

Leads Administration

The Stewardship Committee will be sending out thank you notes to all those who pledged this year after the successful campaign.

I helped sign in people and proxies for the annual meeting – we had 82 members in person, 8 online, and 48 by proxy for a total of 138 members. As I noted last month, I strongly suggest that we change the bylaws with a much more realistic quorum and no proxy voting.

The Connections Committee had its annual salad supper potluck for those who act as greeters, coffee makers, and potluck helpers. We welcomed seven new members to the congregation. This summer, they plan on hosting a potluck picnic with firepit and s'mores on the evening of July 18th.

Much gratitude to Joe Cooley, who has agreed to help head up the building committee after he leaves his at-large position on the executive board. I'm grateful he will lend his expertise to help keep the meeting house in good shape.

I am completed staff evaluations this week.

Please see the website for annual reports submitted by many of the committees to see what they have been doing this year.

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I have a full internship committee set to work with Casey Akers: Mindy Quigley, Kendra McAllister, Fred Piercy, Darla Bray, and Peter Binkley. I'm excited for the depth and breadth of their experience. Casey has been participating in Sunday worship and will be preaching this coming Sunday. They will be away from June 19th – July 1st.

I attended part of the UUMA annual meeting last week and will attend Ministry Days next week. Most of it will be virtual, but I am excited to join Rev. Wayne Arnason and other colleagues next Thursday in Charlottesville as he is recognized for 50 years of ministry! I will also be attending the business meetings and programming for the UUA General Assembly, which is split up between June 14th – 16th and June 19th – 21st.

I have two requests for the board to consider: 1) approve Rev. Ellen Plummer as delegate for UUC for the UUA General Assembly and 2) approve Rev. Ellen Plummer as affiliated minister. See explanation of affiliated ministry and covenant of affiliation.

Time Out of the Office

June 14-21 Attending (virtually) General Assembly business meetings, Ministry Days, and GA programming

Time Away

July 19 – 25 – Attending SUUSI in Radford

July 28th August 8th – Vacation in Oregon & Washington

DLFD Report to the Board –June, 2026

Children and Youth Programs:

- **Registration:** Registration for Fall 2026 has begun

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Programming:

oSummer RE has begun. We had 10 travelers join us last Sunday for our visit to Syria. The Limonana with Melon had mixed reviews.

Adult and Multigen Programming:

- This summer we will continue having monthly game nights. I am adding a featured craft to each night, in hopes of attracting families who might not all be into games. The dates and crafts for the summer are as follows:
 - oJune 27—Learn to Crochet
 - oJuly 25—Collage Making
 - oAugust 29—Friendship Bracelets

Come join the fun from 6-9pm!

Other DLFD Activities:

- Teacher recruitment for the fall is complete.
- Registration for fall is underway.
- I have been working on editing and updating curriculum for next year.
- I updated playground rules and signage this week.
- Jocelyn will work a bit more remotely, but will not use up her hours for this year.
- I'll be attending GA (virtual) June 14-16 and June 19-21

Request to Board:

Anna Vijayan has agreed to be our new LFD assistant. I would like to hire her immediately so she can use some of Jocelyn's leftover June hours. She was the only applicant, but is very qualified and unanimously and enthusiastically recommended by the LFD Committee.

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Administrator's Report to the Board
June 2026

With the ***annual pledge drive*** officially concluded, we now turn to the next phase of more internal tasks. Pledges are being recorded on member records, with some members and friends already contributing to the 2026-2027 fiscal year. I have ordered thank you postcards that will be sent to pledgers. The stewardship committee and stewards will divide up the postcards and craft hand-written notes of gratitude.

With the ***changeover of the fiscal year***, it's important to remind everyone to A) indicate pledge year in the memo line of checks (including bank-issued/bill pay checks); and, B) update the amount if their pledge amount changed; and C) update any auto-payments that may be scheduled in Vanco with pledge year and/or contribution amount. I will include this in our communications and also appreciate anything the board can do to spread the word as ambassadors.

For the ***annual meeting***, I solicited proxies, gathered the membership role, and solicited and prepared the annual report from committees. The latter can be found in the member section of our website.

With new members joining and, sadly, a few passing away, we are updating our database and therefore will be preparing a ***new member directory soon***. The annual meeting also prompts staff to consider members and friends that we haven't seen in awhile, cross-check this data with the Connections Committee, and make any necessary ***changes in our membership database***. This is a healthy practice for congregations, to maintain accurate membership rolls.

I am currently working on the ***summer newsletter***, which should be published sometime next week.

As always, let me know if you need anything from me!