

VUUPoint
BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
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Friends of VUU,

April has brought us a sunny new outlook! Reverend Andy will be staying at VUU, as many of you know. He turned down the regional role at the Unitarian Universalist Association when controversy ensued over the selection of a white male candidate. We are saddened by the UUA turmoil but delighted to have Andy back.

In case you missed Sunday service on April 9, you should know that 90 people provided input to the board on whether to retain Andy, and EVERY ONE said "Yes!" Many of you provided very touching testimonials about Rev Andy. Please feel free to share your sentiments directly with him. He and Heather need extra love and support from us after withstanding the storm at the national level.

The UUA reached out to offer support to Andy and VUU. We accepted \$4,000 for Andy to cover counseling and respite, but deferred on accepting support from UUA staffers based on feedback from the congregation and from Andy. We need some space and time to heal from this difficult experience with the UUA.

In the meantime, Andy is getting back in the swing of all things VUU. He is most excited lately about our new membership in Valley Interfaith Project. You'll be hearing more about that soon. We are committed to bending the moral arc of the universe along with community partners.

In more good news, our financials are shaping up well. For the fiscal year ending in June, expenses should be within 1% of revenue (we had to cut expenses earlier in the year to achieve this). The coming fiscal year looks better because more people have made or raised pledges. We will not have to incur costs for ministerial search and relocation, fortunately. And we may be able to eek out some staff raises.

We will not have the budget to implement a second Sunday service, but will have to find a way to do so in the following year or we won't have the capacity to serve all the people attempting to come through our doors. (This is a great problem to have!)

So, let's count our many blessings! Thank you for your involvement and generous financial support!

Yours in service,

Janice Miller
President
VUU Board of Trustees