

Memorandum

To: UUA Board of Trustees
Subject: President's Report
From: Peter Morales
Date: June 21, 2015

In this report I will highlight a few key issues.

APF

I believe the decision several years ago to make the setting of the amount of the Annual Program Fund per member request was a mistake. We have conducted a reevaluation of how we ask congregations to fund their Association and have explored a number of alternatives in detail. However, I believe the Board needs to make the ultimate decision. Before our October meeting we will present the Board with alternatives and recommendations. We will also discuss how to move forward to get buy-in and how to manage a transition to a new system.

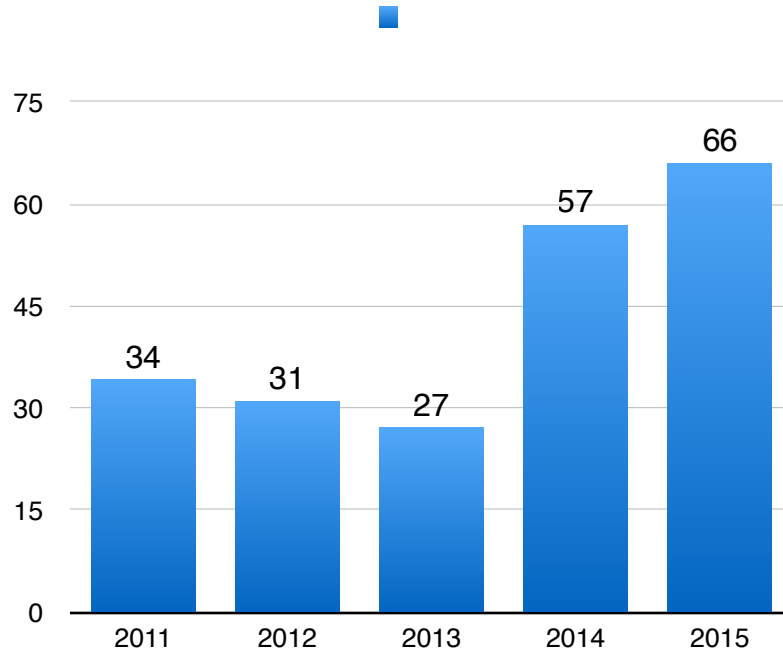
Multi-faith future

The meeting last month among leaders of faith communities (UCC, Union for Reform Judaism, Islamic Circle of North America, United Religions Initiative, Religions for Peace) opened the door for additional cooperation. I am convinced that this is an area with enormous potential. General Assembly 2016 in Columbus will have the theme "Heart Land—Where Faiths Connect." In addition, I am in the early planning stages of creating small prototypes of interfaith outreach.

Ministerial transition

We are dealing with a record number of ministerial retirements in our congregations. The chart below shows the number of retirements:





North Carolina public witness July 13

At the invitation of the Rev. William Barber, I will be participating in a public witness event in Winston-Salem, NC. The rally, which is focused on voting rights, will take on a special urgency after the recent killings in Charleston. I expect a large UU turnout.