

Welcoming Congregation Committee (WCC) Annual Report – June 2, 2019

BUUF was recognized as being a Welcoming Congregation by the UUA in 2006. Last year we decided to follow the UUA recommendation of renewing our WC status on a five-year basis, but we were unable to complete the task. During this year the “rules of the game” changed, and now in order to maintain our WC status we must renew on an annual basis by following the five practices of renewal each year. Because this current renewal process occurs during the calendar year, we had to reset our “clock” and begin on January 1, 2019, and will not be able to apply for our renewed status by this year’s Annual Meeting, as we had hoped.

The Five Practices of Renewal

1. Become a Welcoming Congregation.
2. Welcoming Worship Services (at least 2 time per year).
3. Welcoming Days of Observance (at least 6 times per year).
4. Welcoming Congregation Module (one seminar/webinar per year).
5. Support a Welcoming Project (financially).

We have met numbers 1, 2, and 5 already, and we plan to recognize 6 Days of Observance and hold one UUA approved seminar/webinar by the end of this calendar year (December 2019) before submitting our application for renewal.

This committee does have a couple requests of our fellowship.

As we did in 2006, we’d again like to know if our voting members would like to continue with the UUA annual Welcoming Congregation renewal process so BUUF can maintain its recognition as a Welcoming Congregation.

And, as the average age of the members of our committee is about 80 years old, we’d like to pass the torch on to the next generation (or even the one after that!). Please let any of us know if you have the time to ensure that BUUF meets the five practices of renewal for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sarra, Chair

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