

## **Message From The Board – August, 2016**

The Board of Trustees has had a very busy last few months. We started out the month of July establishing the teams that were developed as a direct result of our strategic plan of 2012. Of particular interest this month is our UCC 85th Anniversary Celebration Team. They have spent the last few months getting established and planning a very exciting celebration of our Spiritual Community and our Heritage.

The 85th Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 2, 2016. The festivities will start at our Sunday Morning service with a very unique presentation planned especially to highlight and celebrate our many years as a Presence in the St. Louis Community with specific emphasis on the transformational process that we have gone through as a Spiritual Entity. There will also be fabulous music provided by a number of our favorite musicians and we will also be honored by the presence of a number of surprise guests!

The Sunday Service will be followed by a Banquet held at The Highlands Golf and Tennis Clubhouse in Forest Park and it will be quite an “extravaganza”. Our keynote speaker will be Reverend Lawrence Palmer, a past Minister of Unity Christ Church, who we know will have many wonderful memories to share. There will also be lots of other wonderful events and more surprises.

The Board of Trustees is getting more and more excited as the plans unfold! We would like to take this time to give special thanks to the 85th Anniversary Celebration Team. They are doing a fabulous job. They are: Mary Biggs, Pat Dillon, Juankee McKinney, Leonard Smith, Carolyn Perry and Karolyn Senter.

On July 16, 2016 the Board of Trustees and a number of our church members attended A Vision-Mission and Core Values Process: Creating Intentional Spiritual Community Training. The results of that training was presented to the congregation on Sunday July 17th, where an opportunity to give input was provided. The Board received a lot of positive feedback and the majority of those who responded loved the Mission and Vision Statements as presented. Because of your overwhelming positive response, the Board made the decision to adopt the Vision and Mission Statements as they were presented to the congregation on July 17, 2016. They are:

**Vision: One in Spirit, we envision a loving world that honors the divinity of God in everyone and everything.**

**Mission: Unity Christ Church inspires and empowers individuals to experience God and transform the world.**

This process that we started is just a beginning, so please stay tuned for the next steps that we will be taking in this process of transformation at UCC.

We would especially like to take this time to thank all of our members who attended the training and all those who gave their input in this process. We, the Board feel particularly blessed to have all of you wonderful beings of light as members of our Spiritually Community. As always, we affirm: We Love You, We Bless You, We appreciate you and we BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU!

*One In Spirit,  
The Board of Trustees*