



Accotink Unitarian
Universalist Church

Annual Reports 2017 – 2018

Interim Minister

It has been an honor and a privilege to join in with Accotink UU's journey as you transition between settled ministries. There have been so many wonderful conversations, programs, worships and connections in this year. The reports from our various committees and teams summarize just a bit of all that is going on at AUUC.

The overarching work of an Interim Minister is to assist the congregation as it adjusts to the absence of the previous minister, discovers itself separate from any minister, and strengthens itself to welcome a new minister. While the UUA gives me 5 goals as an interim, my own personal goal has been to get to know you, to help you know yourself better, and to lift your spirits so that you can be as strong and purposeful as possible.

The report of the Transition Team, which follows my report here, speaks of its work in helping AUUC on the five development goals.

Heritage The AUUC History timeline, developed in the fall with leadership, has continued to be filled out. I taught two history of UUism classes taught in the fall, and three 3-hour sessions for new members. In addition to the display of photos of the ministers in AUUC's history, we welcomed to our pulpit three of the 7 AUUC members who have become ministers, and one of the former ministers

Leadership Beginning with the Leadership Retreat as the church year started, the Board, Program Council, and Leadership Development Committee have worked all year to identify leaders for the ministerial search committee, the Transition Team/Committee on Our Ministry, and other key positions within the congregation

Most exciting, this year AUUC welcomed 20 new members many of whom have already accepted chances to lead and serve in roles in RE, stewardship, social justice, and music.

Connections AUUC is connecting with other UUs and with groups and organizations in the wider community in a number of ways. The VOICE core team initiated a caucus with Burke-area partners in neighboring churches. The Ministerial Search Committee is coordinating with the UUA for its work now and in the fall. We've been pleased to have welcomed so many community partners to speak with us on their Outreach Collection Sundays. We also invited the Executive Director of VICPP (Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy) to speak at here, and our work for Halley School lunches and the CROP Walk gave us a chance to support neighbors.

Mission/Identity Our questions about what people love at AUUC (resulting in our graphic word-pictures) helped us see what you value. Physical improvements said a lot about your sense of self – new windows and outdoor lawnmower enclosure – and the beautiful and meaningful Memorial Garden was completed and dedicated, revealing you to be an institution which is committed to being here for the generations to come. Disabilities Task Force revealed how much you value accommodating the needs of young and old and differing abilities.

Future The Covenant Task Force completed conversations with the congregation to adopt a new covenant, which will clarify your mission and covenant for the next years, and the Long Range

Plan will serve as a guide to your future. Your Pledge Drive saw generosity and increased giving to begin to meet the needs to support a new ministry and enhance your RE programs.

Looking ahead – to 2018-2019, our transition ministry will be almost entirely focused on the 5th goal – AUUC’s future – and include:

- Long Range plan implementation
- Search Committee’s congregational survey and a UUA workshop on “Beyond Categorical Thinking”
- Growth of lifespan RE
- Final transition to call a new settled minister and say good-bye to your interim.

I am deeply grateful to have the chance to work with your wonderful staff members – RW Carney, Lara Profitt, Brad Rinaldo, and Allison Mills. Partnering with them, and with all the committed volunteer leaders, the ministries of worship, pastoral care, spiritual development, stewardship, and social justice have been sustained throughout this year of transition. What a joy and privilege this shared ministry has been and promises to be!

The Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles

Transition Team Report

MEMBERS: Moe Moser, Stanley Lichtman, Thom Larson, Whitney Purdy, Christine Fuller

As the Accotink Congregation headed into its full-fledged transition from the ministry of Reverend Scott Sammler-Michael through the interim service of Reverend Dr. Linda Olson Peebles to a new settled minister in 2019, a transition team was formed. Using the standing Commission on our Ministries, consisting of Stanley Lichtman, Moe Moser, and Thom Larson, the basis of the team was formed, and then two additional members were added, Whitney Purdy and Christine Fuller.

The Team talked about and worked on different projects regarding where the Accotink congregation has been over time, and what projects it could do to help it reflect on who it is and where it wants to go as a community. Moe contacted and worked with the former ministers of the church to help properly display who had led the congregation over the years. Stan did research through many different documents to help encapsulate the history of the congregation. Chris found a way to assemble the words the congregation associate with the community in a graphical form, and Whitney and Chris worked with Connie Diamant, the Board President, to launch a community weaving project that would eventually become tapestries that shall hang in the back of the sanctuary to be a physical manifestation of the diversity and beauty of the congregation. Rev. Linda also led the effort to create a timeline where the members of the congregation could input different milestones of the church on its timeline. This was a great way to visualize the progress of Accotink over time.

