

Minister's Report to the Board - 1-10-19

Border trip - I was so grateful to be there at the border in San Diego and in Tijuana on behalf of the congregation, sent by the congregation. I believe it was an important moment in our congregational story for engaging justice issues. The congregation raised about \$5000 when asked.

My Computer -Everything has been off for about two weeks. Great thanks to Aaron Coe. My computer went down. We wrestled it once it was down. After a good week and a half, Aaron came up the winner. I am grateful for his time and care. (And knowledge.) And to Mark Hickman for his IT oversight.

Redmond group - I continue to meet with the Redmond group to discern direction and hopes.

Labyrinth group - Up and running. This looks to be an exciting new group with lots of energy and interest.

Race and Justice - COCC is hosting one of the most central authors in race relations at the end of January. Robin Dangelo's work is about White Fragility. I am going to encourage the entire congregation to attend, and we will have Adult Religious Exploration conversations around it in February. I would like to ask if all the board members will commit to attending.

Water - Dear Lord.... We will wait until Greg's report. All is well now. We just need to figure out now where the bill lands. And we are the beneficiaries of unsung lay folks who show up to make it all happen.

Children and Youth - Last Sunday was like none other. A critical mass of children attending a structured, safe RE program while the parents connected. It was the beginning of the future. Hat's off to Dana.

Pastoral Care Team - As this group becomes more established, I am more and more grateful for the care they are offering our community.

HCT - The Heathy Congregation Team would like to be moved from the "middle space" in our organizational chart to under the ministry side, with a direct line to the minister. After much conversation that all pointed in the same direction, we all feel this is where this team belongs.

Aesthetics - I'd like to begin a conversation about the future of this team.

There is so much going on in our congregation. Every month as I think about what to include in this report, I wonder what it is the board needs/wants to hear. I believe that it is important that the board knows and is informed about what is going on in the congregation and in my work. Yet I can't begin to share all the wonderful, problematic, and trivial things that happen each month. Nor should the board be subjected to that detail. I have been considering how to best establish this balance. I am open to suggestions and hope to offer a proposal at the February meeting of how to best go forward.

Gratefully,

Scott