



Minister's Report

March 4, 2019

Worship Theme for March: Commitment

Opening Words: Brene Brown: Anatomy of Trust

Check in: What is on your mind that might keep you from being fully present?

<p>Overall: February was a month of deeply-felt preaching – Rev. Eric and Mary Margaret – the loss of a beloved parishioner, a powerful focus on mental health and substance abuse, and great celebrations of our ministry together, with an energized Canvass kick-off and a wonderful Installation service.</p>				
	Ministerial Observations	Ministerial Wonderings	Ministerial Flags	Ministerial Celebrations
Governance and Leadership	<p>1) The Start Up Retreat may not have met all expectations, but was very useful for your minister.</p> <p>2) The Board's Canvass leadership is garnering great praise and positive feelings from many.</p>	<p>What is the best process for filling board seats next year?</p>	<p>1) Should we consider a shared leadership retreat for the Fall to consider event planning, adult programming, and any committee issues that could use a shared perspective?</p>	<p>1) .</p> <p>2) Ministerial Formation Committee is working together very well.</p>
Staff	<p>Final review of custodian job description and initiation of hiring is in process.</p>		<p>1) Lisa has submitted UUA application for intern stipend grant. Rev. Martha has tentatively agreed to supervise, pending meeting with the candidate.</p> <p>2) Peter and Aluen have been working well to do cleaning and Sunday set-up. Bob Williamson has</p>	<p>Staff and volunteers have worked well together to address physical space needs in absence of custodian.</p>

			volunteered “over and above” to support custodial work.	
Worship, Ritual and Ceremony	Worship seems to be going well, with logistics running even more smoothly.		1) Memorial service planned for Jessica Alm, 3/15, 5:30pm. Parishioners will provide reception food. 2) March testimonials are planned.	1) Tremendous gratitude to all who planned and participated in our successful Installation event!
Congregational Life	All-Church Dinner planned for Friday, March 8 th .	1) Pastoral Care Associates attended training in Providence; two new members have been recruited since start-up retreat. 2)		1. 8 session Meditation group, led by Rev. Lisa, starts this week. 12 people have signed up. 2) New Seasoned Souls 2 group is going well.
Community Engagement and Social Justice	DEEP congregational conversation topics and dates for the Spring are set.	1) IJC considering Level 2 Sanctuary agreement with sanctuary Newton church; is congregation ready to adopt this? 2) Brookline Racial Justice Summit was well-attended; several working groups will continue to meet.		Interfaith Clergy Council is in strong support of Racial Justice Summit, with houses of worship offering meeting space and visible support, as needed.
Finance and Administration		What more do we need to do to support Alice and Steve’s Canvass leadership?	Proposed full-time Custodian position will need budget increase; finance committee has been notified.	

