

“Affirming and promoting the inherent
worth and dignity of every person”



Greater Philly Unitarian Universalists

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Equity Spiritual Growth Love Respect
Acceptance Peace Compassion Justice

May 21, 2016

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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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Debrief JPD Assembly

- Many Cluster reps attended as well as Pat (CERG) and Carla (JPD)
- Fri: Keynote by Jim Key (UUA Moderator)
- Sat: 3 sessions with 4 workshops each
- Sat: District Business Mtg
 - Budget passed, Regionalization passed
- Clusters – optional; NOT a governance institution
 - Governance is: 1) congregation and 2) UUA

Debrief JPD Assembly

- W: Broken Promises (Mark Bernstein)
 - Discussed covenants within congregations
 - Does your congregation have a covenant?
 - Educ/Train idea: how do we address misbehavior?
- W: Emerging Faith
 - “The Answer to How is Yes” by Peter Block
 - Congregations can be relevant with what they have
- W: Stewardship
 - Be like non-profits – donors, members, visitors
 - Educ/Train idea: using social media

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Cluster Faithify Project Idea

- Faithify – crowdfunding Unitarian Universalist
- <http://www.faithify.org/>
- SEPTA – Cluster billboard with UU message
- Billboard posted at targeted SEPTA regional rail stations near Cluster congregations in PA
- Goal: raise \$1000 via Faithify

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Cluster Annual Event

- October 15, 2016, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Main Line Unitarian Church
- 2 members (First U, Pottstown) offered to organize their church's table
- 1 member (Rosemary) volunteered for the planning cmt
- Do we want to move forward with the event?

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Communications Cmt Update

- 1) Updating communications people (Rick)
- 2) Sending monthly GPC announcement (Amy)
- 3) Encourage representatives to add events to the google calendar
- 4) Annual report was sent out

Community Building Update

- 1) Amy contacting Ministers (Board Presidents in Fall)
- 2) Congregational representatives:
 - Have: Cherry Hill, Delaware Cty, Germantown, Lower Bucks, Restoration, Thomas Paine, West Chester
 - Need: Buxmont, Dorothea Dix, First U, MLUC, Pottstown, South Jersey, Well Springs
- 3) Pride Parades
 - Sat, May 21: New Hope (Cluster event)
 - Sun, June 12: Philly (just advertise)
- 4) General Assembly - UUA: June 22-26, Columbus, OH
- 5) Annual Cluster event : October 15, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, MLUC
- 6) GPC meetings – try Zoom video conference option?

Social Justice Cmt Update

1) Develop a stronger network of info and action within the Cluster on 2 primary projects:

- Reproductive Justice
 - Workshop: March 19 at USG
- Anti Mass Incarceration
 - Faithify project – has met its financial goal

2) How did Democracy Spring (April 2) go?

- UUCDC – Bill Clinton, Marylin Huff

Education/Training Cmt Update

1) Cluster trainings in 2016-2017 (Fall/Spring)

- Social justice/advocacy (Dec)
- Leadership development /succession planning (April)

2) Encourage participation in UULI (\$30)

- Cluster will cover the cost of anyone who finishes the course and requests reimbursement.
- <http://www.uuinstitute.org/summer-2016/>
 - Healthy Leadership 101 is a “must-take” course for leadership
 - All online over the summer
- <http://www.uuinstitute.org/fall-2016/>
 - Offerings still in development

Summer 2016
**Healthy
Leadership
101**



Rev. Renée Ruchotzke

Summer 2016
**Leading
Change in
Changing
Times
211**



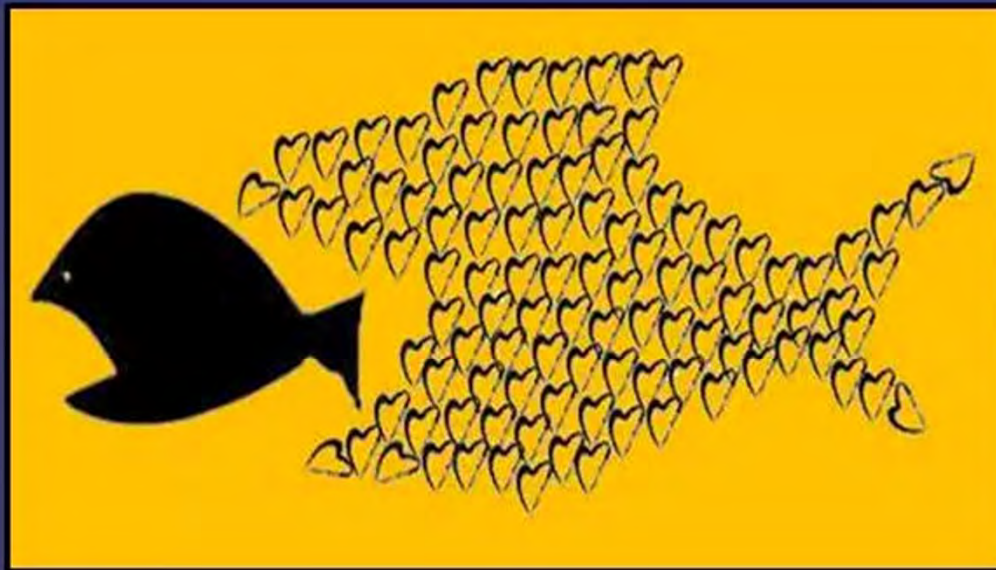
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Summer 2016

Organizing

on the Side of Love 160

Tools and Tips for Interconnection and Impact



Caitlin Breedlove



Nora Rasman

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New Hope Pride Parade

Worship, Witness and WaterFire,
General Assembly 2014:

<http://www.uua.org/love/ga/waterfire>

00:16:19 – 00:19:50

Closing

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

- Henry Ford

Thank you!

Next meeting:

- Sat, July 30, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:30 am
- Location: TBD (West Chester?)
- New vision for 2016-17, calendaring, updates

Questions?

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