

Interweave Annual Report for 2016-2017
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“Mission: Interweave is a spiritual home to transgender, bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, questioning, and intersex people, their families and allies. Together, with our Congregation, we nurture social connections, support spiritual growth, educate ourselves and others and advocate for social justice.”

Interweave brought its mission and our core values to life this year through these activities:

- Interweave hosted five **Potluck and Film nights** open to all UUAA members and friends from October through March that attracted between 15-50 participants. October featured Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich speaking on Bisexuality. In November we viewed the classic film, *Paris Is Burning*, followed by a lively discussion. January’s gathering joined 50 folks together to prepare the Women’s Marches with singing, poster making and the sewing of pussy hats by Betsy Price and Victor Hola. February featured Cristy Cardinal with a presentation of *Intersectionality, What Is It? Who Came Up With It? What does It Mean?* The March meeting, co-sponsored with the Accessibility Team, explored a topic of mutual interest *Inclusion: What Does It Mean?*
- To create safe space for conversation and social connections, Interweave hosted **Circle Conversations** on Sundays. Topics included “language matters,” National Coming Out Day - what does it mean to you and planning for the 2017-2018 year.
- Interweave was involved in the planning and coordination of the **Annual Interfaith Service of Affirmation, One Family Undivided, Reclaiming the Blessing**, held in December with outreach and affirmation in particular to transgender people, with about 150 people in attendance. The Planning Team made up of community members was led by Margaret Pekarek with assistance from Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, and Joan Burleigh. UUAA folks who provided music for the service included Brandy Sinco.
- An **Interweave table** was present on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall to welcome visitors, members and friends and to provide information on LGBTQIA topics. The table volunteers were coordinated by Carol Thomas, supported by Victor Hola, Scott Ferguson, and Joan Burleigh.