

Shared Ministry Team Annual Meeting Report

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As Rev. Allison Palm concludes her third year with the UUCN, the Shared Ministry Team (SMT) is also completing a third year since its inception in the fall of 2015. The team meets monthly to discuss ways to support the minister in the overall spiritual health of the congregation, as well to complete the UUA Parish Ministry Evaluation. The members include: Rev. Allison Palm, Cecile Bonvouloir, Carol Houde, Steve Ladew and Brenna Woods. Rev Allison is currently on parental leave and is planning to return in the late in the summer 2018.

First and foremost of the SMT's achievements this year we completed the second UUA Parish Ministry evaluation report on Allison's ministry with us. This evaluation is not a small task and I would like to thank all the members of this team for their efforts. We were very happy when Rev. Allison's was accepted into full UUA Parish Fellowship in early April 2018.

In 2017, the SMT facilitated four PercUUlate Sessions focused on the then current perceptions of our Covenant of Right Relations. This year, we organized and discussed the responses to our four PercUUlate sessions' feedback in preparation for a possible church-wide activity to update our covenant in right relations.

The SMT supported the Leadership Development team's fall 2017 seminar by leading the workshop on change. The highlight of this popular event was a presentation by Rev. Allison on the challenges and opportunities in ministering to a congregation composed of many generations.

Since the SMT has completed its primary mission and purpose with the acceptance of Rev Allison's into the UUA Parish Ministry, the SMT has disbanded.

I know I speak for the SMT when I say we will miss our monthly meetings with Allison.

Respectfully submitted,
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