

INTERWEAVE GROUP - Annual Report 2020-21

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Team description: Our Interweave Group has the following mission: "We are a spiritual home to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) people, their families and allies to nurture social connections; educate ourselves and others, and advocate for social justice. Interweave provides a welcoming presence and gathering place for LGBTQIA people, their families, and allies.

Our purpose is transformation within ourselves, the Congregation, and the greater community." All are welcome. Please email interweave@uuaa.org for more information, or if you would like to be added to the Interweave listserv to receive timely announcements of our activities.

Highlights:

1. Hiatus status- Based on many factors, the group lay leaders worked with QDP to place the group on hiatus status from November 2020- March 2021
2. Trans Day of Visibility- a small group reconvened in March of 2021 to plan and execute a successful trans day of visibility event for the larger UUA community
3. PIVOT meeting- In March 2021, a meeting to discuss the future of Interweave took place.
The current leaders, Ronda Hemingway and Claudette Snow-Schell officially stepped down from their leadership roles. Those in attendance decided they did want the group to continue but wanted to spend time with vision and mission.
4. Mission/ Vision- working with QDP, a small team is generating a new mission and vision
5. Summer gatherings- there is also a desire to host summer outdoor covid safe events; those will be planned by the small group and share widely with the community.

FUTURE:

1. Reintroduction of the group in the Fall with a clear mission and vision statements
2. Some summer gatherings under the UUA COVID safety guidelines
3. Someone will be designated as the "new people responder" checking emails and guiding new folks over the summer while the group is still re-establishing itself.