

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse

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Greetings to all my fellow congregants,

As the current President of your Board of Trustees which was elected last June, I would like to give you a brief overview of the Board's activities over the past year. The Board is comprised of seven elected trustees, four of whom serve as either President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary. We are required to meet nine times per year and to date we have met eleven times with the twelfth meeting scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The goals of the new Board were to illuminate the need for effective communications based on our covenant, to insure actions were based on kindness and compassion, and to reflect on what we want this congregation to be in the future.

During our tenure we have:

1. Recovered significantly from the fiscal challenges encountered last year;
2. Established Board liaisons with various committees;
3. Emphasized the importance of volunteers;
4. Shepherded the Staff Resource Committee in revision of various personnel issues including Family Leave;
5. Provided oversight to the Healthy Reconciliation Task Force;
6. Created a stand-alone Conflict Management Team policy;
7. Revised the scope of the Social Justice Committee to accommodate the expressed need of the congregation to respond to our political situation;
8. Dealt with isolated issues regarding non-covenantal behavior;
9. Explored the possibility of embracing and implementing the Stewardship philosophy into our future organization.

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There is much work yet to be done in many areas, especially in communication with each other. The Slate of Candidates for current openings is full of talent, and they will surely have the wherewithal to move forward with their chosen objectives.

Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> so you can vote. If attending is not possible, you can still be heard via an absentee ballot which can be arranged through the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Fletcher

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