

March 2024 Minister's Board Report

Greetings, Board members!

As we all know, our organizational systems have been showing their frayed edges this year. Likewise, we have been struggling with volunteer commitment and follow through. Some of this can be traced to the pandemic separation time: those months of a small number of people doing everything have been hard to recover from. Likewise, we have a two+ year gap in membership recruitment. This is the situation most of us small to mid-size congregations are in; we are far from alone in this. Please don't lose hope; UUCF is attracting a small but dedicated number of newcomers who are getting involved in a timely way. Recovery is happening—it just takes time.

With that said, just a few reminders about the rest of this congregational year:

- at the beginning of April, the Nominating Committee announces its slate of Board candidates
- During April, the Board usually looks at a draft budget
- usually sometime in April, a Spring Fellowship Dinner takes place, organized by the Social & Stewardship Committees
- during April/May: usually Stewardship Drive (typically been over four Sundays)
- in early May, the annual congregational meeting date is advertised (I suggest June 2nd)
- at the beginning of May, the Board approves a final budget for the upcoming congregational meeting
- in May, the Board determines the delegates for the UU General Assembly
- June 2nd: Flower Communion including teacher & volunteer appreciation, Board member appreciation, and intern minister farewell
- in mid-June, incoming Board president schedules (before minister takes study leave) early September Board retreat
- end of June: UU General Assembly

Those are some of the “big” pieces of the remaining part of this year.

(Fyi, I will be in Texas from March 20-25 for my father's memorial service.)

Thanks for your work this challenging year; I am very grateful for your efforts.

In appreciation,

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook