

Incidentals Report – August 2021

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

The Executive Team submits a monthly Incidentals Report to the Board of Trustees. This report highlights successes, challenges, and activities of UCC operations—things that the Board should be aware of, but which fall outside the scope of Board policy work.

- Staff **vacation and study leave time** made July a fairly quiet month. August will be much the same as the staff continues to practice self-care.
- **Howard Bank** announced a merger with F.N.B. Corporation (First National Bank). FNB will be taking over Howard Bank this fall. The Executive Team is in conversation with our banking partners about what this will mean for UCC.
- **CUMC** held a small **in-person worship** service (capped at 30) on Sunday 08/01 for the first time since the pandemic began. They have subsequently decided to return to online worship only due to changing health conditions.
- Howard County's **Long Range Plan** (<https://www.hocobydesign.com/>) was brought to the attention of the Executive Team. Proposed changes to the Owen Brown Town Center (<https://www.hocobydesign.com/new-town-columbia-design-discussions>) could have substantial impact on OBIC. We are discussing with the OBIC board the best way to have the interests of UCC and the Interfaith Center represented.
- There were **no membership changes** since the last report. We had two newcomers complete visitor forms in July.
- The **Membership Team** will have its 3rd meeting on August 7 during which the team will finalize and adopt a mission statement, divide up work for Membership Reconciliation outreach, and, if there's time, start working on UU Elevator Speeches (to be continued in September as needed).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **OBIC Board** meeting – Wednesday, August 11 at 7p (zoom)
- **Stewardship Council** meeting – Thursday, August 12 at 6p (zoom)
- **Rev. Paige summer break** – July 11 thru August 22