



Greater Philly UU Cluster Annual Report - May 2019
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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 (Main Line), chair; Treva Burger (Germantown), support leader; Marylin Huff (Delaware Cty), treasurer; Felice Macera (Lower Bucks), web/communications leader; and Pat Infante, CERG primary contact

Meetings: Representatives from the congregations met in July 2018 (Cherry Hill), Sept 2018 (West Chester), Jan 2018 (Restoration), and May 2018 (BuxMont). Amy Nothelfer facilitated these meetings.

Trainings/Events: Nov 2018 – Filling your Justice Toolbelt: A Hands-on Advocacy Workshop (Main Line); Mar 2019 weekend - Jubilee: Learning Together About Systemic Racism (Main Line); Mar 2019 – Volunteerism: The Struggle is Real! (Germantown); April 2019 - GPC Singers Workshop (Delaware Cty)

Cluster Status: In its sixth year, the Greater Philly UU Cluster proposed a vision for the 2018-2019 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 CER), 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, 5) Music, and 6) Social Justice.

Cluster Accomplishments: 1) Comm/Advert – initiated 8-week local newspaper ad campaign, advertised Missa Gaia concert (Dec 2018, First U), utilized GPC Facebook page and group, posted congregations' events on the Cluster Google Calendar, sent monthly GPC announcements to communications folks for the Order of Service/newsletters, sent monthly email to GPC distribution list, and maintained GPC website. 2) Community Bldg - held bi-monthly GPC mtgs/trainings, participated in UU Community Weekend (Sept 2018) and planned for 2019, participated in New Hope Pride Parade for sixth year, and began planning for GPC Summit in Oct 2019. 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, and continued to encourage UULI. 5) Music - organized a Singers Workshop. 6) 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 an Advocacy training and Jubilee; advertised MLK Day of Service volunteer opportunities.