

## Welcoming Congregation Committee Report for BUUF's 2020 Annual Meeting

Committee Members: Katharine Lion, Charles Long, Dorothy Long, Lia McCoskey, Rachel Reed, Dave Sarra, Gloria Weberg, Julie Williams.

During 2019 the Welcoming Congregation Committee completed the Five Practices of Welcome Renewal and received a certificate from the Unitarian-Universalist Association (UUA) on January 6, 2020.

We must now renew our status as a Welcoming Congregation annually. The WCC created a plan in February of 2020 to complete the Five Practices and renew our status for next year.

The Five Practices include:

Become a Welcoming Congregation

Present Two Welcoming Worship Services

Six Welcoming Days of Observance (mentioned during services)

Welcoming Religious Education (presenting a seminar with discussion)

Support a Welcoming Project

Due to the restructuring of our lives (mine in particular) because of the COVID pandemic, we missed two Days of Observance originally scheduled to be presented in April. We will be able to make up those days during the rest of the year as well as complete all Five Practices of Renewal.

The WCC received \$200 this year and is asking for an additional \$200 from the Social Justice Committee to purchase the \$400 six-session online course by Transforming Hearts Collective titled: *Transgender Inclusion in Congregations*. Presenting this online course will serve as the Welcoming Religious Education component of the Five Practices for this current year.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dave Sarra*

WCC Chairperson