As the transition effort leads to the work of the search committee, trying to find the right fit of a new long-term minister, the Accotink community, through the guidance of its leaders, will continue to reflect on the five focus points of the role of congregation: heritage, mission, leadership, connections, and future, while also considering the following important questions: What is/are the right size, structure and behaviors we seek among our leaders and organizations? Who are we and why are we here together? Are we a public organization or a private club? And

who do we aspire to be as we develop our community to fit within the context of the complex and challenging 21st Century world in which we live and where we contribute of ourselves? These are not easy questions to answer, but are important areas of concentration to reflect upon as the community determines its long term plan and heads into the next phase of Accotink's history.

Religious Education Staff Team

Lara Profitt (Director of Spiritual Development)

Allison Mills (Religious Education Ccoordinator)

The 2017-2018 RE year brought many changes. Lara Profitt's family relocated to Boston MA in July. With the departure of Rev. Scott in July as well, it was decided that it would benefit the congregation if the DSD remained on staff as a remote employee. The CSDC Chair and DSD created the Religious Education Coordinator position (15 hours/week) and hired Allison Mills as our REC. The REC handled the weekly administrative and volunteer coordination duties while the DSD handled curriculum, volunteer training, long-term planning, worship, and church-wide program coordination. The DSD was on-site at AUUC once per month in August, October, November, January, February, and May, and twice in April. The REC was on-site most other Sundays during the RE year.

Together, the DSD and REC can report the following accomplishments:

- A 20% increase in enrollment in the children & youth RE program.
- The addition of 8 new families to our program
- Successful recruitment, training, and management of 31 Children & Youth RE volunteers.
- CSDC & Social Justice committee co-sponsored events: implementation of the No Child Hungry meal packing program and all-ages participation in the Hypothermia Shelter RE night
- Integration of children and youth in monthly worship services
- Introduction of full-week faith activities such as the AUUC ADVENT-ures Box (December) and the Kindness Bingo activity (February)
- Initial planning for the Western NOVA Cluster OWL Facilitator Co-Op completed; area OWL training hosted by AUUC to be held August 3-5 2018.
- Return of Camp Spirit Quest for the summer of 2018 (to be held July 23-27); co-coordinated with Bull Run UU.
- Successfully implementation of Sunday morning Adult RE gatherings (October & April); to be continued in 2018-2019.

Children's Spiritual Development Committee

Committee Members: Over 2017-18, the CSDC has met quarterly, rather than monthly, and is now decentralized and organized by teams. Primary committee members this year have been Vanessa Hall (chair), Brenna Clanton, Julie Schuck, Olivia Tuggle, Barbara Breckenridge, Diane Clanton, Kristina Watts, Nancy Davis, Lizette Ayala, and Michelle Kahle. Lara Profitt (Director of Spiritual Development) and Ali Mills (RECoordinator) are also members.

Summary of Activities: This year has consisted of near constant change for the CSDC, bookended by the successful RE Coordinator hire of Ali Mills last July 2017 and the return of our off-site DSD, Lara Profitt, this June 2018. With this change has come an analysis of how “we’ve always done things” versus how we want to work in the future. From the past, we have selected best practices as we have moved toward new procedures, communication methods, and constantly improving teacher support and training. Major accomplishments this year include: superb decorations and food prepared by the RE youth and children for the first day of the Hypothermia Shelter, a well-attended Christmas Pageant held during a Sunday Service, a Children’s choir presentation in May, improved class preparation and teacher support by the REC, better communication of events and activities related to RE and families, OWL training at AUUC, new procedures for sick children and event caregivers, and significant updates to the RE Manual and Teacher binders. The CSDC teams and Chair have worked hard to achieve better communication and coordination with other committees: greeters, membership, social justice, Sacred Wheel, and others. More detailed descriptions of the RE program activities, curricula, and goals are provided below.

Children’s Religious Education Year in Review.

Curriculum: We rolled out the Harry Potter Curriculum for the Older Elementary class (grades 3-5). This has been a successful curriculum that has engaged both teachers and students. Additionally, there was a unique thematic approach in the UUth class where students had different activities throughout the month: attending service, attending RE class, doing off site activities, and lunch with the minister. This culminated with a successful and meaningful Youth-run service on April 29th.

