

Congregational Committee Reports compiled by the Vice President of Operations June 9, 2024

Aesthetics Committee

Chair Linda Yeargin, Marsha Medina, Jeff Gothard

- Completed Tasks
 - Made improvements to the appearance of Tapestry
 - Selected and purchased a replacement for the carpet for A Time for All Ages
- Goals
 - Continue to maintain a cohesive look to the sanctuary
 - Strategize an artist in resident program
 - Organize the now annual Clean-Up Day
 - Add one aesthetic component that incorporates BIPOC influence

Building and Grounds

Co-Chairs Richard Boote and Suzi Cassidy

- Completed Tasks
 - Maintained the Maintenance Plan
 - Made necessary repairs
 - Made critical decisions in response to the flood in the sanctuary
 - Replaced some of the lighting
- Goals
 - Continue to maintain the Maintenance Plan
 - Plan for second floor upgrades
 - Reserve Study Update

Caring Committee

Chair Amanda Wainwright, Joan Segal, Sheryl Hagen, Linda Yeargin, Kathy

Spahn, Fredia Gorelick

- Completed Tasks
 - Made visits to members in need
 - Sent Cards
 - Maintained a mobility device library, and added some baby supplies to the lending library
 - Provided refreshments for funeral services

- Offered Flu shots and a First Aid class
- Goals
 - Organize a class on mental health first aid
 - Provide flu shots and a CPR class
 - Skills and talent survey
 - Meet with the Caring Committee from Fullerton and Orange Coast
 - Mental Health First Aid

Communications

Chair Grayson Gothard, Dave Kinnear, Dave Shalahi, Rick DiBello, OA

- Completed Tasks
 - Reviewed internal and other print communication
 - Provided lighting and sound for Sunday services
 - Transitioned the OOS to the OA
 - Provided Zoom access for attendees outside the sanctuary
- Goals
 - Train new AV volunteers
 - Explore use of group text through Breeze

Comprehensive Planning

Laura Lunn, Dan Schmid, Jay Miller, Michelle Antennesse

- Completed Tasks
 - Reviewed and Adjusted the Five Year Plan
 - Rev. Kent made reports to the Board
- Goals
 - Review and Revise the Five Year Plan
 - Rev. Kent to report progress regularly to the Board

Coordinating Council

Amanda Standish Wainwright, all Committee Chairs

- Completed Tasks
 - Met every other month to discuss activities, issues, and goals
- Goals
 - Continue to meet everyone other month beginning in September

- Encourage committees to work together to provide free, or reduced cost activities

Finance Committee

VP of Finance Dave Weber, Treasurer Suzi Cassidy, VP of Ops Amanda Standish Wainwright, Rev. Dr. Kent Doss

- Completed Tasks
 - Held the annual Pledge Campaign
 - Presented a balanced budget
- Goals
 - Complete the above tasks
 - Provide a Legacy Giving Class

FOCD

Chair Peggy Thompson, Sheryl Hagen

- Completed Tasks
 - Picked up unaccompanied minors who have aged out of local shelters and helped them find transportation to either their families or their sponsors
- Goals
 - Continue to pick up unaccompanied minors
 - Investigate additional opportunities for assisting immigrants

Green Sanctuary

Chair Carol Semelroth, Kathy Dechter, Marsha Medina, Debbie Salahi, Judy Rizzo, Marquita Miller, Linda Brady, Paul Brady, Ad Hoc- Bill Medina

- Completed Tasks
 - Public showing of Environmental movie on circle and regenerative lifestyles, "2040", with follow up online.
 - Purchased Recycling/Composting Station with ongoing education
 - With completion of Native Pollinator Garden sent final report on Patio Project to Spirit Foundation to thank them for the grant
 - Held Holiday Gift Collection for marginalized community at Silverado
 - Took responsibility for three first Sunday potlucks in December, February, and April and incorporated ecological education with each one.
 - Organized Earth Month with practicing Sustainability as a theme
 - Organized a Hazardous Waste Collection
 - Promoted Legislation for bill on Eliminating Plastic Bags in Grocery and Retail Stores-which successfully passed in May 2024
 - Set up a tour for all of Tapestry wishing to participate at the Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano to tour the regenerative farming.

- Goals
 - Work toward a 75%+ goal of congregants opting for Green Energy sources through alternate energy sources like solar panels and/or by choosing green energy sources through their utility
 - Work toward a more sustainable lifestyle for congregants; supplying “Sustainable Hint of the Week” to help reduce Greenhouse gases
 - Green up and pursue more sustainable products and practices at Tapestry
 - Continue to help congregants have their voices heard by seeking and advocating for legislation proposed that reduces Greenhouse Gases and is good for the earth, farmers, and workers
 - One event or fundraiser to address the disparities that have risen due to environmental racism

LGBTQ+ Action Group

Co-Chair Bruce Johnson, Co-Chair John Medonca, Debbie Byrne, John Kaufman, Betsy Martin, Tim Montano, Scott Westerfield, Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Peter Mathews, C Ellsworth, Terry Parker, Archer Gothard, Nix Wainwright

- Completed Tasks
 - Recertified Tapestry as a Welcoming Congregation
 - Sponsored Coffee Hours
 - Hosted potlucks and picnics
 - Participated in Mission Viejo’s first Pride Event
- Goals
 - Recertify Tapestry as a Welcoming Congregation
 - Explore hosting a LGBTQIA+ Youth Group
 - Build relationships with other LGBTQ+ UU’s in other OC UUs

