History Committee Projects

Contact History Committee with comments and interest in participating at Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

The History Committee invites you to participate in short-term projects, spread over time, to promote interest in the past and enhance how we are making our own history. The times and activities projected here are suggestions. The scheduling and specific activities are planned with participants in compliance with the Covid 19 Advisory Committee requirements.

Following are descriptions of Project suggested by the History Committee. Please let us know which ones would like to consider doing. Note the time projection, which may depend on how the projects progress. We probably will work on only 1-2 projects simultaneously.

***Artifacts, RE*** (2-3 people, Time 3 hrs.)

Description: In the 1960’s women of the All Souls Unitarian Church purchased religious artifacts to be used to bring the lessons of world religions alive. The collection is highlighted in *Universalists & Unitarians of Maine*, Peter Tufts Richardson, Red Barn Publishing, 2017. With various displays, the items and their descriptions have become mixed.

Project Action: Match the items with the descriptions and arrange storage, usage and display.

*Banners and Flags* (N**o**t limited, Photographer will be needed, time variable.)

Banners and flags show our UU presence in parades and events, such as marches, the Gay Pride march, etc. Flags include the Rainbow Flag that is flown at the front door of the church.

Project Action: Catalog background documentation of the symbolism and when, why, and how a banner of flag is or has been used, and storage location.

* Church banners
* Special focus: Love Not Hate Practiced Here, Creating Justice, Standing on the Side of Love, Discrimination Free Zone
* Rainbow Flag (entry), Welcoming Congregation – on the UUCC website banner

***Books/publications of UU History*** relevant to us. (2-3 people, Time 4 hrs.)

Description: We have books and other publications of interest in UU history in general, selected historic references and August area.

Project Action:

1. Compile a library listing of the historic materials and locations.
2. Compile a annotated listing of histories of the three congregations.
3. Listing of oldest historic files

***Buildings***: Notes and stories (2-3 people, Time: 4 hrs.) Room for ongoing updating.

Description: Where we live, our home, our connecting place as we do the work of the congregation. We have a number of spaces used in the last 200 years in Augusta.

Project action: organize the Buildings Notebooks and concise history notes for the notebook.

***Groups and Clubs*** (2-4 people, Time: 6 hrs.)

Description: We have records on 15 groups from 1897 to 1992 that sustained the congregations (Groups for men, women, youth; fundraising, denominational groups.)

Project Action: Prepare a synopsis of each group’s contribution in our church history.

***Oral Histories*** (2-3 people, Time 3 hrs.)

Description: We have been collecting oral histories over the last few years on in several different ways. Some have been transcribed.

Project Action: catalog the respective oral histories and status (recorded, transcribed, etc.)