

Minister's Board Report - May 2018

Dick Falxa's departure left us in need of a choir accompanist and service pianist. Ian Patrick has been hired to fill both of these roles. Phil Miscovich will also be playing as a service pianist.

The all-congregation communication around sexual ethics and our new procedure for involving a person with a history of sexual offense went out midmonth. I have heard positive responses from a handful of congregants. There has been no negative or difficult feedback to date.

My experience at Regional Assembly in Portland was that it was a great conference. UUFCO had a strong turnout with representatives at near all the different workshops. We had a congregational huddle on the last day to share our experiences. Joan Landsberg and I got a flat tire on the way to the social justice protest in The Dalles at the NORCOR facility.

On Saturday, May 26, we are having our visioning workshop for our Children and Youth Religious Exploration program. From 3-5 p.m., we are inviting everyone in the congregation to participate. The C&Y RE Team will be having a planning session also from 6-8 p.m. Our facilitator will be the Reverend Christina Leone-Tracey from Fox Valley UU Fellowship in Appleton, WI. Her full bio is below.

I began meeting with the Aesthetics Team. They were appreciative of the resolution that the board voted on last month and the clarity it offered them. Looks like we are set to move forward.

I led an evening that kicked off the history video series. Our Adult RE offerings are experiencing tremendous turnout. This speaks to relevant programming and the need in the congregation for these offerings. Adult RE will be a focus of my second year with the Fellowship.

For discussion or action

Healthy Congregations Team accountability and make up.

Children and Youth RE Consultant full bio

Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy currently serves as the senior minister of the Fox Valley UU Fellowship in Appleton, WI. In the past, she has served as Faith Development Minister for six years at the UU Church of Annapolis, and served two small congregations as a Director of Religious Education and at another congregation serving as college Campus Ministry Coordinator. She has her MDiv from Meadville Lombard Theological School, and an MS in child psychology from The University of Memphis. She has served for six years on the UUA Religious Education Credentialing Committee.

Rev. Christina has a passion for creating multigenerational community, and finding innovative strategies to help congregations serve all ages with intention and depth. She is experienced in crafting all-ages worship, and originated the Wonder Box time for all ages technique which is used widely throughout the UUA. She also pioneered Middle Hour, an approach to Sunday morning that encourages RE for all ages and worshipping as an all ages community, all on a Sunday morning. Four UU congregations now use Middle Hour. She has led workshops at

GA and participated in worship at GA, including preaching at the Synergy youth-bridging service in 2014.

Rev. Christina created Camp Beagle, a weeklong summer camp for ages 4-14, now heading into it's 9th summer. She also has written two curricula, "UU Values and the Hunger Games" for middle schoolers, and "URUU (You Are UU)" for 3rd-5th graders. Rev. Christina enjoys helping congregations find their RE and multigenerational vision, and crafting steps to empower leadership and structure the organization to make the vision a reality.