

2009 Annual report – UUCC Membership Committee

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Committee Purpose / Objectives for 2009:

For 2009, our goals were simple, to better establish and solidify those practices and processes to best care for and develop our Congregation and Membership consistent with the principles of UUA and our UU CC covenant. And in the process, provide the mechanisms to ensure continued work towards these processes over the years.

Actions / Accomplishments in 2009:

First we must thank all members of this committee, including Cares and Concerns, Greeters, Chalice Lighters, our Minister, and the entire Congregation. Everyone helped make this a successful year for membership.

1. We started off with writing and obtaining board approval of a UUCC Membership Committee Charter – Jan, 09, see attached
2. Worked hard to develop and obtain board approval of the “Policy on Membership at UUCC”. This policy identifies the responsibilities of the committee, becoming a member, how status of membership is tracked used for monitoring growth and accountability of membership to heartland and UUA. Policy approved July, 2009.
3. Work on a process by which we ensure that visitors are welcomed to UUCC with special letters when milestones in attendance are achieved:
 - a. First, handwritten welcoming letters are sent out when blue cards are turned in
 - b. 2nd, after visitors / regular attendees have been attending for awhile, a letter is sent out inviting and welcoming them to a scheduled Exploring UU Session
 - c. 3rd, a letter of invitation to membership then may be sent, after an appropriate time of attendance and / or church involvement, and
 - d. 4th, Once one becomes a member, a welcoming letter is sent with appropriate membership information.
4. Held several Exploring UU Sessions to introduce UU and UUCC to visitors and regular attendees.
5. The Cares and Concerns Committee was very active. See separate report
6. Held new Member luncheon in June 28 at the home of Bill & Brenda Sutton, (Many thanks to them). Many new members attended and had a great time. As usual, Bill managed the making of the home-made ice cream. In future years we plan to hold this event in September to coincide with “The Annual New Member Recognition Ceremony” Sunday.
7. Participated in the Earth Day festivities by manning the UUCC Booth at Washington Township Park in Avon, and conducting Earth Day events for the kids, thanks to Paula Bray for leading this event.

8. Participated in the Quaker Day festivities by manning the UUCC Booth in Plainfield, and conducting coloring events for the kids, thanks to Paula Bray for leading this event.
9. Held the 2nd Annual Pool Party at Danville Pool on August 2, 2009. It was bit chilly but attendance was good, and lots of fun was had by all.

Recommendations / Improvement Opportunities for 2010:

1. Continue letters, exploring UU, fairs, events for our Congregation and provide the Caring environment that we all want.
2. Develop the Volunteer Coordinator position to better identify interests & skills of our members and regular attendees and to help fill the needs of our many working groups, committees, and activities.
3. Continue to explore and implement our Charter. Improve where we can.
4. Have fun.

New members (Post Andy):

| 2007” | 2008” (to September 07) | 2009” (Starting September 08 (Member Sunday) | 2010” (Starting September 09 (Member Sunday) |
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| Burnettes (2+2) | April Lashbrook (1+1) | Aimee & Dan Eller (2) | Wiley Jettpace |
| Brays (2+1) | Abe Schnake (1) | Tara Parrish | |
| Jacki Milner (1+1) | Brenda & Bill Sutton (2) | Chris & Mandy Henk | |
| | Dave & Karen Cravotta (2) | Marci Alvis-Slinski | |
| | Dixie Hermiller (1) | Andy Ashby | |
| | Renee & Adam Bowman (2) | Melissa Morgan | |
| | | Steve & Barb Carter (& Arthur) May 10, 2009 | |
| | | David Cygielnik & Christina Brummett, May 17, 2009 | |
| | | Tony & Sherry Zerbe | |
| | | Stephanie Griffin | |
| | | Cathy & Tim Stiles | |
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Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the UUCC Membership Committee,

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