

Connection Committee

Annual report – May 2020

Chair and members: Isabel Berney & Pauletta Copenheaver, co-chairs; Liz Craine, Kim Feucht, Patrick Feucht, Crosby Houston, Stephanie Zick, Rev. Pam Philips – ex-officio

Purpose of the Committee: Promote and enhance membership by developing programs, conducting activities, and producing materials to connect with potential members and visitors, encourage interested parties to become members, and enhance the integration and involvement of current members and friends.

Achievements: Provided 2 newcomers' orientations, supported new members ceremonies, a possibilities fair, planned an intergenerational party, supported monthly Getting to Know UUC gatherings and monthly building tours. Monthly potluck support by 12 potluck team members, coffee hour using fairly traded coffee

Lessons learned: Covid19 prevented the intergenerational party, the third newcomers' orientation, and new members ceremony. We need to be flexible and adjust our various programs to the new situation.

Expenses for the year to date:

\$91.60 for Connections, \$311.21 for hospitality – offset by a \$200 donation given in memory of Matt Hart by his sister.

How does committee work to further our mission and vision? We support our mission by creating connection opportunities and providing ways for new and old to develop friendships. We help transform friends into active members. We support our vision of radical hospitality by supporting our weekly coffee hour, Circle Suppers, Second Sunday Potlucks, Quarterlifers, 50+ singles. Our vision of being known as a place of welcome, joy, and celebration is practiced as we celebrate new members and support the new members ceremony

Goals for coming year and how do they further our mission and vision?

Support upstairs, downstairs connections

Participate in safety training

Continue newcomers' activities and support

Support connections among all UUC members and friends as well as supporting activities which are intergenerational

Provide additional potluck aprons