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To: UUA Board of Trustees
From: Peter Morales
Subject: Report

Below are some developments of particular significance that you should know about. I deeply regret that no time is being provided on the agenda for discussion.

Congregations and Beyond

- The oversight and administration of this initiative is being transferred to the office of the president. This will provide a high profile and the ability to coordinate across the many staff groups involved. The day to day administration will be under the supervision of Harlan Limpert.
- We have decided to hire a consultant to help us develop a strategic vision of communication with an emphasis on the use of social media.

Professional Ministry

- We have completed, in cooperation with the Education Development Center, a draft of a profile of UU ministry. When complete, this profile will be an important tool for self assessment, professional development, ministerial education and even credentialing. The profile was developed in consultation with the UUMA.
- We are at the early stages of exploring a partnership among the UUA, the UUMA and a prominent business school for the purpose of developing entrepreneurial leadership skills among ministers.

Headquarters

- The exploration of options for a new headquarters continues.

College of Social Justice

- We have just signed a memorandum of understanding between the UUA and the UUSC for the College of Social Justice joint project. The CSJ, under the leadership of the Rev. Kathleen McTigue, is now an operational reality.

Partnership with United Church of Christ

- As you recall, several senior leaders of the UCC participated in Justice GA. That came as the result of a meeting of UUA and UCC senior staff at their Cleveland headquarters a year ago. We are continuing to explore areas of collaboration. A delegation from the UCC will be in Boston next month.
- I have been invited to attend the General Synod of the UCC next summer. I will participate in a border trip and be the keynote speaker at an interfaith event.