

Annual Report of the JPD Greater Philly Cluster
March 2014



Cluster Member Congregations: BuxMont, Cherry Hill, Delaware County, Dorothea Dix, First U Philly, Germantown, Lower Bucks, Main Line, Pottstown, Restoration, Thomas Paine, Wellsprings, Restoration

Cluster Meetings: Rev. Dr. Richard Speck and Marilyn Huff (UUCDC) convened a cluster interest meeting on October 5, 2013 to explore the possibility of reforming a Greater Philly Cluster of Congregations. The response was positive and delegates from all 13 congregations have participated on subsequent meetings approximately every 6 weeks facilitated by Marilyn Huff.

Cluster Mission: Share our message, Grow our Faith, Strengthen Congregations

Cluster Status: The Greater Philly Cluster is a new effort and we are working hard to get to know our neighbor congregations and be intentional about how we work as a group. In our first meeting, we established an interest in working together. In the second meeting, we developed our mission statement. And, in our third meeting, we explored the diverse needs of our diverse congregations.

Cluster Accomplishments: We have created an umbrella website for the cluster with a calendar of events at each congregation which others are encouraged to attend. This has already led to the coordination of major social justice events. We are creating a database of administrative resources to facilitate sharing. We are also creating a database for pulpit supply.

Cluster Future: We plan to host a cluster-wide event during the 2014-15 church year and explore a cluster-wide advertising campaign.