

## May 2023 Minister's Board Report

Dear Board members,

I will keep it brief as we look toward the end of the year and our congregational meeting.

The pledge drive has gone well with lots of positive energy and engagement. We had a wonderful kick-off service and fellowship dinner, thanks to the efforts of Mark Umbriaco and others. We have advertised an end date of May 21<sup>st</sup> for the pledge drive, at which point we will determine what further work will need to be done regarding stewardship visits, calls, etc.

In speaking with Vice President Katrina Enriquez about the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle accountability task force the Board proposed back in September, we are wondering if that work could be folded into the Program Council. That way, the leadership of the various committees would have support in their anti-racism efforts without trying to build a completely new committee or task force from scratch when so much of our leadership is over-functioning already.

Thank you for your hard work this year in building up our committees and working to meet our Board goals. You have really taken charge of your role as driving force to get the committees running to do the day-to-day work of the congregation so the Board can continue to take a visionary approach. I know it hasn't been easy. You have made tough decisions, and the congregation is really reaping the benefits of that work—and more people are now involved in the work of this congregation, thanks to your efforts. We continue to become a little more vibrant each week.

In gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook