

Summary of Outreach Recommendations/ Strategic Planning Vision 2020

1. Our Outreach work should be transformative for the members of our congregation...The potential for spiritual development and personal growth is something we believe to be an exciting reason for increasing our awareness of Social Justice and other Outreach....we recommend that planning address and guide this important "inreach" aspect of church life is of highest priority.
2. We recommend an ongoing supervisory structure and guidance system for our Outreach efforts. ...that provides guidelines and a consistent process for project evaluation, prioritizes project choices reflective of our mission, uses a determination process for whether efforts are effective and a plan for "sunsetting" those projects that have lost steam.
3. We recommend using the Outreach brochure available from the UUA more broadly to determine ways of maximizing our Outreach efforts and their impact on the congregation.
4. We recommend attention to the exemplary models used by some of our groups in maximizing Outreach and providing more congregational education about the work being done, models used and potential for similar expansion of connectedness and partnerships in the efforts of other groups.
5. We recommend that Faith in Action program be revitalized.
6. We recommend modeling and expanding the work of Alex McGee with young people and increasing ministerial time available for this Outreach. A goal for this work should be starting/developing a Campus Ministry at UVA...
7. We recommend assessing/surveying the congregation for their participation in Social Justice programs....about their interests in various Outreach areas, current and past involvement and about the possibility of further engagement.
8. We recommend exploring how we might best become known in the broader community as UUs...might be offered as an AFD course or in covenant group conversations or possible sermon topic...
9. We recommend a readily available source of clarification of the various ways a person, group or activity "speaks for the church".... a website summary of our policy might help with questions.
10. We recommend regular Adult Faith Development classes and/or other types of sessions to explore topics related to Outreach. Suggested topics: Social Justice history of TJMC., exploring our Image in Social Justices activities, methods of maximizing diversity and continuing efforts at undoing racism; planning a program of music and pulpit swaps with other churches such as Ebenezer Baptist, nutrition or health education, a program on hunger in our community.