

Memorial Garden Committee

Annual Report 2017/18

Composition: minimum of 3 members

Purpose:

1. Maintenance of the physical condition of the Memorial Garden, the area just above the Williams Garden and immediately surrounding the oak tree, and the plaques designating those interred within the Garden and elsewhere.

2. Designation of Interment sites and provision of memorial markers within the Garden and engraved plates for the memorial boards.

3. Administration of records and materials associated with those interred within the Memorial Garden and of expenditures from the Memorial Garden's restricted funds for maintenance and improvement of the Garden. (Note: UU Board approval is required for expenses over \$1,000.)

It is understood that regular coordination between the Memorial Garden Committee and the Landscape Committee will occur to assure consistency with the overall landscape concept and site plan of the church.

Last year's plantings of serviceberries and potentilla shrubs successfully overwintered, and this year saw several additional perennials placed in the garden in conformance with our comprehensive planting plan. However, the major leap forward this year has been the successful installation of a carpet of moss, indigenous not only to our region but harvested from elsewhere on our own property. After almost two decades of search this appears to have finally solved the identification of a ground cover material low enough to accommodate the markers without overgrowing and obscuring them. With the arrival of spring it has successfully made it through the test of winter intact and is vigorously set for another summer.

Also, the location and grade of a barrier-free pathway into the garden from the east was laid out and its paving will likely become the primary focus of our work during this coming one.

The past year has seen the interment of three members, bringing the total number presently interred on site to thirty-six with preparations underway for three additional interments before the end of this fiscal year or shortly after the start of the next.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Miller, chair
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