

### **Highlights from the Last Month:**

- Christmas Eve at the State – great success
- Gratitude for my wonderful installation weekend

### **Major Considerations/Activities/Goals**

#### **My Focus for 2018: Building Small Group Ministry**

My focus for 2018 is to “mine” the gold that is the spiritual energy of this congregation. I believe this is best done through small group ministry. To this end, my husband and I are hosting our first Donated Dinner. I am planning to seed several small groups to build on the success of things like the Women’s New Moon group, Shanti Deva Fan Club, men’s group, etc.

#### **Sunday Services**

Using the book *Worship That Works: Theory and Practice for Unitarian Universalists* we are exploring “best practices,” particularly around feedback we have received from attendants at services.

#### **Social Witness Intersectionality**

- UUCGT co-sponsored (after some confusion) and I participated in the Transgender Remembrance Day at the State Theatre
- Honored to look forward to emceeding the community’s largest Martin Luther King Day celebration (hence my absence at the board meeting)

Kim Sibilsky and Barb Connolly have drafted a mission and goals for the SWI committee. We hope to have those ready to present to the board in February.

#### **Denominational Affairs**

I am pleased that we are creating intersection ways to explore and lift up UU heritage and ideals through programming. For example the Sunday service celebrating the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Edict of Torda. These themed Sunday services take a good deal of background knowledge and ritual know-how. I have enjoyed the increased study and reflection on UU history and ideals.

It is time to get ready for GA. I plan to attend this year. Here is some basic information:

General Assembly 2018 June 20-24, Kansas City, MO: All Are Called

Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

Together, we’ll ask:

Who and how are we called to be at this time, individually and collectively? How are we called to act and to live? How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission? In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call? The call of our faith has a place for each of us. Join us in Kansas City to build courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections.

Requests for Board Action: Please reflect on these questions:

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**How are we called to act and to live?**

**How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission?**

**In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?**

**Where is  
UUCGT's  
spiritual  
energy and  
WHERE ARE  
WE GOING?**