

UCC Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:30-8:30 PM

Held via Zoom

Board of Trustees Attendance:

Paige Getty, Minister
Valerie Hsu, Executive Director
Colette Gelwicks, President
Kevin Mercer, Treasurer
Jim Johnston, Secretary
Sarah Basehart, Member at Large
Chris Crandell, Member at Large
Katja Fort-Rhoden, Member at Large

Guests – Ken Crandell, Laurie Coltri, Melissa Affolter, John Guy, Charles & Barbara Scott,

- Opening Words and Chalice Lighting – Colette Gelwicks

Rosemary Wahtola Trommer How it might continue

Wherever we go, the chance for joy,
Whole orchards of mazement –

One more reason to always travel
With our pockets full of exclamation marks,

So we might scatter them for others
like apple seeds.

Some will dry out, some will blow away,
but some will take root

and grow exuberant groves
filled with long thin fruits

that resemble one hand clapping-
so much enthusiasm as they flutter back and forth

that although nothing's heard
and though nothing's really changed,

people everywhere for the years to come
will swear that the world

is ripe with applauses, will fill

their own pockets with new seeds to scatter.

- Spiritual Practice – Colette Gelwicks - **Spiritual Practice** – Colette shared a jamboard asking What do you think the board will address in the 2022-23 fiscal year? What issues/topics do you anticipate or hope the Board will consider?

Responses clustered around considering the 8th principle, continued follow up on the Trust and Reconciliation committee's recommendations, planning and finances, and follow up/next steps for the Committee on Right Relations, including having a covenant ready for the 2023 annual meeting

- Consent Agenda
 - Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022
 - Incidentals Report – June 2022
 - Treasurer's Report – April 2022

Approved by unanimous consent

- Board Committee Updates

Community on Right Relation update – Charles (Scotty) Scott – Scotty presented an update on the committee's work and coordination with one of the enabling action groups formed at the Group Relations Workshop. The CRR has completed a draft covenant (**link to covenant**), and plans to spend this year educating the Congregation about the covenant, helping people to learn how to use the covenant, revise the covenant throughout the year based on congregational feedback, and present a revised covenant for a vote at the 2023 annual meeting.

UUA will be offering CRR training later this summer, and Brian Bloch (GRW facilitator) will be offering ombuds training. The Board supports having volunteers attend one or both sessions.

Group Relations Workshop (GRW) update Jim Johnston & Rev. Paige Getty

The GRW will be conducting a Facilitated Conflict Resolution Discussion Tuesday evening (6/21). The Discussion will be held in-person at OBIC, with ZOOM access too. The room set up will be a "fish bowl" with Paige and several participants in the center of Sanctuary C and others gathered around the circle. After the initial discussion begins, people attending will have the opportunity to "tap-in" to the discussion circle. Those on Zoom will be able to submit questions for the discussion circle.

New Business

Board Procedures – Colette highlighted that the Board procedures has been added to the Board’s handbook and a historical summary of annual Board accomplishments have been added to the Board SharePoint archive.

Advocacy Request - Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Resolution – The Board received a request for UCC to sign on to a *Health Care for All* resolution from the Maryland Citizen’s Health Initiative. The resolution has three requests:

1. Automatically enroll all Marylanders eligible for free or very low-cost health care plans in health care coverage except for those who opt out
2. Create state-based individual and small employer subsidy programs to improve the affordability of private coverage to insured Marylanders, including through plans from the Maryland Health Connection, and
3. Remove immigration status as a barrier to health coverage for Marylanders who would otherwise be eligible to enroll in Medicaid or private health plans from Maryland Health Connection

Motion by Chris/2nd Jim to approve signing onto Health Care for all resolution in support expanding health care coverage

Approved unanimously

- Looking Ahead

June 21, 2022 (6:30pm) – Conflict Session
June 25, 2022 (9-12) Board mini-Retreat
July 12, 2022 – (6:30) Board of Trustees Meeting

- Closing Words – Colette

Rosemary Wahtola Trommer. Darn Lucky

It happens, you know- the day opens itself
Like a tulip in a warm room, and you meet someone
Who amazes you with their willingness
To be a thousand percent alive, some
Who makes you feel grateful to be you.

And it’s as if life has been keeping a beautiful
Secret from you-like the fact that they make
Elderberry flowers into wine. Like muscadine.
Like the yellow-green floral scent of quince.
Like the perfect knot for tying your shoes.

And it tunes out life does have wonderful
Secrets waiting for you. Even when the news
Makes you cry. Even when some old pain returns,
That's when you meet this new friend.
Someone wholly themselves. Someone

Who makes you smile in the kitchen, a smile so real that when you go out, the whole
world notices.
It's enough to make you want to wake up in the morning.
To go into the day. To be unguarded as a tulip, petals falling open. You never know
who you might meet.