

Ministry Collaboration Team (MCT)

Short Notes

December 11, 2024

Guests: Mellie Hock, Budget Director

Present: Rev. Kathryn Bert (convener, social justice and worship rep), Betty Montgomery (community rep), Allison King (staff, worship), Natalie Hutchison-Duff (staff, infrastructure), Chris Smith (infrastructure rep), Ken Nitta (community rep), Mellie Hock (guest), Grace Teigen (UUCV led social justice)

Regrets: Sarah Coleman-Payne (community rep), Deborah Willoughby (learning rep)

Absent: Eric LaBrant (community rep), Ian Terrell (learning rep)

MCT Mission Statement

—The MCT (Ministry Collaboration Team) will focus on clearly and proactively communicating (in person, phone calls, emails, group drop-ins, articles or videos) the UUCV mission to deepen spiritual experience, grow beloved community and act on our values in the wider world.

—Members of the MCT will advocate for the UUCV mission while facilitating regular communication with all groups affiliated with UUCV, to better serve the congregation as a whole.

—The purpose of each MCT member is to act as a liaison between the church's mission and the needs, interests and concerns of groups, with the ultimate goal to strengthen relationships and community within the church.

What You Need to Know:

Budget requests from your groups and committees need to be turned in to Mellie Hock by **January 20th**. She will send members of the MCT request forms and copies of this year's budget which we can distribute to our various groups.

Website Updates do not need MCT approval. You simply need to get what you want updated (the content) to Natalie in the office. The best way to do that is by following the link on the [website here](#).

Group Visibility: If you want more visibility for your group, you can ask the Worship Team to use the moment of gratitude to highlight your group and its role in fulfilling our mission. Email worship@uucvan.org for that. Email the office@uucvan.org if you'd like a list of other ways you might advertise your activities at UUCV.

Discussions that were had:

Deep Dive Discussion into the “act on our values in the wider world” part of our mission.

Reports from Social Justice projects supporting Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School include: Green Bag program, School Supplies, Lunch Buddies, Read Northwest, Offer of garden plots of Maplewood Moseley Community Garden to families at MLK Elementary, Change for the World donation annually

Reports from Religious Education: our volunteers are awesome!

Report from Helping the Houseless team: UUCV is signed up to help in February with WHO at St. Andrews. Lots of options are available. Volunteers took a rank choice voting of options today. Next steps are not yet clear.

Projects or events that were approved:

David Roth concert on May 3, 2025

Dances of Universal Peace to use our RE space once a month for events that will be advertised and available to the UUCV community

Calendar -

December 15	Touch of Class Concert
December 15-22	Family Promise Hosting - last one
December 21	CUUPS - Yule Rite and Celebration
December 24	Two Evening Services (5pm 'no rehearsal pageant', 7pm candlelight)
January	Reminders: MLK Day, Inauguration
January 11	COA kick-off dinner
January 12	Intercultural Skills Workshop BCWG (every other week through March)
January 25-26	COA retreat
January 26	Intercultural Skills Workshop BCWG
February 8	Enneagram Workshop
February 9	Intercultural Skills Workshop BCWG
February 23	Intercultural Skills Workshop BCWG
March 16, 2025	Annual Pledge Campaign Kick Off
April 12	Annual Pledge Campaign End
April 26, 2025	Election Meeting/Congregational
May 3	David Roth Concert Proposed
May 25	Switch to one worship at 10:30
June 8	Community Sunday