

UUA Womyn's Community

2020-21 Annual Report

(Spelling of the word Womyn is under discussion by the Council)

Mission Statement: The UUA Womyn's Council provides structure and leadership to coordinate events, activities, educational programming and pastoral support for all who identify as women in the UUA community. By "women" and "womyn", we mean anyone who identifies as a woman in a way that is significant to them, be they trans, non-binary, gender fluid or gender non-conforming individuals. All are welcome.

- We are pleased that the **Womyn's Council** has become increasingly diverse. We are looking forward to more diversity.
- **A colorful monthly newsletter** informs the community about upcoming events and pastoral care needs. This has been expanded in 2020 to include the Womyn's Council meeting information to help the UUA Womyn's Community stay in touch during the pandemic. Our email contact list includes over 400 UUA women.
- **Our monthly Women's Breakfast** has expanded to 2 opportunities, but is temporarily on hiatus due to the pandemic.
- **Sisterhood Socials** are held virtually on the 4th Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted by individual women by UUA zoom reservation and on the 2nd Saturdays of the month at 10 a.m. From 10-15 people attend.
- Ongoing group initiatives include **Caregivers & Kiddos**, **Womyn's Book Groups**, **Outdoor Womyn**, and **1 Liason to the Vision Steering Committee**.
- We continue to coordinate participation in, advocacy of, and education about **women's issues**. We participated in the **Women's March**. Currently we are negotiating the use of the spelling of "**Womyn**" in our intra-UUA communications, with those in the UUA community who are uncomfortable with it.
- **Womyn's Circles**. Judi Lintott and Meg MacKenzie have regular meetings to form new circles. Currently, there are about 15 Womyn's Circles.
- **We are planning the 2021 Womyn's Retreat**, for September 24-26, at Camp Copneconic; in person if it's safe; virtually, or a hybrid if it's not. The theme is *Self-Compassion: Discovering Joy*. All womyn ages 15+ are invited to attend the retreat, and scholarships will be available.
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