

President's Report
October 17, 2017

We continue to add members, and our total membership is now above 600. Roger recommended two years ago, that this is the number that should trigger board discussion for adding ministerial staff. Discussion will start at the October board meeting.

A framed story of Rev. James Reeb has been installed in the Reeb Room, and at Roberta's suggestion, I addressed the name change again in the October 6th *Contact*. Several members thanked me for the article. There has been some discussion among the members about the name change. A complainant accepted the decision after email conversation with Roger.

I attended the October Social Justice meeting and heard about preliminary plans to offer classes in the new year to examine race issues. Dr. Jody McBrien has taught the subject at the college level for several years and will develop and lead this project. While this is a project of the SJ Committee, I asked that the final details and schedule come to the Board for our information and endorsement.

On Friday Oct 13, I am meeting with Kathleen Konicek-Moran, one of the leaders at UUs of Lakewood Ranch, to discuss ideas for growing LWR.

Roberta and I have been seeking a chair for the Auction Committee. I am delighted to report that Bill Payton will assume the role. Thank you so very much, Bill.

The Climate Justice Committee established a few years ago by Brock Leach and others, was first chaired by Diane Cirkseña. She has handed the reigns to Linda Classon and this (subcommittee of Social Justice) has been renamed Green Subcommittee.

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President