

Ministry Collaboration Team Agenda  
January 8, 2025  
Succinct Notes

**Members of the MCT:** Natalie Hutchison Duff (staff, infrastructure), Eric LaBrant (community rep), Allison King (staff, worship), Betty Montgomery (community rep), Christine Smith (infrastructure rep), Grace Teigen (UUCV led social justice rep), Deborah Willoughby (learning rep), Rev. Kathryn Bert (convener and worship rep), Sarah Coleman-Payne (community rep), Ian Terrell for DRE (learning)

**Guests:** Marvin Benson for Change for the World

### **Information**

Our **website** is only as good as the information we share on it. Here's the [form for requesting changes](#) to the website with information from the groups you represent.

Budget requests are due January 20, 2025

Ken Nitta has resigned his role on the Ministry Collaboration Team. Ian Terrell will take his place on the MCT.

Ashley Pope has been hired as our new Director of Religious Education and will join us in February and represent learning.

Toivo Kankkonen has resigned as chair of Facilities and Grounds. There is no replacement yet.

### **Deep Dive Discussion:**

The discussion was about ways we might connect the mission to activities at church that are happening, from identifying the part of the mission a new activity fulfills to re-arranging the way the bulletin is laid out.

### **Decisions**

**Change for the World** for the first quarter of 2025 selected [Pink Haven](#), a collective of organizations and individuals who are committed to trans liberation and joy and to growing community defense, mutual-aid, and alternative systems of care for gender diverse people.

**Operational Rule #2320:** Fundraising needs to be re-worked. Chris Smith will work on it with help from our Music Director and Administrator.

**Touch of Class concert on April 26** here, split of door is  $\frac{1}{4}$  for church,  $\frac{1}{4}$  for a charity, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Touch of Class. In December, the charity was Faith Action Network. Sarah suggested choosing a tribal group to back up what we say in the land acknowledgment. Eric: NARA, NAYA. Another idea is the Cowlitz nation. Allison will come back in February with Native American connections and charities. Sarah will talk with Allison.

### **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
Feb. 16	Congregational meeting on endowment bylaws
February 23	Intercultural Skills Workshop BCWG
March 16, 2025	Annual Pledge Campaign Kick Off
April 12	Annual Pledge Campaign End
April 26	Touch of Class concert
April 27, 2025	Election Meeting/Congregational
May 3	David Roth Concert
May 25	Switch to one worship at 10:30
June 8	Community Sunday

### **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.