

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2017

Key Activities

- Attended **General Assembly** in New Orleans June 21 - 25
- Participated in **Summer Choir** for two services; attended services
- Worked on **TAG SALE** from Sunday, July 30 through August 5
- Preparation for **RETREAT**; Agenda, recruit facilitators, plan food and logistics.
- Wrote to Detroit area congregations' presidents re: home hospitality for women traveling to the Inaugural **Women's Convention in Detroit October 27-29**
- Contacted **Randy Block, Director of Michigan UU Social Justice Network** regarding plans for the Women's Convention
- Meetings (three) with Tom Hearne to plan the **BOT and COM MEETING** in late August
- Meetings with Anne Khanna to discuss **BOT participation in EXPO 2017**. Recruited BOT member participants in EXPO.
- Ordered new **BLM Banner** and **TUCWoman Ribbons** for EXPO
- Attended **Wertheim Memorial Service**
- Prepared **Agenda for September BOT meeting**
- Conversation with **Kathy Roberts**, Chair of the Nominating Committee re: **appointment of vacancy on the NC**
- Conversation with **Lisa Winkler, President of UU C Cherry Hill** regarding their transition to PBG.

The Year Ahead

As you all know, I am not planning to run for a second term on the Board this coming June. I believe it is time for us to have some new leadership at TUCW as well as younger members in leadership roles. I am neither new nor young.

So, at least for me, the year ahead will be all about making sure our governance transition is well-grounded in right process and practice, and that there will be a smooth transition in Board leadership. I will be sending a Board Report at each meeting this year to keep you all apprised of what gets done between meetings. I will include summaries of conversations I have with other Congregation Presidents as well as with Committee leaders at TUCW.

I used to think that in policy based governance the Board's real job was to write policy. That's not how I see things anymore. Today, I would say that the Board's real job is to do all the things necessary to produce effective policies and that is so much more than just the writing.

This is the year we take the training wheels off, start monitoring progress on our Ends, making sure the CEO and staff are in compliance with Limitations and that we are doing justice to our commitments to Board Process. To accomplish this transition, we need to focus on and strengthen good processes in the areas below:

- Develop effective ways to monitor
- Create effective ways to orient new Board members
- Implement effective ways to connect with our Moral Owners
- Practice effective agenda development and meeting management so that we get our most important work done and have the time to indulge in deep chair conversations.
- Practice and respect boundary management between Board governance and ministry means.

I hope this will be a year in which we fine-tune the ways we work together, using each other's strengths as we practice shared leadership and ownership as Trustees. There are only 9 of us to do this work and we need the full board on-board. Thank you all for your service and support!

See you in church!

Lynda