

**Notes from UURMaPA Conference Business Meeting,
La Salette Conference Center, Attleboro, MA 10-5-2017**

President Judy Welles called the Fall 2017 UURMaPA meeting to order at 9:37am on October 5, 2017 in the chapel at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA.

Dick Gilbert began the meeting with the reading of “Alone” by Maya Angelou.

President Welles invited additions to the agenda then introduced the UURMaPA board members who were present: Joel Weaver, Treasurer and Ginger Luke, at-large member with conference portfolio. Art and Cathie Severance, Connections Coordinators had attend the conference but were unable to stay for the meeting.

There was brief review of what UURMaPA does.

TMP (Targeted Ministry Program) Training was explained by Beth Miller who along with Barbara Child, Barbro Hansson, Tom Chulak, Barbara ten Hove, Karen Gustafson, Janet Newman and Ginger Luke had just participated in the training led by Keith Kron and David Pyle on October 1-2, 2017 at LaSalette. UURMaPA received a two-year grant from the UU Funding Panel to start up this program with collaboration by the UUA and the UUMA. Keith Kron’s UUA office will oversee the program. It will function much like an old “Minister-on-Loan” program but this time with retired ministers. Participating ministers may go to congregations for short periods of time like a couple of months or one weekend a month for several months. Ministers will be paid by the participating congregation according to UUA guidelines. Keith Kron hopes the program will begin in January 2018.

Retirement Seminar The last Retirement Seminar was hugely successful with more applicants than room. We will continue to do this. There is a need to prepare for retirement and good support exists from the UUMA, Office of Church Staff Finance and of course the UURMaPA.

Conferences are a big piece of UURMaPA action. Barbara Child reported the UURMaPA Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida scheduled for **January 29-31, 2018** has a conference team of Marni Harmony, Lois Wesener, Sara Zimmerman, Ginger Luke and Barbara Child. Rebecca Parker is the keynote presenter with the program intentionally for both ministers and partners on “Moral Injury.” The rest

of the program will include “Conversations with Candidates for Ministry, Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, the executive director of the UUMA and a workshop with Rebecca Parker.

Carol Taylor is the conference coordinator for the UURMaPA Fall 2018 Conference and has created a team which includes Barbaro Hansson, Charles and Alison Stephens and Dawn Chung.

Early stages of planning are already in process for the **Winter 2019 UURMaPA Conference** and the **Fall 2019 UURMaPA Conference** which is being coordinated by Phyllis Hubbell and John Manwell. This will be a LGBTQ and Unitarian Universalism History Project. Recognizing that “we are the keeper of the memories” papers and video messages from LGBTQ ministers and advocates are being collected with the hopes of documenting the exploration into LGBTQ history within Unitarian Universalism which may be the core for a book or more.

Dorothy Emerson announced that a subgroup of LGBTQ people are working on a celebrating meeting about the anniversary of Stonewall.

“**Elderberries**” our quarterly UURMaPA newsletter is mailed unless you request it on email. Nancee Campbell is the new editor. The next deadline is October 15, 2017. Members are encouraged to submit materials to elderberries@uurmapa.org.

Connections, coordinated by Art and Cathie Severance, is the pastoral care component of UURMaPA. Each area of the country has a point person within the Connections program. This person is charged with being in touch with retirees in their area at least once a year and to assist with their needs, if there be any. The Connections volunteers are especial vital for those UURMaPA members who cannot attend conferences.

Judy Welles reminded all that **UURMaPA needs financial support from its members**. Only 200 of our 1000 members contribute to UURMaPA. Scholarships are available by contacting the Treasurer, Joel Weaver. There are no dues. We have budgeted \$25,000 income from donations. UURMaPA has about a \$30,000 endowment according to Joel Weaver. You can give on-line on our website. All are encouraged to contribute to UURMaPA on a regular basis.

Dick Gilbert reported that the **Nominations Committee** would be filling position for Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and two at-large position. Though some of these positions would be filled by second terms from people in them the committee is looking for suggestions. He encouraged people to read the bylaws for descriptions of the positions.

In the September Board meeting the board voted to designate the Andover/Harvard Archives Library the official archive depository for UURMaPA. This will allow the UURMaPA archives to be stored with the UUA, Beacon Press, UUSC, ministers, UU congregation and UU Musicians Network. It was noted that Andover/Harvard Archivists had an exhibition table along with archivists from UU seminaries and that all the archivists work together with co-location assistance. UURMaPA members were encouraged to send your own papers, especial papers from study groups to Andover/Harvard Archives Library. The archivists encourage sending your papers unsorted as they are trained to go through them for what seems most important to them.

Judy Welles lead a “shout out” to Liz Strong for her work as our first archivists and announced our new historian will be Susan LaMar. Andy Backus encouraged work to create a written history of UURMaPA.

Members were encouraged to connect with younger colleagues through the Ministerial Formation Network of the UUMA and coaching within the UUMA.

Ginger Luke encourage members to participate with the Church of the Larger Fellowship especially for their monthly meditative communication “Quest” and for participation in the CLF Prison Ministry Program.

Answers to questions posed during the meeting:

- -UURMaPA has no annual meeting. It does conduct a business meeting at both conferences and GA.
- -The board makes budget decisions.
- -The budget is published in “Elderberries.”
- -A recent board policy on honorariums for conference presenters has been posted on the UURMaPA website.
- -UURMaPA’s fiscal year is the same as the calendar year.

- There was a request that Richard Nugent's annual financial communication continue to be shared in the entire membership.

Dick Fewkes announced the death of Helen Pickett on October 5th with a service to be scheduled at Chatham Universalist Church. A moment of silence helped all settle with this loss.

The meeting adjourned at about 11 am.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Luke