

Incidentals Report – June 2021

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

Identity & Belonging –

- The Wednesday evening **Listening Circle** had its last meeting before summer break on June 9. The gathering will pause over the summer, perhaps to re-emerge in the fall, or be reimagined.
- **Rooted & Reaching** aired its final podcast episode of the season with guest Tim Lattimer on June 9. Other recent episodes: “A Surprise Happy Birthday Message for Paige Getty”, “Karyn Marsh is almost a UU minister!”, “The Quest class of 2021”, and “Zach Nelson leads the auction team.” We look forward to fine tuning our production process over the summer and being back in the fall for season two!

Justice-Making –

- Howard County has been chosen as one of nine finalists for the 2021 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize**, which honors and elevates U.S. communities working at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity, and equity for all. Rev. Paige Getty was selected by the County Executive as one of two dozen community leaders who, on June 9, participated in a 90-minute group reflection session with the RWJF review team, answering questions as they make their final decisions about award recipients.

Owen Brown Community –

- **The Bauder Education Center** (aka Head Start) in the Long Reach Village Center will hold its grand opening on Thursday, June 17. Rev. Paige Getty will offer remarks on UCC's behalf.

Finding One's Place –

- The **communications survey** was live for two weeks in May, and **83 responses** were received. Results will be reviewed in June and incorporated into the communications audit, which will occur as a summer project.
- The **new Membership Team** had its first organizational meeting with Sara Davidson on June 5. Eleven congregants attended: Brooke Abercrombie, Valerie Nolan, Ted Nolan, Chase Farmer, Regina Verow, Lindsay Thompson, Jenny Afkinich, Melissa Affolter, Stuart TenHoor, Sally Ann Cooper, and Katie Cervi. The group spent time getting to know each other and talked in breakout rooms about what they envision this team working on as priorities. The team plans to meet monthly.
- We had four newcomers complete visitor forms in May.
- We had **one new member** sign the book and **three members resign** since the last Incidentals Report.

Financial – [no new updates since annual meeting]

IMPORTANT DATES

- **OBIC Board** meeting – Date for June meeting is TBD
- **Stewardship Council** meeting – Thursday, June 10 at 6p (zoom)
- **UUA General Assembly** – Wednesday-Sunday, June 23-27, 2021 (virtual)
- **Rev. Paige vacation** – July 11 thru August 22
- **Sean vacation** – July 19 Thru August 1