



## Members of the Nominating Committee

May, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to the Monthly Board Report for May, 2020. Your monthly Board Report will arrive following each monthly board meeting. This month's news is as follows:

### Board Business

Thank you to **Barbara Sakuma**, who has agreed to serve as **Board Treasurer**. Barbara has held this position in the past, so we know these responsibilities are in good hands.

The role of the Nominating Committee is to seek out potential board members and then nominate them at the next annual meeting. The passing of **Marguerite Dastoor** left our **Nominating Committee** with **Rev. Karen** as its sole remaining member. Our by-laws state the Nominating Committee is to consist of the minister, a board member appointed by the board, a non-board member appointed by the board, and a fourth person selected by the members of the Nominating Committee. Board member **Norma Lopez-Reid** has agreed to chair the committee and **Grace LaFranchi** has also agreed to serve. These three will appoint a fourth person from the faith community membership. Thank you to all three for your willingness to serve in this capacity. We also fondly and gratefully remember Marguerite's commitment to this ministry.

### Requesting Feedback: Wellness, and the Reopening of the Church Building

If you will click on the link below and take a 6-question survey, it will let us know who is needing support during lockdown, and it will also help us plan our reopening.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66HT6FN>

The reopening of our church building will be done in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and when it is safe to do so. We will continue to stream the service after the sanctuary is reopened, so each individual may make his or her decision about when it feels safe to return. When that day comes, we ask everyone to wear a mask and practice physical

distancing. Thank you to Deborah Ellis and DE Sales Consulting, Inc. for donating 200 masks and a case of hand sanitizer. We are very appreciative of your support!

### Finances

Our faith community is blessed to be in a relatively strong position financially, partly due to generous giving in April and also due to having ended 2019 in good shape. As you might recall, last year, we were able to replenish our reserves by \$15,000, bringing the balance to \$35,508. We also ended the year with \$12,493. in the checking account. The first quarter is historically our weakest and this year was no exception; we have needed to draw from the checking account, bringing the current balance to \$7,131. The reserve account balance remains \$35,508.

### Communication and Outreach

COVID-19 and the resulting lockdown have forced Unity of Pasadena to become an online ministry while our building is temporarily closed. The opportunity in this challenge is that this allows our ministry to reach a wider audience.

The Unity of Pasadena Board of Trustees has decided to expand our reach by purchasing a 1-year contract with the company Push Pay. With the **Push Pay app** downloaded onto your smartphone, you will be able to stream the Sunday service, register for a class, submit a prayer request, or donate to our faith community. Any other event that we upload onto our Facebook page or Youtube channel, such as a book talk or meditation, will also appear on the Push Pay app. Rev. Karen and Andrea Sheridan are working on the implementation, which is expected to be ready for a full roll-out by mid-July.

### Streaming

Learning how to stream the Sunday service on various platforms is a work in progress. We appreciate your patience and commitment. Words are inadequate to express how much work Andrea Sheridan and Rev. Karen have put into this and how appreciative we are of their efforts.

Your Board works for you. So, please know we welcome your feedback or questions, which can be communicated by emailing [board@unityofpasadena.org](mailto:board@unityofpasadena.org) . Or, use the Online Church Directory to give us a call!

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