



BUILDING GUUF'S FUTURE

With the Rev. Jeff Jones facilitating, the Board and Rev. Lisa met on 9-10 November with the principal goal of centering and focusing the coming years' **Developmental Ministry**. Our work built on the **Strategic Plan** that many GUUF members have worked on in the last two years.

We'll conduct a GUUF Town Hall meeting after service on **20 January** to share the Board's results and exchange views on the Developmental ministry and the Strategic Plan. We'll explore how our governance organizations can support your, the congregation's, vision expressed in the Strategic planning. One important step, affecting all the others, will be the development of a GUUF congregational covenant.

The information below will help you prepare for that meeting.

Jeff helped us analyze our Strategic Plan's five goals into a hierarchy. Two of the Strategic plan goals are GUUF's specific aspirations:

- DEVELOP CONGREGATION-BASED SOCIAL JUSTICE/RESPONSIBILITY MINISTRY
- NOURISH AND CHALLENGE OUR MINDS AND SPIRITS

The other three are UU values in action that build these goals:

- BUILD OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY
- FOSTER INCLUSIVITY
- STRENGTHEN OUR UU IDENTITY

Specific goal one, Social Justice, is already well underway with an enthusiastic group of members building the Social Justice League and supporting the Social Responsibility Committee. These two groups have been meeting regularly with Rev. Lisa. Under their leadership and with board support, we feel confident that this area will continue to grow.

To provide board support to and help develop specific goal two, NOURISH AND CHALLENGE OUR MINDS AND SPIRITS, we defined three "task" areas consistent with the three UU values in action.

GUUF will **Nourish and Challenge Our Minds and Spirits** by:

- Continuing to provide high quality Sunday Services and Sunday activities grounded in UU principles.
 - Team: Garnett Conway (convener), Hilary Nelson, John Melson
- Expanding opportunities for Spiritual Deepening – CYRE, Adult RE, Covenant Circles, Affinity groups
 - Team: Jo Anne Hennigan & Jim Buscher (co-conveners), Jan Humphrey
- Connecting Members to Each Other and to Opportunities for Service: Membership and Leadership Development
 - Team: Barbara Gill (convener), Lisa Lipscomb, Dave Ball

Our religious professional staff, led by Rev. Lisa, will be engaged in the tasks set by all three groups, bringing professional ministry skills to this ongoing work. This work will build on the excellent work already underway on the part of members and committees, placing a high value on collaboration and communication.

This is an exciting time at GUUF! Join us on January 20 to learn more about what you can do to help us as we build GUUF's future.