

Mission Vision Task Force Summary

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, 2014-2105

- Purpose** To identify and articulate UFL's mission and vision
- Vision** What we would like the world, our community and UFL to become
- Mission** How we get there

Membership

We began work in June 2014 with Rebecca Gant (leader), Ted Wilson, Barbara Thompson, Jill Jarvis, John Brewer, Michelle Iwig-Harmon, and Suzanna Emelio.

We spent the summer reading, including a book called *Holy Conversations*, various articles, and we also watched videos of a UU congregation that had gone through a similar process and articulated its mission and vision.

In Sept 2014 we held our first meeting. We decided that the first step was to learn about both the UFL and the environment in which we live. Accordingly we set up a series of research projects, events and other opportunities to hear from UFL members and friends.

We hosted **Table conversations** on Nov. 2 and Nov 5 with MVTF members.

We set up a **Bulletin Board** with various materials and forms to ask questions and share transcripts.

We invited **comments by E-Mail**.

On Sept. 28 we presented an **Overview** of our task at the 9:00 Program.

On October 4-5 we hosted **History Day**, which featured a timeline dating back to the found of the UFL, with events that were significant in the world, in the UFL, and in our personal lives. All members were invited to add their memories of UFL transitions.

We circulated a **Survey of religious/theological beliefs** and philosophies of UFL members.

We collected **demographic data** of Lawrence and of our members.

We held two **Town Hall Meetings**.

We hosted **UUA Analyst** Phil Lund on Feb 21.

We hosted **World Café** March 7.

In coordination with the Executive Board, we arranged to have Patricia D'Auria, **UUA consultant**, participate in the following events:

May 8: Dinner – Board and MVTF

May 9: Listening Sessions with about 50 members during the day

We conducted the **May 31 11:00 Service** to present our progress report.

Future Events

Report from Consultant

Summer We will pause, take a deep breath, and spend time reading and reflecting on what we have learned.

Fall We will analyze information that we have gathered and continue the discussion of our mission and vision.