We will be returning to a thematic curriculum paradigm for this Summer (Greek Heroes and UU for Elementary classes) and in 2018-19 for Younger/Older Elementary and the UUth classes. Additionally, we are trying a new approach to Summer RE by combining a six-week active curriculum in early-Summer with a late-Summer Playgroup (divided by age or activity/interest).

Our Whole Lives (OWL). No OWL classes were held this year, as we decided to make a capital investment in the program. Our DSD embarked on a successful effort to have an OWL training at AUUC this year (Aug 3-5th) with other area churches and we hope to have at least five AUUC OWL teachers trained before the school year with two classes held during the 2018-19 year (older elementary and senior high).

Parent Communication. The DSD and Chair conducted a successful parent orientation (10/1/17) with simultaneous sessions for children’s and youth classes while the REC and CDSC coordinated crafts for kids.

New communications from the RE program include: Your Family’s RE Experience at AUUC, a new-family Welcome Email from the REC, Event Calendar, etc. The RE Family Event Calendar details activities that would interest families and kids and to help with planning so that families are informed of church-wide, social, social justice, and service activities.

Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Support. This year we had an above average number of teachers who had family and/or health issues that caused them to withdraw from teaching. Fortunately, through the hard work of our REC, we have had coverage for all classes each week. We are moving toward a trimester approach for 2018-19 to try to compress volunteer time commitments and provide consistency of teaching teams.

Two teacher trainings were held – in August 2017 and April 2018. We have designed a new format for the September 9 2018 training and have great teacher interest and support.

Other RE activities: The CSDC committee provided direct support for the following RE events/activities: UNICEF Halloween parade and party, Auction items (Kindness Rocks gardening basket from Childrens RE, Movie basket from Jr. Uth, and a gift/coupon basket from the UUth), Auction children’s programming (crafts to be auctioned and dance party), November Crop Walk, Christmas Pageant, Hypothermia Shelter first night dinner and decorations, Earth Day activities in and out of class, new Children’s choir in May, etc.

Policies, Procedures, and Documents: We have made some major improvements to documents and procedures this year, including an updated RE Manual; Sick Child Guidance and Procedures; Your Family’s Experience at AUUC (and Ages and Stages); Event Caregiver Guidance; and updated Registration form (paper and electronic); New Family Welcome Email.

We eliminated RE registration fee: Through discussions with the Interim Minister and Financial chair, it was determined that an “RE fee” was inappropriate and unnecessary. An activity fee is requested for Jr. Uth and UUth classes for special programs.

And we improved Teacher binders, so that the curriculum is now included and the attendance sheets are easier to read and use, among other improvements.

Committee’s Goals for 2018-2019: Our many goals include administration teams, better registration, orientation and communications with families, improved methods with children with special needs, strong OWL, Coming of Age, youth and Bridging, and integration of all ages into the life of the church and Social Justice programs.

Adult Spiritual Development Committee

Mission: We serve as the coordinating body for religious education and other faith development activities for the adults of AUUC (age 18 and older). In direct coordination with the Director of Spiritual Development (DSD) and volunteer teachers, we plan and implement AUUC's religious education/faith development activities that serve all adult members of our community.

Current Membership:

Peter Campbell Chair and Secretary; Jill Jones, Bruce Griffin

Ex Officio: Lara Profitt, DSD and Rev Linda Olson Peebles

Reflections on the year:

We have a small committee, and at times, we were concerned about the availability of teachers and the number of classes being held. However, ideas kept coming and we have had a productive time. We did consider having a congregational meeting to develop possibilities and leadership: this was not necessary. Times and dates for classes has been critical for attendance. Accordingly, we innovated with pre-service times. This proved successful, especially the TED talk on religion, which may be repeated regularly next year.

Committee Activities:

We evaluated and approved course proposals as they were received, notified teachers of approved dates and times, and provided support to the teachers as needed. We provided publicity for all classes via news items in the monthly newsletter, This Week at Accotink, Order of Service supplements, as well as being posted on our website pages and our bulletin board.

The evaluation/feedback form was simplified and appeared to be useful. However, the form, as last year, was not often returned.

Educational Activities for this church year:

PreService Classes:

- October Talks, 5 in all. Topics ranged from Talking Politics by Peter Campbell, Dopamine with Rebecca Evans, MesoAmerican religions with Bruce Griffin, Celtic and Norse Religions with Sheila Dols and Nancy Melito, Science of Science Communication by Julie Schuck, and Buddhism by Mike Heilman.
- February Ted Talks: Disability, Conversation, Stress and Religion. Teachers were Lara Profitt, Peter Campbell and Bruce Griffin. These were developed from the collections of talks available on the subjects.

