



Greater Philly UU Cluster Annual Report - May 2018
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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; Treva Burger (USG), support leader; Marylin Huff (UUCDC), treasurer; Felice Macera (Lower Bucks), web/communications leader; and Pat Infante, CERG primary contact

Meetings: Representatives from the congregations met in July 2017 (Cherry Hill), Sept 2017 (MLUC), Jan 2018 (Restoration), and May 2018 (Lower Bucks). Amy Nothelfer and Pat Infante facilitated these meetings.

Trainings/Events: Oct 2017 - Justice and Gerrymandering (USG); Mar 2018 weekend - Jubilee: Learning Together About Systemic Racism (MLUC); Mar 2018 – Path to Membership (UUCDC); April 2018 - GPC Choral Workshop (MLUC)

Cluster Status: In its fifth year, the Greater Philly UU Cluster proposed a vision for the 2017-2018 year, including three primary goals:

- a) Further develop cohesion of the 14 Cluster congregations
- b) Support efforts in which the Cluster congregations may benefit more from working together than working alone:
 - 1) advertise/spread the word of UUism, 2) denominational affairs, 3) education/training (provided by CERG), 4) 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) Communication – created and utilized GPC Facebook page and group, posted congregations' events on the Cluster Google Calendar, sent monthly GPC announcements to congregations' communications folks for the Order of Service/newsletters, sent monthly email to GPC distribution list, and maintained Cluster website. 2) Community Building - held bi-monthly GPC mtgs/trainings, Chair visited Dorothea Dix and UUCSJS to encourage participation, participated in UU Community Weekend in Sept 2017, began planning for UUCW in 2018, organized a Choral Workshop to bring GPC choirs together, participated in New Hope Pride Parade for fifth year. 3) Denominational Affairs – encouraged registration, attendance and live-streaming of General Assembly, advertised other local UU conferences/retreats. 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 Gerrymandering training and Jubilee; advertised MLK Day of Service volunteer opportunities.