## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

Dear friends of VUU,

Last week the board of trustees decided to move our monthly meeting to give members a chance to attend the protest rally during the president's visit. Although not all trustees were able to attend, it gave everyone space to observe in their own way.

At the event, it was very encouraging to see the large group of folks representing our VUU community. The bright yellow Standing on the Side of Love shirts made it easy to find folks and seeing everyone there gave me a sense of pride in being a part of VUU and what we stand for. It was also very powerful to be a part of thousands of people that were carrying signs with words like hope, love, acceptance, and equality. Almost every one of our UU principles were on display in those signs:

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The VUU board will resume its work next week during the rescheduled meeting.

Warm regards,
Paul Schneider
President
VUU Board of Trustees



"The rose has no why...."
Angelus Silesius

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