

Greeting: Sub-Committee of Connections

Annual Report for 2022-23

Co-Chairs: Lisa Evanylo & Akiko Nakata

On-site Greeters: Pauletta Copenheaver, Liz Craine, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, Patrick Feucht, Judy Furr, Karen Holstein, Kimberley Homer, Crosby Houston, Rai Johnson, Steve Keighton, Carol Kern, Cynthia Luke, Beth McClellan, Heather Nicholson, Fred Piercy, Laura Robinson, Janet Sawyers, Kathie Sewall, Rami Steinruck, Polly Stimson, Jon Thomas, Margo Walter

Virtual Greeters: KC Arceneaux, Cynthia Baute, Toni Cox, Gail Dutchess, Suzi Hiatt, Karen Holstein, Steve Keighton, David Lievsay, Beth McClellan, Akiko Nakata, Brenda Philips, Don Philyaw, Bruce Turner

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:

- Lisa Evanylo (Co-chair) became the leader/primary contact of the on-site greeters in November 2022. Therefore, the on-site greeters could interact with the leader in person before the service, whereas Akiko Nakata (Co-chair) continued to lead the virtual greeters.
- Lisa also began sending the weekly email reminders to the on-site greeters and personnel at the Sunday service (Minister, worship associate, A/V Tech, and Administrator), respectively, while Akiko continued to send weekly reminders to the virtual greeters.

On-site:

- Two new greeters were trained and started in June 2022.
- Note cards were sent to all new visitors, and welcome letters from Pam to those who attended three times.

Virtual:

- Two new greeters were trained and started in July 2022.
- The year began with three virtual greeters each week, but we were able to decrease to only two as the year went on due to fewer virtual attendees and increased abilities of the greeters.
- New visitors received a personal invitation via Chat to fill out the online visitor card. Several visitors filled out the card right after the service, and a few started attending the in-person service.
- We continued to write welcome emails to all those who filled out the online visitor card and reported them to Rev. Pam after they attended the service 3 times.

Lessons learned:

- It was impossible to recruit additional virtual greeters via announcements and personal emails from Co-chairs.

- It may become challenging to keep virtual greeters on their once-a-month assignment as some may want to attend the in-person service in the future.

Expenses for the year to date: \$0

How does the 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 participate in the in-person and virtual coffee hour after the service.

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

- Continue Zoom support listed under achievements.
- Continue to be welcoming for all, especially in the virtual service.