

Incidentals Report – April 2021

[A monthly report from the UUCC Executive Team to the Board of Trustees]

Identity & Belonging –

- At the end of March the **pledge drive** had received a total \$500,728.00 in pledges from 166 households. That is 65% of our goal. The pledge team has begun direct outreach (phone, text, email) to the remaining households.
- In preparation for a **communications audit**, Sara Davidson is finalizing and will be sending out the Communications Survey to the congregation via Mailchimp.
- The Staying in Touch Team transitioned to being the **Membership Team** last month. The group is looking to bring in more team members, especially in the upcoming months as we near regathering, and visioning together about the purpose and work of the team.
- Valerie, Hannah, and Sara continue to offer 15-minute episodes of the **Rooted & Reaching podcast**. Recent and upcoming guests include Gail Thompson-Guy and John Guy, Monica Hilliard (Asst. Building Manager at OBIC), Phil Webster, and Amanda Ayoola-Morton (Executive Director, Cradlerock Children's Center). Rooted & Reaching will take a break during the summer months to free up time for other projects and vacation time!
- Our religious education staff is working with congregations around the country to run a week-long virtual **summer wizarding camp**. Robin is part of the development team, building on a program originally conceived by one congregation/DRE.
- Kelli and Robin are working on plans to run a **CHOPPED UUCC** zoom event in May!

Owen Brown Community / Worship –

- A **camera to accommodate streaming events** (including UUCC worship) from Sanctuary C was installed on April 6.
- UUCC has recently convened a **Regathering Task Force**, which will serve as an advisory body to begin planning for (eventually) resuming in-person congregational activities. Its members, who will work directly with the Executive Team, are **Jodi Brown, Liam Estell, Jen Hayashi, Heidi Schweingruber, Lindsay Thompson**, and **Cindi Wood**. All members can be reached by emailing regathering@uucolumbia.net.
- **Family ministry** packets are being sent out monthly to more than 90 children each month.
- Our **spring music service**—coordinated by Kelli Danaker in Michael Adcock's absence—will honor the essential labor of those who are too often minimized and undervalued in the community as well as highlight the essential work that is left to be done to ensure justice in our places of work.

Finding One's Place –

- After leading our successful 2020-21 virtual **auction**, **Carlton Haywood** will be stepping down from his role as Auction Chair. **Zachary Nelson** will chair the 2021-22 auction. Thank you, Carlton and Zach!
- We had eight newcomers complete visitor forms in March.
- In response to the April 3 mailing to all visitors and friends ("Become a Member to get a vote!"), as of April 7, **three new members** have virtually signed the UUCC membership book. Welcome, Brooke A., Lara G., and Christiana R.!
- In communications received during the Annual Budget Drive that is underway, as of April 7, UUCC has received **resignations of membership** from seven (7) members.
- In a database review, four other individuals' **records were corrected** to reflect that they are Friends, not Members, of the congregation – they had never signed the book and were listed incorrectly as Members.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **OBIC Board Meeting** – Wednesday, April 14, at 7p (zoom)
- **Revolutionary Love: The Courage to Imagine** – Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18 (virtual)
- **Stewardship Council Meeting** – Thursday, May 13, at 6p (zoom)
- **UUCC Annual Meeting** – Sunday, June 6, at 6:30p (zoom)
- **UUA General Assembly** – Wednesday-Sunday, June 23-27, 2021 (virtual)