

Greeting-Sub-Committee of Connections

Annual Report for 2016-17

Co-Chairs: Isabel Berney & Akiko Nakata

Greeting captains: Isabel Berney, Patrick Feucht, Judy Furr, Steve Keighton, Dennis Moody/Mark Benson

Greeters: Bill Baker, Mark Benson, Catherine Breese, Frank DuPont, Chris Eagan, Kelly Eagan, Patrick Feucht, Judy Furr, Liz Hill, Crosby Houston, Steve Keighton, Cynthia Luke, Beth McClellan, Dennis Moody, Akiko Nakata, Nancy Norton, Irene Peterson, Susan Piercy, Matt Pollard, Steve Ramirez, Mary Ratliff, Kathie Sewall, Bob Stimson, Bryan Ward, Connie Zeller

Substitutes: Alison Armstrong, Dick Bauman, Isabel Berney, Pauletta Copenheaver, Bobbie Littlefield, Ellen Plummer, Polly Stimson

Neighborhood friends: Nancy Bodenhorn, Pauletta Copenheaver, Avi Shroff, Leigh Lally, Julia Lewis, Jane Mahone, Frank & Denise Mathews, Margo Walter

Tour Guides: Bill Conk, Jim Copenheaver

Purpose of the Greeting Committee is to extend a warm hand and smile while welcoming old and new folks, connecting people of like interests, obtaining demographic information.

Goals for this year

1. Adapt to interim minister's preferences for order of service
2. Pass microphone more efficiently.
3. Cut down on foyer crowding

Achievements

- We welcomed 4 new greeters to the team of 34 experienced greeters. Between July 1 and April 30, we welcomed 129 visitors, 73 (57%) of whom returned. This compares with last year when we welcomed 99 visitors, 45 (45%) of whom returned.
- Forty eight of those 125 are regular attendees, some active in various groups.
- We installed the shelf to hold large print hymnals and hearing devices
- Microphones have been passed more efficiently by coordination among the 2 greeters with microphones and the minister/worship associate at the podium.
- Greeters come 10 minutes earlier

Lessons Learned

- It is very difficult to keep the greeter cabinet clear because there is no good space to display various flyers and printed material. We are investigating alternatives.
- It is impossible to keep the foyer from being clogged up. Members like to visit with each other, display various activities, and hang out, making it difficult for visitors to know where to go.
- New governance structure puts greeting as a sub-group of connections. This did not affect the greeter organization or operations

Budget \$100 for postage and supplies, \$31 spent as of April 30.