

A Letter from the UUCOB Transition Team

Dear UU Members and Friends,

April 20, 2022

The Transition Team has been meeting and working to formulate an online search for a full-time contract minister for one year with an option to extend. While this may seem ambitious, we have secured a donor grant to offset one half of the ministerial cost. We will ask this minister to fulfill three main objectives:

- 1) to grow our congregation
- 2) provide inspiring and informative sermons 2-3 times a month
- 3) to provide leadership in helping us develop a more formal and public social justice presence.

Our surveys have taught us that we value meaningful services, conversation and fellowship, as well as programs and events, but without more people and more volunteers, our congregation is becoming unsustainable. We believe this is our shot at discovering if there are like-minded people in the Outer Banks that may want to join us as we develop a deeper connection with the wider OBX spiritual community and local non-profits.

To accomplish all this, we need funds. Our current financial situation is in need of improvement. Therefore, we encourage everyone who can to honor their 2021-2022 pledges as soon as possible and increase the amount if at all possible.

“Be the Change You Wish to See in the World” - Gandhi
Can you help us in one of these areas?

Worship Associates – Contact Rev. David: revdavidmorris@gmail.com

- These are the lay leaders who help design and lead Sunday services at the pulpit.

Greeters – Contact Nellie Dixon, nelliedixon@yahoo.com

- Hand out Orders of Service and greet people coming to church. Low time commitment. Just show up at church and help out.

Sexton – Contact Nellie Dixon, nelliedixon@yahoo.com

- Prepares church for services, sets up refreshments, cleans up after service.

Programs – Contact Nancy Byrne, byrne1153@gmail.com

- Chooses topics & speakers for Sunday services when minister is not present, suggests creative ideas like potlucks or discussion Sundays, etc. Requires attending monthly meeting to coordinate.

Buildings and Grounds – Contact Dennis Tromba, dennistromba@gmail.com

- Hands on work as needed like weeding, mowing, painting, repairing to maintain our building and grounds. Flexible hours, work with Dennis on schedule.

Pastoral Care – Contact Rosemary Rawlins, rorawlins@gmail.com

- Help coordinate assistance to congregants in need. Sending cards, emails, flowers, and/or coordinating meal deliveries. Rosemary would like to find a substitute for herself as she works on the Transition team, and when she's done with this work, she'll take over pastoral work again. Perk: mostly done from home. Usually meet on Zoom every two months. Other members are Joan Liston and Donna Mohler.

If we are unable to find help, we may have to cut back on services as we go forward to avoid burnout of the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent, and we would hate to lose the momentum we have built around our Sunday gatherings. They have been such a source of strength and joy for us all.

As always, thank you, thank you, and may love light your way,

Lee Fallon
Nellie Dixon
Rosemary Rawlins
Gwen Taylor
Immie Miles

NOTE: If you have questions or comments regarding the information in this letter or the transition team's actions, please contact Lee Fallon at leeatuucob@gmail.com