

March 13, 2023

The Program Council met in person and via Zoom on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 3:00PM After a reading from Tracy, reports given on progress on ideas branding ourselves as “The Place where...” \*The initiative to sponsor the Boy Scouts: Financial responsibility has been looked at, as well as required signatures of sponsors.

\*Preschool vacation programs still to be explored

\*Signboards are very heavy. Ideas on making them more moveable to make them more usable.

\*The program on Cycles of Life will be held on four Wednesday afternoons, mid-September through mid-October.

\* Pancheta Peterson has offered to do a series of 3 2-hour workshops on racism at no cost to us, limited to 10-12 participants; UUMH would get first dibs, but also open to outsiders. In person, and on Zoom?

Minister’s Report: Tracy spoke on the 21-day racial-indigenous challenge which has a link in the eblast. She is also hoping for more than 7 participants for the Common Read she is offering.

Membership: \*The Defibrillator has arrived. Chatham Fire Department willing to provide as much training as required. The training will last about 2 hours and will include CPR.

Social Justice: \*March Outreach is the NAACP. \*The committee would like to contribute to the earthquake relief in Turkey and is still working on which organization to direct our efforts toward.\*There has been a meeting with First Parish Brewster about working together and sharing ideas on social justice

Music: \*Possible program ideas about both Erika Sunnegardh, a Swedish opera singer and Andrea Baker, who sings historically Black music.(Perhaps a tie-in with Black History Month). Both women have a Chatham connection and have shown some interest in doing concerts here.

Social Activities: Offer of a Forest Bathing walk in April open to UUMH people. Much interest.

Art: A possible exhibit of photographic work in the fall after the Thrift Shop closes

Outreach: The Board okayed purchasing 6 4x5’ color ads in the Chronicle at a cost of \$125 each.

Small Groups: Discussion about Small Groups – how to publicize and entice both new and older congregants to join a group. Sign-up sheets available at coffee hour? “Publicity” about Small Groups a part of a Sunday service? Person to person approach seen to be likeliest of success.