

Date, Time: Thursday, June 9th, 1pm, Zoom

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Joanne Sterling, Karin Elofson (scribe), Jeannie Ashmore, Tookie Harris

- 1) Call to Order – Rev Will
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes – last dedicated Integration Team meeting was February 24th; minutes approved as written.
- 3) Alignment of Calendars
 - a) Will took the action to create a calendar of important denominational meetings for the UUA and UCC.
 - b) It was noted that the most important UCC meetings are those that are local. Will and Jeannie will be attending the local UCC Association meeting in the fall.
 - c) Linda C-N is representing Brackett at the UUA General Assembly; the team confirmed that her registration fee be covered by New Brackett Church.
- 4) Contributions to the Denominations
 - a) Will took the action to confirm our annual contribution to the UUA. Is it 50% (as a federated church) of 6.75% of Operating Expenses, or is there a different calculation?
 - b) Karin took the action to research other giving opportunities to the UCC and UUA. For example, what are the 5 Special Offerings of the UCC?
 - c) Should we plan to donate to other organizations associated with the denominations, such as MUUSAN or the Environmental Justice Ministries of the UCC? What about local organizations such as Friends of Casco Bay or the Wabanaki Alliance?
 - d) Joanne noted that we must follow our ratified policies and bring any recommendations before the Board and Assembly.
 - e) There was a high-level discussion of how to fund special offerings. Karin noted that there may be monies left over from those budgeted to pay denominational missions. Other options include donating a portion of our regular fund-raising activities, organizing special plate collections and/or raising money from dedicated fund-raising events.
- 5) UCC/UUA History Course
 - a) Rev Will to design and lead course, expected to be 8 to 10 weeks, 1-hour sessions. Current plan is to start on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30pm. Weeks where Island Drumming is scheduled will just be an off day for the class.
 - b) As class will be taught by Zoom, it will be advertised to the Island, should there be any interested individuals outside the congregation.

- 6) Worship Themes – it was decided that Worship themes will continue to be covered under the Worship Committee.
- 7) Adjournment, 2pm
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 14th at 1pm by Zoom.