

Ministry Collaboration Team  
July 9, 2025

**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 (community rep), Ashley Pope (staff, learning rep)

**Deep Dive Discussion on Succession Planning for Leadership Development**

**Decisions:**

- **Approved new LGBTQ+ group** (subsequently named UUCV Pride) Betty will represent the group at the MCT and help their leaders navigate church structures as they form and develop
- **Men's Group:** Dale Rhodes preaches on August 10th and introduces the idea of a men's group to the congregation. Eric LaBrant will serve as Worship Associate and hopefully they can get a chance to plan a men's group launch together.
- **Good Trouble Rally:** the MCT approved promoting the rally in our publications and at worship. In the future, they'd like to see meet-ups happening before hand so that UUCVers can find one another. We discussed wearing matching shirts - Side of Love yellow or something else?
  - **Approved Fundraising Plans for new church year**
    - Dessert Auction - Saturday, November 15th from 3pm- 5pm in the sanctuary. It would serve as the kick-off for the online auction running from Nov 16th-23rd
    - February 7th - Love Song and Chocolate event 7 - 8:30pm in the sanctuary. They want to serve wine. They have an endowment grant for the wine and chocolate; ticket sales will be the fund raiser.
    - Ashley will arrange childcare for both events.

**Reports:**

- **Vision process** is ongoing with a goal of voting on a new vision statement on September 21. You can reach the vision team (Walida Horton, Eric LaBrant, Jennifer Pratt Walter, Lynn Ungar) at [vision@uucvan.org](mailto:vision@uucvan.org)

- **Mid-Adult Group** is on hiatus for the summer, expected to start up again in September.

### Reminders:

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.

### 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.

### Calendar -

July 12	Field day and water play for RE families
August 2	Tales and Treats Multi Gen get together
August 31	Back to school RE families clothing swap
September 7	Return to two worship services at 9:15 and 11 am
November 15	Dessert Auction and online auction kick off
October TBD	RE Carnival and Trunk or Treat
February 7	Love Songs and Chocolate Fundraising Event