

INTERN MINISTER NEWS

by Katie Romano Griffin, Intern Minister



I am packing my bags again to head first to Philadelphia to attend a conference for ministers and seminarians that identify as people of color and then to Chicago for another set of intensive learning experiences.

I bet that I am not the only one packing right now. Many of our snowbirds will be leaving or have left and still others are going on short trips. As I search my heart to decode all of my complex feelings related to our many comings and goings in the congregation one truth rings through; we remain interconnected even when the bonds are stretched across borders.

I'm zipping up my suitcase now, but before I go I want to leave you with this poem I found on the UUA website called "Beyond Borders" by Rick Hoyt.

Go forth
Because we are always going forth from somewhere
Going from our homes, our childhoods
Going from our cities and countries
Going from innocence to experience to enlightenment
Going into mystery and questions
Going into the desert
Getting to the other side.
Go forth,
Leave behind the comfort and community of one place
Head into the anxiety and loneliness of another.
Carry with you the love and laughter of this place
And let it light your way
Carry with you the wisdom you learned
and the good memories
May they give you strength for your journey
And when you have been away long enough, far enough,
Done what you'd set off to do
Been there so long
That place too, starts to feel like home
Come back
Come back to the one, universal
Everywhere and every when and everyone inclusive
home,
This beloved community of all creation
That you can never really leave.

JOYS, SORROWS & MILESTONES

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys, sorrows & milestones of our members expressed in March:

Kendra Maroon had surgery on her hand. We hope that it will restore the feeling and use of her hand.

Dottie Mayol will be having hip replacement surgery. She will need some helpers following the operation.

Donna Roberts had a showing of her documentary on Yemanjá, the Brazilian goddess of the sea, at the Alliance for the Arts. We are proud of her accomplishment.

Edith Rood fell and fractured her spine. We hope that she heals well soon.



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

by Doug Cartwright

The annual meeting of All Faiths was held between services on March 20, resulting in the election of officers and governors to the board, the annual financial review, and the acceptance of the fiscal budget.

Paul Zoschke read the financial review from Paul, Steve Fisher, and Chris Stotler. The team found the congregation's funds and financial policies were being handled appropriately.

Carol Elrod read the list of nominees for the Board of Governors and officers, all of whom were elected by acclimation. They include Diane Cartwright, president; Bill Snider, vice-president; and governors Robert Bennett, Barbara Gaiser (see bio on page 9), and Dave Slocum, all for two-year terms. Sharon Gray was appointed by the board to finish the prior treasurer's term, therefore, was not eligible for election at the Annual Meeting.

Finally, the congregation accepted the annual budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, with the proviso that the board will revisit the numbers every three months and suggest adjustments if needed and justified.

Diane thanked the Financial Review team, Nominating Committee, the Board and Finance Committee for their work on the budget, and the Stewardship Team for its efforts in conducting the pledge drive. Also she thanked Kay Riegler for her service on the board and her upcoming work on the Visioning Workshop, April 2nd.