

UUA Accessibilities Committee, meeting by conference call

Tuesday, March 28 2006

Present: Helen Bishop, Chair; Vincent Licenziato; The Rev. Lauren Thomas;  
The Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo  
Absent: Gene Burr; David Friedman

The call began at 3:00 pm with check-in. We discussed the Leaven Center in Michigan. Laurie serves on the board of the Center, and Wendy attended a program there. The Center sponsors an annual leadership event for people with disabilities and their allies, and we discussed the possibility that the Committee could attend this program and meet before or after the program.

We discussed an event for community organizers and two workshops that the Committee will be offering at General Assembly on Saturday, June 24. The Committee is co-sponsoring the discussion with UUA staff in the Identity-Based Ministries task group; this event is scheduled for 10 am. The first of the two workshops, scheduled for 2:15 pm, will focus on how people with disabilities and able-bodied people can work together as effective allies. The second workshop, scheduled for 7:15 pm, will focus on success stories in Central Midwest District and Heartland District congregations (Eliot Chapel in Kirdwood, MO; the UU Fellowship in Carbondale, IL; and the UU Church of E Liberty, Clarklake MI).

Helen, Vincent and Wendy will meet with members of the Living Our Faith Working Group, the Committee on Committees, and the UUA board of trustees in Boston April 21 - 22. They will discuss findings and recommendations presented in the report to the UUA board recently submitted by the Committee.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 21, at General Assembly in St. Louis MO, 7:00 to 8:30 am. We will plan the Committee's meetings at GA. Helen will find a location for the meeting, and will notify Committee members and post the meeting location on the GA bulletin board.