

2019 Annual Report

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Name of Committee/Team or Job Position: Safe Congregation Committee

Name of Person Submitting the Report: Katharine Lion

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Safe Congregation committee was created and sponsored by the Board based on suggestion by me, DRE, Katharine Lion. I discovered while working on background checks that our policy is nine years old and contained out-of-date policy. I suggested we create a committee that could review the UUA's suggestions, review our policy, create a list of resources (local, state & federal), identify our safety risks, create a plan for emergency preparedness & update our employee/volunteer application.

Several people were asked to join the committee. We were looking for DRE, board member, emergency responder, social worker & lawyer to be a part of the committee. The committee now consists of me, Katharine Lion, DRE and Beth LaFleur, board member. Come June, Beth will chair the committee as my board membership expires.

The committee decided to review the UUA's recommendations first & to begin watch a Webinar: Safer Congregations-Where to Begin. This gave us a good overview of their suggestions which are extensive. We divided up the reading of their particular suggestions where I will focus on child & youth safety and Beth will focus on emergency preparedness.

By the meeting in June we hope to have a task list to accomplish next year. The project is extensive and we would welcome any volunteers to assist.

Regards,

Katharine Lion