

Connection Committee Annual report – May 2022

Chair and members: Isabel Berney (June - November 2021) & Pauletta Copenheaver, co-chairs; Liz Craine, Lisa Evanylo, Akiko Nakata, Kim Feucht, Patrick Feucht, Crosby Houston, Jeffrey La Marche, Heather Nicholson, 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 1 in-person newcomers' orientation which went well despite the shortened time, supported 1 new members ceremony in person or met with Rev. Pam. Initiated UUC Buddy Program for morning check-ins. Checked up on 16 congregants.

Lessons learned: Zooming continues to be a challenge and not equal to personal interaction. It is difficult to know which congregants are continuing to be active. However, we were gratified that newcomers continue to come, most of them come again and we welcomed 9 new members in January.

Expenses for the year to date: Greeting - \$15.19, hospitality - \$227.07

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, and hope to resume supporting future Circle Suppers, and Second Sunday Potlucks. 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. Assist with an activities' fair or something similar to acquaint people with possibilities to serve. Support upstairs, downstairs connections. Continue newcomers' activities and support connections among all UUC members and friends as well as supporting activities which are intergenerational