



Minister's Report

June 6, 2021

Monthly Worship Theme: Vision

Opening Words: ** This World by Mary Oliver

	Ministerial Observations	Minsterial Wonderings	Ministerial Flags	Ministerial Celebrations
Governance and Leadership	RPG made slide presentation at second members meeting and posted article on reopening plans in June newsletter. All summer services virtual; planning to reopen in person in September.	Does the board need to approve plans to reopen in person in September? It needs to be before 9/12; when and how will that happen?	We did not thank outgoing committee chairs at annual meeting; can the board do that in June?	Annual meeting went extremely smoothly; kudos to all who planned and executed the agenda!
Staff	Staff are sad to say goodbye to Laci and Jud this month.	Laci has resigned; her last day is 6/13. A search team has been convened, with an interim plan for 2021-22.	Personnel committee will be meeting to discuss guidelines/requirement for staff Covid-19 vaccination.	Work is moving ahead on parish office update. Much gratitude to the "Helping Hands" for their efforts to move this project forward.
Worship, Ritual and Ceremony	Summer worship services are all planned, with a combination of lay	Worship staff are all exhausted by this year of virtual pandemic ministry;	The Fenway group will provide support to improve our equipment and wiring, in	Memorial Day weekend worship, Cape Cod Sea Camp family-style, with

	leadership, guest ministers, and visiting other worship services, virtually.	looking forward to vacation time and hoping to have in-person worship this fall.	order to provide high-quality hybrid worship this Fall. Work should go forward in June-July.	multiple family participants, was much appreciated!
Congregational Life and Spiritual Development	Small group ministries really held our community together in the past year. We plan to expand our small group offerings even further this fall.	Welcoming Committee will be reconstituted this summer, in preparation for reopening in person. Worship Committee needs new members.	Each Sunday at 12:30pm, beginning on 6/6, we will open our grounds for family BYO picnicking. We hope many people will choose to gather in person to see old friends and meet new ones.	Our in-person flower celebration and picnic was enjoyed by all those who attended.
Community Engagement and Social Justice	IJC is working on ways to support our community partners, with a current focus on assisting our Ecuadorian neighbors living in Milford with funding for ESL classes.	Our Second Members' Meeting gained just enough for a quorum and both questions successfully passed. What are the next steps?	There will be a History of Enslavement in Brookline presentation by the RJAC sub-group on Monday, June 7 th , with time for Q&A.	The RJAC and Climate Justice committees have reached out to Ujima and ACE (Alternatives for Community and Environment) to build partnerships with these two BIPOC-justice oriented organizations.
Finance and Administration	Debba Andree has convened an auction team, which will have already begun its work. Mark your calendars for this late October event.		Our 2021 budget seems to have ended up in the black, in part due to a second PPP loan.	Kudos to the finance committee for a successful conclusion to the 2021-22 budget process!