

Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association
Additional Meeting December 1, 2022

Board members present: Ned Wight, Gloria Perez, Richard Speck, Barbaro Hanson, Ann Schranz, Millie Rochester, Wayne Arnason

Chalice lighting and opening reading – Ned Wight. Reading “To the Fringed Gentian” by William Cullen Bryant

Agenda

Consider theme for Spring Conference (May 1-3, 2023)

Four topics were brought up during the Nov. 17, 2022, meeting.

- Multigenerational Issues
- Purpose of UURMaPA
- T.J./Anti-oppression, understanding white privilege
- Reggie Harris & Greg Greenway “Deeper Than the Skin”

From these topics a multi-dimensional theme was discussed. The Spring Conference happens in the year 2023 which is the 30th year anniversary of some important events... the TJ Ball, the year that Carolyn Owen Towle ran for UUA president. the year that the first web browser was released.

Keeping in line with the multigenerational approach the board decided to create three panels to explore some of the past, the current and the upcoming times.

Topics discussed included:

- We will ask Carolyn, Diane Miller, and Laurel Hallman to speak about their runs for UUA presidency
- Ask Reggie Harris to do some programming fitting in with our needs or to provide some worshipful music
- Changes in the MFC
- Feedback on the cultural changes including anti-racism work then, now, and in the future
- Leadership role of women
- Each panel being multi-generational
- Panel of younger ministers with UURMaPAns giving feedback
- Talking about decades rather than 30 years

Ideas for panelists were Meg Riley, Peter and Irene Frederick, Barbara ten Hove. We are to send any other ideas to Barbro. **Barbro will reach out to the suggested names and to Reggie.**

The Board approved of the schedule Barbro presented: For Tuesday, sessions 4,5 &6 ,first, second and third panels respectively; 1 ½ hours long with a bio break in between.

POD Loans

The Board agreed to reimburse Jaco ten Hove for his deposit for the POD at Sebec for the Fall Conference,2023 from the registrations. We were in general agreement to afford financial help for advance expenses against registrations, a “loan”, to those who would like to create a POD for future conferences. We are looking to being careful not to set up a policy which we might not be able to sustain. **Richard will draft a policy about these “loans”.**

We discussed the idea of building up PODs.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Pèrez