

Weekly Update 3/27/19

President's Report:

At the March Board meeting, in addition to hearing from the Personnel committee and getting an update on plans for Rev. Rita's Installation in April, we authorized our ministry teams to proceed with a Trans-Gender/Queer/Non-Binary Initiative which we will lead in collaboration with a number of community partners. While there is a lot of background planning going on now, expect to hear a lot more about it early in the Fall.

We spent a large part of the meeting exploring the Board's role in building and reinforcing the missions of the congregation. At our August retreat, we generated a number of "Big Questions" for consideration. Late in January Rev. Rita led us in thinking about what the Fellowship means to us, what we want from the Fellowship, and what we will do to make our desires possible ("Mean/Desire/Doing"). And at the semi-annual meeting we elicited your thoughts about communication and fundraising. The Board has begun to digest all this information, and in the next several months you can expect us to reflect back to you what we make of it all and to ask your help in refining it further.

Finally, I attended a reception in Minneapolis last week for Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA. Among her remarks, she listed four Justice priorities that she and the UUA are pursuing this year. They are Criminalization & Immigrant detention, Climate justice & Indigenous partnerships, Gender-based equity, and Engagement in the election cycle. What, I wonder, would we list as *our* justice priorities?