Other Classes:

- Meditation by Mike Heilman: three classes in the fall.
- Yoga with Lizette Ayala, ongoing weekly, with a percentage of fees rebated to AUUC.
- UU History 101 with Rev Peebles
- Small Group Ministry/Covenant: Rev Peebles
- BYOT: May and June, three classes conducted by Phil Runge and Steve Knott.
- The Common Read: Daring Democracy, by Peter Campbell in April.

In addition, there were Newcomer Orientations, Film showings and a book discussion: *Waist High in the World*, conducted variously by church staff and other committees.

nUUners

AUUC's discussion group nUUners has been meeting twice monthly in the church sanctuary for over 19 years. The two most likely reasons for its longevity are: 1-the lack of attendance requirements and 2-the variety of program topics. Members lead most of the discussions although occasionally someone will sponsor an outside speaker. Because it meets during the day on a weekday, attendees are mostly retirees.

Recently we tried out a different seating arrangement to accommodate our many members whose hearing is impaired. The new configuration and location have been well received.

Both as a group and individually, nUUners support the activities of the church. Members work in the garden, maintain the church library, serve on the Board, work to make the church more "green" and provide time, money and food to many church projects.

Janet Clement, Coordinator

MUSIC

Musically speaking, the 2017-2018 liturgical year at AUUC has been a success. I have managed to continue in my effort to bring a diverse and engaging musical element to services and general church life. We have had a wide array of styles of music as well as different ensembles to convey the weekly message. Through adult choir, children's choir, solo piano, solo singing, instrumentalists, and small visiting groups, I assess we have an active musical life here at Accotink.

Aside from services, music has also taken a part in concerts through the pledge cabaret and the Rock Creek Singers. Both events were met with enthusiasm and an appreciative audience. In our future we can focus on doing better with more advertising.

We have also had our regular adult choir sing from September through May. The numbers remain small, but those who remain are committed. We have had some new members join this year, but I would still like to see this group grow and tackle some more fulfilling but attainable pieces. There have been a few events for the choir including a Holiday dinner and a choir-member hosted barbeque at the beginning of May. Having different ensembles like the men's quartet and the women's walk on choir yielded successful results and should be repeated.

This following year I would like to see continued growth in the choir, more instrumentalists from the congregation, and more visiting groups for services and extra-service activities.

Brad Rinaldo

Pastoral Care Team

"We Get By With the Help of Our Friends!" That line from a Beatles' song characterizes the work of the Pastoral Care Team. The team works with our minister to provide spiritual and practical support to members of the AUUC congregation. The team:

- Provides outreach following Sunday Joys and Sorrows
- Visits the ill at home or in the hospital
- Supports those going through a life crisis or transition
- Comforts the bereaved
- Maintains contact with those unable to attend services due to illness or disability

When needs for meals or driving assistance are identified, the Caring Circle sends out a message to congregants to ask for voluntary assistance.

A group of "Carders", led by Katherine Wanderer, sends notes of condolence and support.

The current Pastoral Care Team members include Amy Tomasco, Debbie Cohen, Joe Tuggle, Mike Heillman, and Paulette Lichtman-Panzer.

AUUC Memorial Ministry

The AUUC Memorial Committee is responsible for conduct of the AUUC Memorial Ministry including the design, construction and operation of the Accotink Memorials, to include the Tree of Remembrance and the Meditation and Memorial Garden, interments in the garden columbarium and plaque placement on the cenotaph wall and on the tree. The committee has the names of those honored by the memorials to be read annually, usually about November 1st.

Background: The AUUC Board of Directors approved the Memorial Committee Charter on 3 December 2014. The committee charter:

- Defines the purpose of the Memorial Garden and the Tree of Remembrance
- Outlines the functions the committee performs,
- Requires AUUC Board of Trustee approval of the person selected as chairperson of the Memorial Committee,
- Requires that the committee develop and maintain processes used to perform committee functions and
- Develop a Succession Plan.

Committee Members: Don Eckerman, Chair; Herb Bartlett, Peggy Eckerman, Ed Kringer, Susan Brown

Accomplishments this year: The AUUC Memorial Ministry accomplishments this year include:

1. Completed initial construction and planting of the Memorial and Meditation Garden (September 2017).
2. Participated in the Garden dedication ceremony (Nov 5, 2017).
3. Columbarium Interments
 1. Nicole Panzer
 2. Raymond Burmester
 3. Hannah Wilklow
 4. Cassandra Akers
 5. Katherine Brown
 6. Jerry Sherman
1. Cenotaph wall placements
 1. Kevin Eckerman
 2. Ginny Moser
 3. Jerry Sherman
2. Tree of Remembrance placements
 1. Jarrette Smith
3. Installation of a second columbarium
4. Installation of two additional benches
5. Continued fundraising efforts, donations as well as purchases of memorial products.
6. Wrote inputs to the monthly AUUC newsletter.

