

Report from the Board of Trustees

Board Meeting of March 23, 2010

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the congregation elected two new board members: Bob Crowe and ReeAnn Dixon, elected Jon Greer to a full term after he had been named to the board as a replacement, and affirmed Giselle Ampuero as a board member after she had been named to the board as a replacement. They joined the ongoing board members of Rinda Bartley, Dan Goss, Noemi de Guzman, Bev Smrha and Charles Williams.

The new officers for 2010-2011 are Noemi de Guzman, President; Rinda Bartley, Vice-President; Dan Goss, Secretary and Jon Greer, Treasurer. We recognize this historic moment; this is the most diverse Board in the history of this congregation.

The Board continued its refinement of the Ends (Goals/Aspirations) of this religious community thanks to the expressions of concerns and hopes shared during the café conversations at the Annual Meeting.

The Journey Towards Wholeness Team, which has been a committee reporting to the Board for the past six years, articulated its expectations of working more closely with the Board as well as the congregation, and proposed a set of motions that formalized the connection between the JTW Team and the Board. A Working Group of both JTW Team members and the Board of Trustees will bring recommendations back to the Board meeting.

Rev Kathy informed the Board that the next New Member Ingathering of March 26th will include 17 new congregation members; and the Board is encouraged to connect and develop a relationship with each of these new members.

The Board heard a report from Rev Kathy about what she recently learned at the UUA Dreaming Big Clergy Consultation about the characteristics of a thriving church; much discussion ensued.

Upon the recommendation of our Committee on Ministry, the Board voted for Congregational Sponsorship of Cathy Rion, who is seeking fellowship with the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

The congregation is reminded that the Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Starr King Room, at 7:30 pm, and all are welcome to come and observe.

New Member Luncheon of March 28, 2010

Noemi de Guzman welcomed the 17 new congregation members at the Luncheon.

She spoke about moral ownership and church members being the board's source of authority and accountability. She emphasized the board's desire to be in ongoing conversation with members and encouraged these new members to look at the board's pictures in the Barlow Room bulletin board so they could readily locate board members. Noemi also spoke about the need for church members to invest time, talent, and treasure in the mission of the church.