



Greater Philly UU Cluster Annual Report - May 2017

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Mission: Share our Message, Grow our Faith, Strengthen Congregations

Member Congregations: BuxMont, Cherry Hill, Delaware Cty, Dorothea Dix, First U Philly, Germantown, Lower Bucks, Main Line, Pottstown, Restoration, South Jersey Shore, Thomas Paine, Wellsprings, West Chester

Leadership: Amy Nothelfer (MLUC), chair; Marylin Huff (UUCDC), treasurer/moderator; Felice Macera (Lower Bucks), web/communications leader; and Pat Infante, CERG primary contact

Meetings: Representatives from the congregations met in July 2016 (Cherry Hill), Sept 2016 (UUCDC), Jan 2017 (Thomas Paine), and May 2017 (Lower Bucks). Amy Nothelfer, Marylin Huff, and Pat Infante facilitated these meetings.

Trainings: Oct 2016 (BLM: How do we engage in racial justice as UUs?); Mar 2017 weekend (Jubilee: Learning Together About Systemic Racism); Mar 2017 (21st Century Leadership Reset)

Cluster Status: In its fourth year, the Greater Philly UU Cluster proposed a vision for the 2016-2017 year, including three primary goals:

- a) Further develop cohesion of the Cluster congregations
- b) Support efforts in which the Cluster congregations may benefit more from working together than working alone:
 - advertise/spread the word of UUism
 - denominational affairs
 - education/training (provided by CERG)
 - social justice
- c) Create a couple of successes to build on

The actions to achieve these goals: 1) Communication/Advertisement, 2) Community Building, 3) Denominational Affairs, 4) Education/Training, and 5) Social Justice.

Cluster Accomplishments: 1) Communications – successfully conducted Faithify fundraiser that supported a Philly ad campaign on newsstands for 4 weeks, posted congregations' events on the Cluster Google Calendar, sent monthly GPC announcements to communications folks for the Order of Service/newsletters of each congregation, sent monthly email to GPC distribution list, and maintained Cluster website. 2) Community Building - held bi-monthly GPC mtgs/trainings, contacted Board Presidents for support, participated in New Hope Pride Parade for fourth year, and advertised UU Community Weekend in Sept 2017. 3) Denominational Affairs – encouraged viewing of UUA Presidential Candidate Forum, and encouraged attendance and live-streaming of General Assembly. 4) Education/Training – organized 2 free trainings and a weekend Jubilee, identified two training topics for CERG to present next year, and continued to encourage UULI. 5) Social Justice – supported 3 existing social justice topics (Reproductive Justice, BLM/Anti-Mass Incarceration, Corruption of our Democracy) to enhance projects and improve communication of efforts throughout the Cluster, including a BLM training and Jubilee.