

Membership Team Annual Report 2015-16

To answer the question why does our team exist? Why do we try to make a difference? What is our purpose? We say, *the Membership Team seeks to create and foster lasting, caring relationships within and outside the walls of our church, which include welcoming those seeking a spiritual home.*

The Membership Team accomplishes our purpose by striving to:

- *Greet and embrace visitors, existing members, and friends during worship services, church activities, and outreach efforts.*
- *Provide and promote a wide variety of service-oriented and social opportunities and encourage and engage returning visitors and members in participating in those opportunities, uniting them in community and fellowship.*
- *Maintain connections with returning visitors and members through all mission functions as well as through church-wide communications via weekly newsletters, supplemental email communications, and individual contact.*
- *Act as a resource for the congregation, providing general information and support, and connecting persons to appropriate church resources, including steps to membership.*

To What ENDS does the M-team exist? How does the M-team fit into the within, among and beyond of the church?

All feel welcomed to participate, explore, and join in fellowship of church activities, be informed of upcoming events, and feel supported when presenting questions and ideas to Membership Team members whether directly or when directed to other appropriate resources (within). All feel connected to the church's members, visitors and friends and the church's vision and mission (among). All share their church experiences, encouraging others who have not yet visited to do so and to participate in church activities (beyond).

Goals Planned Fall 2015

Goals Status Spring 2016

<p>1. <i>Greeting: E-sign up works but takes constant publicity to fill. Looking to improve or find a way to make this easier.</i></p>	<p>1. <i>Greeting; tried Feature Greeter approach for the first 2/3rds of church year. Each committee or team supply a month's worth of Greeters/Ushers. Committee or team was highlighted in the OoS. Balance of year spent asking new members to serve.</i></p>
<p>2. <i>Gifts & Talents Survey: 36 responses. None since May 2015. Status: on -hold</i></p>	<p>2. <i>Gifts & Talents Survey: Status still on hold. Needs discussion and vision around data and ease of use.</i></p>

3. Offer fall Cemetery Tours & several Social activities	3. <i>FIRST EVER Cemetery Tours held; 3 led by Alan Manoian, local urban history guide. Fantastic efforts by June Haskell and Lorraine Arlan and a team of fantastic folks. In addition, Dan Murphy and Ben Bates made a video recording of Bob Sampson telling the history of our church.</i>
4. Rework Path to Membership by offering Intro to UU classes, Membership Classes, and New Member Receptions	4. <i>Offered Intro to UU on the first Sunday of every month. Offered four Membership classes resulting in 32 new members joining the church, including 11 children and youth</i>
5. Attend one training, at a minimum.	5. <i>2 members attended NNED workshop "Practicing Radical Inclusivity"</i>
	6. <i>Increased size of team - added Allison Annand, Marie Bozzi, and Karen Thomas and there is a sense of being re-energized.</i>
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Victoria Agnew is retiring from the team to join the Personnel team. Victoria has grown into a solid presence in the Sunday services, serving as leader for making initial contact with visitors. She plans to continue in that role although she will not officially be on the M-team. We are referring to Victoria as a Membership Steward. We said goodbye to Emma and are grateful to her 3 years of service

*Respectfully submitted by M-team members:
Lorraine Arlan, 2014-2015, Victoria Agnew, ?-2016, Monica Staples, ?-present,
Nancy Cegalis, ?-present, Karen Thomas, 2016-present, Allison Annand, 2016 - present,
ad hoc member Marie Bozzi, 2016-present.*

Lori Lerude, MCV - acting chair 2015-present