

January 2022 Congregational Meeting Summary

Thank you to all who were able to attend our January Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23! To recap:

We received a joyous introduction to Rev. Sana Saeed in her new role as Affiliated Community Minister. In her work with the UUA, Rev. Sana works with 54 congregations across the Central East Region, and though ours is not one of the congregations encompassed by that role, she is happy to call the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia her religious home.

Ken Olin was unanimously re-elected to the role of Moderator, filling the first year of a two-year term.

Beginning in September, Trustee-at-Large Kate Slater has led the congregation in a process of revising the Congregational Covenant. At the meeting, the final version of these revisions were proposed and accepted with 98.5% of attending members in favor. We firmly believe that this document is as strong as it is due to the thoughtful feedback of so many members of this community. Thank you to all who participated in this process.

We heard an update from The Stewardship Working Group with the pledge numbers as they stood at the time. They reiterated our shift from the fiscal year pledge cycle to a calendar year pledge cycle, and thanked all who have pledged during this year's campaign. The work of this church is made possible by all of our contributions, and each and every one is greatly appreciated.

Despite the congregation's generosity, however, we are experiencing a significant shortfall in pledge income this fiscal year. In response to this reality, and on recommendation of the Finance Working Group, the Board has implemented a series of budget revisions to greatly decrease our projected deficit. For more details, please see the [January 21st email from Board President David O'Connor](#) detailing the revisions and the reasonings behind them.

Lastly, we were happy to announce the recipients of the Congregational Vision Awards! Congregants were invited to nominate their fellow congregants whom they felt embodied each arm of our Congregational Vision. [Congratulations to the recipients!](#) They were as follows:

Welcoming - Kathy Bell
Empowering - Laura Gibson
Spiritually Supportive - Debby Schultz
Inspiring - Luana Goodwin
Caring - Loretta Dunne
Peace and Justice - Sonja Dahl

We hope to see you at the May Congregational Meeting!

—Katherine Borden, Board Secretary