

Membership Team

Report to the 1U Annual Congregational Meeting – May 19, 2019
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Homblette in consultation with Libby Jackson

Team members include: Mary Dipboye, Kathy Homblette, Libby Jackson, Ann Mount, and, Bonnie Rich

Current Membership: 252 (as of May, 2019).

Membership team members met with Amy Fairweather, Church Administrator, for UUA certification discussion of member status in January 2019, in order to report current information to the UUA.

Faith Forward:

The Membership Team met with Rev. Kathy, to discern how to proceed with the path to membership, after the long and successful leadership of Marty Haddad. General Assembly programs and conversation brought “Faith Forward” to the discussion. This is a membership curriculum made available (at a subscription cost) from the UU church in Dallas, and was recommended by Rev. Kathy. We spent time learning more about the 8 sessions of the “Inquirers Series” to welcome potential new members, and decided to request the investment be made in the curriculum. A plan for scheduling, record keeping, reformatting the curriculum to meet our congregation’s needs and logistics for marketing were the focus of the Team’s discussions.

The 8 sessions began in September 2018, and were well attended (10-20 people). Of that group, 5 new members completed the membership process and were recognized in December 2018. The intention was to immediately repeat the 8 sessions again, to allow folks to catch any topics they missed, and invite new participants. Rev. Kathy’s resignation, BOT Deep Discussions, and other scheduling conflicts resulted in low attendance, and cancellations. The Membership Team made a decision to take a hiatus, to consider an altered plan during the transition period and return to analyze the next steps forward into the interim period.

Currently, a “Getting to Know 1U” session has been offered monthly February to May 2019. Rev. Janet Newman, as 1U Bridging Minister, and representatives from the Membership Team have hosted between 1 and 7 guests. The format is casual, focusing on the interests and questions of whoever attends.

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New Member Details:

December 2018: welcomed 5 new members (Michael Lewis, Linnea Nelson, Ted Nelson, Bev Snyder, Michelle Tichy)

May 2019 – anticipate welcoming 4 new members (Brian Beaver, Wendy Derrow, Debbie Reinhart, Katherine Vaccaro).

New Program Year:

The Membership Team looks forward to working with an Interim Minister to determine what path forward will be most effective for 1U regarding inviting new members into the congregation.