

Summary of the April 2016 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Canvass Chair, **Karl Irikura**, and Choosing our Future Team member, **Bill Newhouse** provided updates to the Board. Bill shared the work of the team on the draft process developed thus far with our consultant. Next year, we'll develop a new strategic plan for 2017 – 21 using a new approach!

Eric Burch briefed the Board on the Capital Cluster of the Unitarian Universalist Association Central East Region. He and **Judy Rayner** have graciously represented us to this group of 13 DC and Maryland congregations that have met to plan and communicate with each other on a monthly basis. The Central East Region requested that, rather than sending a self-volunteering representative to the Cluster, we elect or appoint a representative who can speak for our congregation and make decisions on collaboration on behalf of our congregation. The Board approved having the congregation vote for the representative at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The Board suggested Eric Burch, our Denominational Connections lead, to the Nominating Committee to be our Cluster Representative.

The Board discussed the Religious Education Safe Congregations Policy and set May 1 as the date for a meeting to hear feedback from the congregation on the policy, and May 5 as the date to receive written comments.

After its meeting, the Board approved several items via email vote for:

- Allocating \$4,000 in Capital Improvement Funds to remediate the temporary gravel parking lot to meet the code requirements of the City of Rockville;
- Allocating \$3,600 in Capital Improvement Funds to correct storm water run-off near the play equipment; and
- Affirming edits to the Conflict Resolution Policy and requesting it be posted on the website.