

## **Worship Services Committee and Worship Associates Program – Annual Report—June 2017**

During 2016-17, The Worship Services Committee and the Worship Associates Committee met as one group (Worship Services Team) each month to review past services, plan upcoming services and provide feedback and support to Rev Don Rollins.

WSC Chairpersons: David Lally and Ellen Plummer

Members of Worship Services Committee: KC Arceneaux, Nancy Bodenhorn, David Lally, Tim Pickering, Ellen Plummer, Kristine Reid and Arthur Snoke

Worship Associates: Earle Irwin, Jane Mahone, Ellen Plummer, Victoria Taylor, Jim Kern and Rhonda Johnson

**Purpose of the Committee:** The Worship Services Committee coordinates, oversees, and executes an annual program of quality worship services that nurture, inspire, and challenge the Congregation to grow spiritually and intellectually.

**Purpose of the Worship Associates Team:** The program exists to recruit, train, and support lay worship leaders to work closely with the Settled Minister to assist in the development and delivery of Sunday services. In the absence of the Minister, the Worship Associate is responsible for coordinating all elements of the worship service with the guest speaker and among all who have Sunday morning responsibilities. Participation in the program is by application and approval of the Minister, and participation provides an opportunity for the personal spiritual growth of the Associates.

### **Activity:**

1. Several Worship Associates departed or are 'on a break': Jane Aaronson, Ali Neff, Sarah Dunleavy, and Willie Caldwell; one new Worship Associate joined the team: Rhonda Johnson. David Lally continues to assist as needed.
2. Assisted in purchasing 65-inch LCD television, plus a high-quality television stand on casters. The television allows for the presentation of visual elements during weekly sermons, including video, PowerPoint slides, song lyrics, documents and images.
3. Worked with Rev Don Rollins to support updating Joys and Concerns, Order of Service and other worship elements to reflect UU Best Practices.
4. Arranged 17 Lay Led services, which included 12 Guest Speakers. Collaborated with Rev Rollins on regular Sunday services and special services throughout the year, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day (which both fell on Sunday this year); a Community Lenten service; a special Election Healing service and an Interfaith Service with the VA Interfaith Partnership.
5. Purchased 20 additional Teal Hymnals to help facilitate congregational singing.
6. Provided support and feedback to Interim Minister Don Rollins.

**Expenses through May 31, 2017:**

Guest Speakers	\$2582.87,
Guest Musicians	\$714.69,
Worship Associates	\$328.66 (hymnals),
Sunday Services	\$186.94 (flowers, etc)

\*Although funds for Choir, Sound, Advent Garden and Earth Spirit Sisters are budgeted with Worship, these expenses are not administered by the Worship Service Team and are not included in this report.

### **Goals for 2017-18**

1. Continue developing the Worship Associates program. Work with Rev Phillips to continue the training, promotion of reflective practice, and community building within the WA's that leads to inspiring worship experiences.
2. Work with Rev Phillips to structure Worship Team membership and meeting schedule to most effectively meet our mission and vision.
3. Provide support and feedback to Rev Pam Phillips.