

Memorandum

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

Presidential transition

As you know, there is no time gap between the election of a new UUA president and that new president taking office. I recall celebrating our election victory with friends the night of the election and arising at dawn the following day for 7:00 a.m. breakfast with foreign guests.

I am determined to make next year's transition smoother for the entire Association. We are going to use the pro bono services of a retired business consultant to help ensure the best transition possible. I and my colleagues in the office of the president have had a couple of meetings already. One area of particular focus will be our fundraising. The changes to the Annual Program Fund and the Life's Calling campaign will both overlap into the next administration.

I have a meeting scheduled at the end of January with both candidates. The Board of Trustees will also play a key role in this transition. I will be working with Jim Key to coordinate our work.

Program and Strategy Officer

You have all heard of the resignation of Terasa Cooley, our Program and Strategy Officer. Terasa has played a key role in leading and coordinating our program staff groups.

While we are still assessing the organizational impact of her departure, we are not likely to fill her position. The staff groups that she has led have capable leadership that has excellent working relationships.

Entrepreneurial Ministry program

While we are meeting as a board, the third of four “intensive” sessions taking place over a two year period is being held in North Carolina. In August of this year the final session will be held in the Boston area.

From the beginning, the goal of this program was not to offer training for a couple dozen ministers, but rather to bring a culture of innovation and the skills of successful implementation to our ministers and other religious professionals. Soon the core team will begin an evaluation of this prototype and begin the work of making the learning available to all religious professionals.

Multi Faith outreach

The multi faith outreach program development has been proceeding steadily and quietly. We are looking to have a symposium in late spring that brings together leaders of several faith traditions who do innovative outreach. This is a high risk and potentially very high reward initiative.

