

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year! 2018 will continue changes since the arrival of **Rev. Ron Palumbo**, along with new programs: **Friendship Sundays, Interfaith Partnership Thanksgiving Service**, and the **River City Pop Christmas Concert**. Also, **Judy Lindow** retired after 15 years of service to [Unity Christ Church \(UCC\)](#) to be replaced by **Erika Carmichael**, as Office Manager. **Alan Ernst** has resigned as Music Minister; our musical friend, **Deborah Sharn**, is volunteering as Music Coordinator.

Several changes (amendments) were made to the **UCC Articles of Agreement** and **Bylaws** at the **Annual Meeting** to make them more democratic and transparent (see Amendment article elsewhere in this newsletter). And **Michael Shelton-Montez** and **Leonard Smith** were voted as new members to the **Board of Trustees**.

Also, each of the current Board Members, **Rudolph Clay, Lawrence Johnson, Juankee McKinney**, and **Carolyn Perry**, has agreed to serve an additional year on the Board to establish a quorum and provide continuity.

We ended 2017, as expected, with a budget deficit. Going forward in 2018 much work will need to be done on church finance, membership and maintenance of the building. The Board needs your help: if you're **not** on a volunteer team, (*Hospitality, Library, Book Store, Landscape, PR, Platform Assistant, Audio-Visual, Events, or Greeters*) we urge you to join today!

Hoping you had a very, Merry Christmas and the New Year finds you in good health and happiness!

We are honored to serve **Unity Christ Church**, as we **"Move Forward in Faith"...**

Blessings to You All,
The Board of Trustees