Finances: Memorial Committee funds are held in a separate Accotink UU Church account at Sun Trust Bank. The balance in the Memorial Committee account on 03/31/2018 was 33,258.74. A complete financial status report was made to the Board of Directors on 02/07/2018.

Sacred Wheel

Sacred Wheel held all 8 of the solar Neopagan festivals in 2017. Two, Samhain (also called Halloween) and Yule (also called Winter Solstice) were congregational services, while the other 6 were held after Sunday services. Only Halloween required child care, which was provided by Sacred Wheel volunteers. Yule was multi-generational.

There are approximately 40 people on the Sacred Wheel email list, with attendance for non-congregational rituals ranging from 10 to 23. Beltane, also called May Day, was well attended with 23 participants, and was the 8th year that Sacred Wheel held a Maypole dance, making it an Accotink tradition!

Regular participants number about 15, and include Sheilah Dols, Judy Robison, Janis Tannehill and family, Peter and Michelle Kahle and family, Whitney and Steve Purdy and family, Alli Andrews and family, Mary Rose Janya, Erica and Robert Steele, Dell Roy, Marsha White, Kay Pietrewicz, John Breckenridge and family, Jenn Carlson and family, Natasha Barnes, Christina Barrett-Steele, Loni Silva and Melissa Kennedy, Kate Heilig and family, Kumutha Lane and family, and Kitty Riordan. Sacred Wheel is coordinated by Nancy Melito.

Social Justice Committee

Chair Person: Ed Kringer

Members: Claire Brown, Nancy Davis, Pete Fontneau, Dick Foster, Chris Fuller, Kate Heilig, Jessica Larsen, John Peterson, Erica Steele, Dean Wanderer, Marsha White

Purpose of Committee: The Social Justice Committee provides a forum for social justice issues by initiating, coordinating, and guiding activities which put our UU faith values into action outside the church. Activities are targeted to our local Burke area, the metropolitan DC area, and the larger community. We collaborate with other faith organizations on social justice issues of congregational interest, particularly affordable housing and homelessness, poverty and economic justice, the environment, peace, and immigration.

Monthly Outreach Collections: Now in their sixteenth year, our efforts through our monthly Outreach Collection allows AUUC to support twelve worthy causes which reflect our UU principles while also providing education to the congregation on social issues and fulfilling our desire to make the world a better place. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we collected a total of \$14,431.05 during the 2016-17 program year for our outreach recipient organizations: Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE); Eddie's Club; Northern VA Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP); Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO); paws4people; Beacon House; Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County; Food for Others; Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC); Family PASS; Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ); and National Alliance on Mental Illness Northern Virginia (NAMI).

Members of the congregation were invited to nominate organizations for 2017-18 using an online form; the nominated organizations were widely publicized; then ballots were provided at the Annual Congregational Meeting giving all members of the congregation the opportunity to participate in the selection of next year's outreach recipients. The same voting procedure will be used for the 2018-19 outreach organizations.

In 2017-18, special emphasis on donating to outreach organizations throughout the entire month has been made with announcements from the pulpit and through other publicity.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness: A major social justice initiative for this church year continued to focus on homelessness and hunger. A key element was the continuing opportunity to interact with, feed, and provide overnight shelter for homeless members of our community by hosting a hypothermia shelter in cooperation with the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter for their 2017-2018 Hypothermia program.

During our shelter week, we averaged nearly 30 guests per night, and with temperatures on many nights going well below freezing, the shelter AUUC provided was greatly appreciated. Our involvement required the support of over 50 AUUC volunteers who set up our shelter in the evenings and helped our guests get settled, provided and served meals each night, and other volunteers who cleaned up and ensured the church was ready for Spring-Mar and other users the following mornings. The first night was run by the families in our Children's' Spiritual Development Program. We also conducted a shoe drive for residents of the shelter. In addition, we continue to partner with Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (V.O.I.C.E.) in their effort to get the local municipalities to support the construction of affordable housing as part of their development approval process.

