

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2017-2018

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Nourishing spirits, working for justice, transforming lives

This has been a busy year full of changes and surprises!

The first surprise was me becoming Congregational President again. The Board appointed me when they learned of Zach's resignation. The by-laws require that I run on the slate for the final year of the presidential term, so you will see my name listed for a one year term. I am joined on the slate by some very talented people and I know they are up for the challenges this next year will bring.

In February the congregation learned that Reverend Price and Reverend Innis will be leaving us at the end of July. The congregation is in the search process now for both an Interim Minister and an Interim DRE. In March our Membership Coordinator, Cindy Pilcher resigned.

In spite of all these changes, our church remains a force for good in our lives and in the wider Community. We still partner with Barren Elementary and do good work there. We still grow food for local food pantries in the Community Harvest Garden. We still stand up for marginalized people in our local community. We still have moving and thoughtful worship services and our RE for children, youth and adults is engaging and creative. This church is changing, but it is still the oasis of friendship and service it has always been.

Our Stewardship Drive theme this year was "Come Travel with Us." What a fitting theme for a church that is on a journey to become the church we all want it to be. What are your dreams for Community Church? Dream big! The next year will be an exciting one as we discover together what Community UU can become.