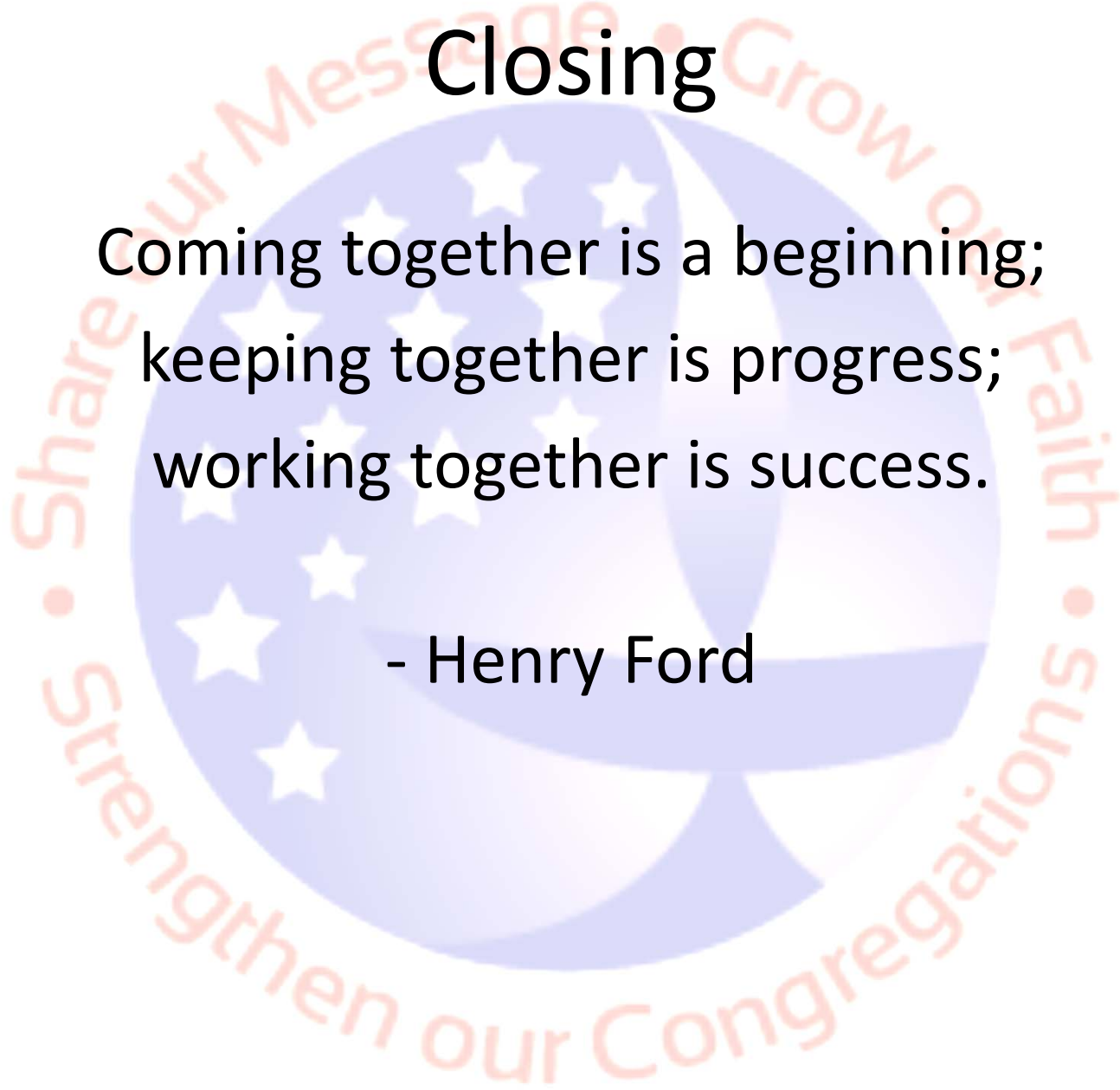
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# Closing

Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success.

- Henry Ford





# Thank you!

Next meeting:

- Sat, February 6, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:30 am
- Location: TBD (suggestions?)
- Committee updates
- Select education/training topics
- delegate description?; social justice presentations?

Questions?

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