

Connection Committee

Annual report – May 2021

Chair and members: Isabel Berney & Pauletta Copenheaver, co-chairs; Liz Craine, Lisa Evanylo, 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 via Zoom which went well despite the shortened time, supported a new members ceremony via Zoom, hosted weekly Monday meetups via Zoom to help people get and stay connected. As good weather came in May, we hosted Mondays on the grounds for in-person get togethers.

Lessons learned: Zooming was a challenge and not equal to personal interaction. However, we were gratified that newcomers continued to come, most of them came again and we welcomed 13 new members in March. We need to be flexible and adjust our various programs to the new situation.

Expenses for the year to date:

\$0.

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?

Adjust and adapt to in-person/hybrid meetings

Provide an activities fair or something similar to acquaint people with possibilities to serve

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