

# Memorandum

To: UUA Board of Trustees  
Subject: President's Report  
From: Peter Morales  
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This report highlights topics that are not covered in other parts of the agenda or in other reports.

## **An anxious context to General Assembly**

This GA comes at a particularly anxious time. Many of our LGBTQ members and staff have been traumatized by the mass killings in Orlando. The killer's professed allegiance to ISIS (though he was never a practicing Muslim) has unleashed a new wave of anti-Muslim rhetoric. With a multi-faith public witness event targeted at racism and special guests from other faiths (including the president of the Islamic Circle of North America), this is a emotional setting. I believe we need to be sensitive to the vulnerability, confusion and anger of our people as we move through the week.

## **Annual Program Fund discussions**

A workshop on the future of APF has been scheduled for some time. In my president's report I will discuss the drop of support of the APF as a percentage of congregational budgets. More importantly, I will talk about the inequalities in our current that finds more than one quarter of our congregations contributing less than half the requested donation.

## **Shelter Rock**

On a much happier note, I want to highlight the fact that Shelter Rock has voted to give \$5 million to support the legacy component of the

comprehensive campaign (with UUSC, Meadville-Lombard, Starr King, UUMA and CLF). This is a major opportunity. Shelter Rock will be considering a request for an additional \$15 million gift at its October congregational meeting. The possible impact of such a gift is enormous.

