

Partnerships and Alliances Working Group

April Board meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2010 7:30pm to 9:30pm

7:30 – Check in

8:00 – Revisit list of criteria for forging relationships and Conversation, who should the Board be pursuing a relationship with/to what end?:

Criteria for forging relationships:

Questions which will be answered by the group/committee who is requesting the relationship, answers to which will be presented and deliberated on by the Board to approve the nature of the relationship:

- How does forging this relationship fit in with our mission, vision, and values?
- In which ways is this a mutually beneficial relationship?
- In which ways does this relationship further the goals of the Association/Board?
- What is the specific purpose of pursuing this relationship?
- For what period of time (to what end or until what date) will the relationship be active?
- Which WG or committee (or the whole board) is this relationship going to be held?
- What are the potential difficulties in having a relationship with this organization/group?
- Explanation to the member congregations about why it is the Board is partnering with this group.
What key concerns need to be a part of the agreement on how the group/organization is going to work with the Board/WG/Committee?

Determine ways in which we are accountable for relationships with those organizations we are required to be in relationship with (re: By-Laws), or organizations with whom we find that we need to have a relationship.

Draft Charge:

The P&A WG will develop and recommend to the Board criteria under which to assess, form, manage and evaluate Board-to-Board organizational relationships.

- **These relationships would be approved by the Board after evaluation of the criteria to be filled out by the group/committee pursuing the relationship.** (see later item for more on said criteria)
- **The relationship with the organization shall then be crafted with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and elected leadership of the organization with which a relationship is being sought.**

Note: not all organizations we may wish to partner with have a Board, but instead a Steering Committee or other such form of elected and volunteer leadership. Specifically this is not to be a relationship between the UUA Board and Staff of other organizations, but with the equivalent of a Board.

8:30 – Draft a Memorandum of Understanding

9:30 – close