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Report to the UUA Board of Trustees

## **Narrative**

In this report, so close on the heels of our last meeting five weeks ago, I want to report on two initiatives and document the congregational visits and significant meetings since my last report.

The first initiative is Stewardship and Development. As we have discussed many times, this is an area of responsibility for any board member. In my congregational visits, I recognize Fair Share congregations and thank them for their support. I also encourage using the *Fair Share Giving Guide* and *So What to the Districts, Regions, and UUA Do for US?* both attached. I have been using the former in my home congregations for many years with good results. Barry Finklestein and Bill Clontz, UUA financial consultants, shared the latter document with me recently. I have been sharing this document with congregational Stewardship Committee Chairs; they report they have found it useful in their work.

I endorse using the *Fair Share Giving Guide*, writing as a long-time Stewardship canvasser and chair. It works to better connect members to their faith and increases giving. I encourage Trustees to share it with leadership in your own congregations if not already in use.

The second initiative is one I raised in my last report to the board: creating a scholarship fund to support delegates to General Assemblies that are more diverse and accountable to their congregations. I heard the board's reluctance to fund such a program with unbudgeted funds, so I will be pursuing a sustainable, budgeted approach leveraging current scholarship funds.

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### **Congregational and other visits**

January 25 – UU Church of Aiken, met with leadership, preached

February 8 – First UU Society of Sacramento, preached

February 9 – UU Church of Davis, met with leadership, Town Hall meeting

February 22 – UU Church of Bloomington (IN), met with leadership, preached

### **Meetings with committees and organizations**

January 20 – Teleconference with Safety Net (First UU Nashville) to plan GA workshop on CSM National Conversation

January 24 – Google Hangout meeting with Luminary Leaders (with Peter Morales)

January 27 – Webinar with trustees to report out post January board meeting

January 28 – Video conference with representatives of CCCE to set meeting site and date (June 29-30, Portland following GA), and to assess charge from the board

February 16-17 – Met with Donna Harrison and Susan Weaver to plan General Sessions for GA Portland