New Beginnings

Co-Chair Scott Westerfield, Co-Chair Bev Huff

- First Year as a Committee
 - Served multiple families in OC
- Goals
 - New Beginnings is ending as committee

Nominating Committee

Chair Christine Kruger, Keith Wortman, Retha Roberts, Paul Bonfanti

- Completed Tasks
 - Filled position as needed throughout the year
 - Nominated a group of qualified candidates to represent Tapestry's Board
- Goals
 - Create a system for UU-centered leadership development

Racial Justice Task Force

Chair Hannah Carey, Liz Bear, Sheryl Hagen, Amanda Standish Wainwright, Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Denise Legters

- Completed Tasks
 - Brought in a guest speaker to give the history of racism in Orange County
 - Hosted movie nights
 - Hosted a Zoom speaker on Reparations with CLUE
 - Completed the Racial Justice Work Plan
 - Hosted Social Hours
 - Led a Racial Justice Service
 - Maintained the Culture Cart
 - Helped launch a BIPOC Cohort and an Antiracism group
 - Create a system for UU-centered leadership development
- Goals
 - Transition the Task Force into a committee
 - Maintain the Culture Cart
 - Field trip to a site of cultural significance
 - Implement BIPOC Welcoming Congregation
 - Hold 2X/yr discussion sessions after church to discuss congregational progress on racial justice goals
 - Meet with partner UU for accountability 2x/yr to discuss progress on five year goals

RECY

Jennifer Guy, Anca Popescue, Tamara Relmer-Espinosa, Paul Bonfonti

- Completed Tasks
 - Multi-generational service
 - Multi-generational choir performance
 - Planned upcoming OWL classes
- Goals

- Have attendance of 12 kids on average
- Kids read the TFAA at least twice
- One service project for middle school kids and adults
- One meaningful engagement with Rev. Kent
- Explore LGBTQ youth group

Safety Committee

Marle Chen, JL Espinosa, Carl Schmid, Scott Noonan, Judy Rizo

- Completed Tasks
 - Added additional safety equipment
 - Maintained a team of safety volunteers
- Goals
 - Conduct training for greeters, RE teachers, ushers, and the committee members
 - Add steel door to separate the upstairs

Ways and Means

Co-Chair Sue Dearing, Co-Chair Kathy Spahn, Sheryl Hagen, Judy Rizzo, Judy Tracy, Linda Yeargin, Christine Krueger

- Completed Tasks
 - Two in person auctions
 - Pub Trivia
 - Holiday Boutique
 - Various other fundraisers
- Goals
 - Two auctions
 - Develop external participation in fundraisers
 - Enlist short-term volunteers
 - One event focused on talents/arts

Welcoming and Membership

Chair Penny Kinnear, Amanda Standish Wainwright, Michelle Antenesse, Paul Brady, Grayson Gothard, Kathy Dechter, Keith Wortman

- Completed Tasks
 - Organized Tapestry's participation in the Lake Forest 4th of July Parade
 - First Sunday Potlucks on the first Sunday of the even months
 - Hosted Truck or Treat for the Lake Forest Community
 - Held potential new member classes
 - Introduced new members as they joined Tapestry
- Hosted movie nights
- Hosted a chili cookoff

- Hosted a game afternoon
- Hosted May Faire
- Goals
 - Lake Forest 4th of July Parade
 - Achieve a 2% growth in membership
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Ten new members
 - Training for greeters and ushers
 - Table at Gates Children's Festival

Welcoming Neighbors Home

Chair Rona Henry, Denise Fleury, Sheryl Sterry, Anne Owens, Ryan Lenney, Bruce Johnson

- Completed Tasks
 - Our Tapestry "Canaries" continue to monitor local city council agenda and alert us when ○ homelessness or housing issues arise.
 - Judy Tracy made deliveries to local food pantries of items donated by Tapestry members and others to our ongoing food drive.
 - Bruce Johnson continued to lead the monthly meal donations to Friendship Shelter Alternative Sleeping Location with the reliable help of more than a dozen Tapestry volunteers
 - Participated in the Great American Write-in, our table generated 130 letters
 - Marched in the 4th of July Parade carrying posters regarding affordable housing.
 - Hosted four advocacy training sessions
 - Participated in Tapestry's Trunk or Treat event
 - Rick DiBello has 12 bakers for Community Loaves. There have been over 200 loaves of bread and over 1,000 energy cookies given to Families Forward
- Goals
 - Strategize about institutional sustainability of our homelessness and housing work
 - Monthly ASL Dinner
 - Monitor Housing Element implementation and affordable housing development in South OC, collaborative with partner orgs to advocate for pro-affordable housing policies

Worship Committee

Chair Sheryl Hagen, Dave Weber, Peggy Thompson, Nikki Contactor, Connie Purell

- Completed Tasks
 - Provided meaningful worship experiences
 - Arranged guest speakers
- Goals
 - Two multigenerational worship services
 - Include five contemporary spiritual songs
 - Invite Hindu Temple to join us in worship
 - Meet with worship committee of neighboring congregation
 - Try live polling for a question box sermon