

Greeting-Sub-Committee of Connections

Annual Report for 2020-21

Chair and members: Co-Chairs: Isabel Berney & Akiko Nakata

Greeters: Isabel Berney, Lisa Evanylo, Patrick Feucht, Kimberley Homer, Akiko Nakata, Rami Steinruck,

Neighborhood friends: Pauletta Copenheaver, Avi Shroff, Linda Cherry, Bill Conk, Mary Goodykoontz, Bobbie Littlefield, Jane Mahone, Frank & Denise Mathews, Jennifer Thomas, Margo Walter

Purpose of the Committee: To extend a warm hand and smile while welcoming old and new folks, connecting people of like interests, obtaining demographic information.

Achievements:

- Three greeters have been supporting the Sunday services on Zoom since the virtual ushers were officially launched on April 19, 2020. Isabel Berney has been leading the ushers since March 15, 2020.
- We monitored the Zoom waiting room, admitting people and looking out for Zoom bombers.
- We learned to assist Pam and the worship associates in spotlighting individuals and candles
- We posted links to various forms and documents (e.g., New Commers card, Joys & Concerns, Giving, Stewardship campaign, Pledge form, Order of Service) on the chat at the appropriate time in the service
- We wrote welcome emails to all those who filled out the online Newcomers Card

Lessons learned:

- It was a challenge to learn a different type of greeting via Zoom.
- Greeters must be flexible to cope with Sunday morning surprises.
- Our small band was able to sub for each other as needed. Akiko kept us on track.

Expenses for the year to date: \$0 –

How does committee work to further our mission and vision? We support our mission of creating compassionate community as we greet and welcome all. We execute our vision to practice generosity and radical hospitality as we welcome folks and help people feel comfortable at UUC. Part of our mission is to be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration. Greeters participated in the coffee breakout rooms. Neighborhood friends made contact with people after they attended 3 Sunday services.

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

Continue Zoom support listed under achievements

Support the safety team and safety training, anticipating in person services or a hybrid

Continue to be a welcoming presence for all