Poverty and Economic Justice: Through our partnership with UUPCC (UU Partner Church Council), we continued supporting the very poor, isolated Mawlat School in northeast India's Khasi Hills by recruiting sponsors for their students. The funds helped acquire quality textbooks, supplement students' meager meals with protein, provide gap funding to help keep the neediest

children in school, purchase critical school supplies, and supply small subsidies to teachers' salaries.

We continued to support Beacon House in various ways including collecting school supplies and Christmas gifts, mittens and other warm accessories.

We coordinated with Children's Spiritual Development Committee in AUUC's participation in the 25th annual Burke/Fairfax Area CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds and awareness to combat hunger, provide clean water, and provide disaster relief. Twenty-Six Accotink'ers joined approximately 300 other local residents to participate in the successful CROP Walk and our 26 walkers raised \$1596.00

For the 2017-18 school year, we assembled over 800 weekend meal packs for 20 students at Halley Elementary School through our No Child Goes Hungry/Accotink program. We will be continuing this program with Halley ES students in the 2018-19 school year.

Peace: We continue to co-sponsor (along with twelve other faith groups, five community service organizations and the School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution at George Mason University) the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County which provides public recognition and \$200 awards to deserving students at 24 area high schools. Additionally, each student is invited to designate a non-profit organization to receive \$100 in their name. Two SJC members are representatives to two of the high schools which involves getting to know the student recipients, writing their profiles, and participating in an awards ceremony at the schools. We also continue to promote and support activities for the annual observance of the Season for Non-Violence.

Disabilities: The social justice study issue this year focused on the needs of people with disabilities and our responsibilities toward making them feel welcomed and included in our church community. The study issue program included a kick-off sermon on Nov 12, a viewing of the movie Wonder followed by a discussion led by Rev. Linda, an open conversation with families affected by disabilities on Dec 10, a discussion of the book "Waist High in the World" on Feb 25 and drafting a proposed list of actions for various church committees to make AUUC more accessible. We will conclude the year by finalizing that list and getting it distributed for action by the Program Council. Gun-Related Violence: AUUC is participating with members of other faith communities and Anti-Gun Violence groups to support initiatives to curb gun violence. This primarily consists of coordinating activities such as calling legislators and participating in witnessing events such as the on-going vigils in front of NRA Headquarters on the 14th of every month.

Social Justice Awareness and Activities for Our Families and Youth: We continue to engage in activities that will involve our families and children including work with the Faith-in- Action portion of the Children's Spiritual development, Complete the Circle, and CROP Walk. We also continued the program of our April pinwheel garden along with pinwheel sales in support of the community organization SCAN whose goal is to help children and parents prevent child abuse and neglect.

Collaboration and Outreach Efforts: We participated in state-wide advocacy efforts of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) and the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Committee of Virginia, participated with VOICE, as well as the previously mentioned groups involved in affordable housing, CROP Walk and the Peace Awards. We also joined with many other faith groups through Bailey's by operating our seventh hypothermia shelter. We worked very closely with the Unitarian Universalists for

Social Justice (UUSJ) in the National Capital region (one of our members served as a UUSJ Board member) on Federal advocacy, to include letter writing and telephone campaigns and monthly visits to Capitol Hill to meet with legislative staffers on behalf of UU principles

VOICE

Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement

AUUC Core team: Suzy Porth, Dotty Smith, Chris Stunkard, Pete Fontneau

Active leaders: Kitty Riordan, Pam Cox, Jan Forsyth, Natasha Barnes, Lisa Portillo, Alisa Roman

Activities:

Recruited a total of 45 persons to represent AUUC at October VOICE State Election Forum Action. This action was the largest assembly of the election season with both gubernatorial candidates, three times larger than the second largest assembly.

Recruited for VOICE's Get-Out-The-Vote effort. A total of 11 people participated. This was one of the largest GOTV efforts in the state.

Recruited for VOICE's new Burke Caucus. Eight people from AUUC have participated. Rev Linda has been instrumental in creating this group, which is learning the needs in our area and organizing to work together with those impacted. Three churches started this local initiative, and other religious organizations in the area are joining in.

New Members June 2017 – May 2018

Judy Baxter

Carl Baxter

Marlene Politano

Arturo Politano

Lindsay Muirhead

David Muirhead

Sarah Pevner

Erica L. Steele

Robert D. Steele

John Peterson

Deena Parker

Brad S. Parker

Mary Profitt-Gower

Casey Gower

Amy Toothaker

Elizabeth Cronin

Nancy Lawton Cronin

Cathy Burnett

John Burnett