

Annual Report from the UUA Commission on Appraisal

In the 2023-2024 period, the CoA was back in action, with our focus on the next report. We maintained regular meetings and moved through a time of rapid learning and burgeoning ideas. The commissioners' collective effort led us to narrow down our thoughts and ideas to one specific area.

The working/tentative title for our next report is as follows:
Religious Community in Present Day Unitarian Universalism.

Each of us has played a crucial role in moving our group from beginning notions, through conversation and deliberation, to where we currently reside. We have a work plan in place. We have divided the topic into pertinent areas of study. We have constructed a survey, which will soon be disbursed to our sibling congregations. By sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure and embracing collaborative work practices, we have laid a solid foundation for the report's next phase: delivering the survey.

As with many teams and groups, the CoA experienced a few personnel changes in 2023-2024. However, these transitions did not hamper our work. Two individuals left the team (Rev. Luca Hergert and Victor Ashear), and one individual was added to the group (Rachel Fenty). We will miss our work partners and respect the work they contributed to the group. We also deeply welcome the newest member of our tribe and look forward to building a rich and lasting relationship with them.

The CoA is a small part of the Beloved Community, which is the UUA. I'm deeply grateful for this small collective within the larger UU community. I look forward to serving as Chair of this Commission and seeing our current project to its conclusion and publishing.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel, Chair, Commission on Appraisal

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