

Council for Collaboration and Communication – notes from January 2024

Action Items

- The Council Approved a Green Fair proposed by the Green Team for June 23, 2024 (also allowing a vendor to sell goods at the fair)
- The Council Approved a monthly collection for Share Vancouver proposed by Jessica Sand
- The Council was reminded of the due date for Budget requests of January 19, 2024

Calendaring items

- January 21-27 - Family Promise Hosting
- January 14 - Chalice Lighter Sunday
- March 24 - April 21 - Annual Pledge Campaign
- January 14 - Chalice Lighter Sunday
- May 17 - Wagner & Kong Concert
- May 26 - Start of “Summer” Worship - 10:30 am only
- June 16 - 23 - Family Promise Hosting
- June 20 - 23 - General Assembly
- June 23 - Green Fair
- September 8 - Return to two worships at 9:15 and 11 am
- September 22-29 - Family Promise Hosting
- December 15-22 - Family Promise Hosting

Informational items

- **Administration** - There are three main projects this month: 1) Calendaring - Rentals are picking up a little bit along with more activity at church. 2) Tech - We're also troubleshooting ongoing Projector issues in the Sanctuary. 3) Budget - lots of work with the Personnel Committee and Board to outline expenses for next year.
- **APC** - We are busy: developing our one-on-one pledge process; coordinating logo design; requesting booklet articles; planning kickoff Sunday; and much more.
- **Beloved Community Work Group** - BCWG is presenting post Sunday service +/- lunch to discuss Article II centering on love. Our first planned post service meeting with lunch will be January 14th. This is in preparation for the UUA vote at GA for Article II. We will have to discuss how to incorporate an early morning session for first service attendees.
- **Board** - Keeping up with budget issues, security issues, trying to manage the expansion of programming while controlling staff time and costs.
- **Denominational Affairs** - Registration Open GA 2024, virtual event. GA this year will be virtual. Cost savings from travel plus consideration of Article II revisions. Chalice Lighters 1/14

- **Endowment** - The first weekly bulletin announcement for 2024 Endowment Grant applications will be coming out later this month. The Endowment Fund did have a profit for 2024 so we will have funds for grants. The grant applications can be done online and are due April 30th 2024.
- **Facilities & Grounds** - It's a quiet time for outdoor work, given the weather. We are still doing security walks and occasionally finding evidence of people having been on the grounds. There are piles of leaf mold and wood chips for the Community Garden, and additional wood chips for the Watershed Alliance people, who will be planting native plants along the creek on the West side of our property. Trying to find people to take over management of this team and help plan an online control system.
- **Family Promise** - More focus on finding new volunteers to avoid burnout. Team is evaluating our effectiveness with this program given resources used versus numbers of families served, Dave & Heather to meet with Shane to gather more info. We are also creating a budget.
- **Green Team/Beyond Curbside** - We encourage groups who are hosting an event or meeting at UUCV that includes food, to think about using sustainable methods in your serving and cleanup. The green team can provide a volunteer to help advise and/or monitor a compost bucket, etc. We want to help you become more sustainable!
- **Leadership Discovery and Development (LDD)** - LDD has been meeting with various people old, some not so old, to discern what their interests might be in the future for service. We are hoping to attract interest in Board position, LDD position and Endowment. Research on possible class/zoom on leadership as service and we are looking for replacement of position for treasurer.
- **Maplewood Moseley Community Garden** - The Garden is quiet this time of year. We are planning a work party with the CRS kids on Feb. 24 to lay down wood chips.
- **Membership** (Membership did not meet in January.) This year, we want to make sure that greeters acknowledge EVERYONE on Sunday morning, not just those who are new.
- **Mt. Hood cluster** Resuming meetings after Christmas hiatus. All churches are experiencing stress as people have returned more quickly than contributions have.
- **RE Program** - OWL K-1 starting Feb. 1st, recruiting now, Tales & Treats, restarting RE Committee end of the month
- **Worship Associates** - John Hennessey will begin this month as our newest Worship Associate, as Ronnie Mars begins to say goodbye in this role. We are still looking for more Worship Associates (especially younger, BIPOC folks to reflect our growing congregation). Please contact Rev. Kathryn for an application.