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UUA Vice Moderator
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Report to the UUA Board of Trustees

Congregational and other visits

- Ministerial Search Committee Retreat (in role as MSR) Williamsburg, VA – June 4-5, 2016
- Ministerial Search Committee Retreat (in role as MSR) Blacksburg, VA – July 29, 2016
- Ministerial Search Committee Retreat and Preaching (in role as MSR) Memphis, TN – September 23-24, 2016

Narrative

Since our meeting in June, I have attended multiple meetings on the following topics:

- Follow up on the General Assembly Responsive Resolution on race (Jim Key report)
- General Assembly Post Event review and 2017 GA planning (additional report to follow)
- APF Task Force (report presented by Larry Ladd)
- Congregational Boundaries (additional report to follow)
- Renewing the Covenant continued planning
- Generosity Network ongoing efforts
- Vision for Social Witness follow up

As co-chair of the Generosity Network (along with Neil Lichtman), I've been working closely with Congregational Giving to build a network of volunteers to provide support and encouragement to congregations throughout the UUA around the Annual Program Fund (APF). Currently, there are approximately 30 volunteers throughout the five regions who are calling on Merit Congregations to thank them for their pledges and gifts. Over the longer term, the goal of the Generosity Network is to provide ongoing contact to help build APF growth, and, perhaps, assist with the transition to a new APF program as it develops. While

this work is not directly linked to the Vice Moderator/Trustee role, it serves as an excellent form of linkage to be in closer contact with our member congregations.

The work on Vision for Social Witness continues under the direction of Susan Leslie and Committee on Social Witness Chair, Dr. Susan Goekler. Their work ties closely to the Renewing Covenant work (led by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie) in terms of how we can be in our best relationships, particularly when dealing with difficult social justice issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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