

Weekly Update copy

Notes from the President:

Thank you for a very exciting Mid-Year Meeting! Almost half of the congregation attended, and many friends as well.

We had a stimulating discussion around amending our Rapid Response Policy—a discussion that ranged from the role and importance of “congregational polity” (we are a democratically run congregation—we do not have priests or bishops who speak for us) to the importance of discernment (even when we agree “in general” with something, we still need to take the time to reflect and speak together about what *exactly* we mean by something) to just the mechanics of being able to respond quickly when we do agree. We did some good work exploring those issues.

And the table conversations about what we want to do and who we are becoming were also *very* fruitful. The notes from all the tables have been collated and you can read them [here](#). In fact, please *do* read them—you might be impressed with what the other tables came up with, both in the similarities to your own table and in the differences (not contradictions, just differences). The Board will be discussing your ideas—at our next meeting, and (I suspect) at many meetings to come. And your ideas will also be shared with the various committees/teams. There are so many good ideas—in many cases we have to organize them so we can tackle them one after another. Some others, particularly our vision of who we might become, will need more discernment to figure out how we get from “here” to “there.” Please, share your reflections and suggestions—with the Board, our Minister, the committees and teams, and among yourselves. Much of our work is done by small task forces who coalesce for a while around a common interest.

And, finally, the PowerPoint of the legacy of the UUFM is available [on our website](#), under the “Our History” link in the “About Us” section. Kay VanBuskirk has been organizing our archives, and “Building on Our Founders’ Legacy” owes a lot to that work. But it is also just a beginning. If you have photos or stories, share them with us as we continue to document the work and the people who brought us this far.