

Ministry Collaboration Team  
August 13, 2025

**Attended in Bold:** 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)

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**Deep Dive** We want UUCV groups to think about how their group supports the UUCV mission and how UUCV, through our pledges, supports the function of the group. Kathryn has reached out to the Olympia church, to see if they still do this and get sample language. When we get a response, Betty will draft a starting point for UUCV.

**Approved**

Women's Group Saturday, October 4th from 11:30-5pm  
Men's Group TBD, Eric will write bulletin article for 9/25  
Friends of Trees Rental - Saturday, December 13th, 2025.

**Updates**

Vision - vote expected September 21  
Pride Group - next event August 29th

**Discussion**

Website language around Social, Affinity and Interest groups at UUCV. The issue was brought up by the BCWG and Natalie wanted our thinking around language. We like maintaining a separation between "social groups" and "affinity groups," though all should be referenced as Ways to Connect. It would be nice if we could add "Ways to Connect" to the home page main tool bar, to link to all categories of small groups. After a robust discussion, we all felt Kathryn and Natalie would probably come up with the best presentation on the site.

## **Calendar -**

August 29th	LGBTQ+ social event
August 31	Back to school RE families clothing swap
September 7	Return to two worship services at 9:15 and 11 am
October	Every 28 Days collection of Period Products
October 4	Women's retreat
October 5	LDD-led discussion/skills practice of <i>Supercommunicators</i> 12:30
October 12	LDD-led discussion/skills practice of <i>Supercommunicators</i> 12:30
November 15	Dessert Auction and online auction kick off
October TBD	RE Carnival and Trunk or Treat
December 21	Christmas Pageant for Sunday Worship
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
February 7	Love Songs and Chocolate Fundraising Event
May 31	1st Sunday of summer worship schedule

## **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.