Signage Task Force Report

by Colleen Kadleck, Signage Task Force Chair

This spring, the sign task force asked for your written feedback about the three options for replacing the outdoor sign that is in poor condition. This article summarizes the feedback, our recommendation to the board, and the thoughts guiding our decision.

Our task force wants to thank the congregation for the comments, questions, and concerns raised in the survey, town halls, and congregational meetings. There was support for each sign design. The written feedback from the survey will also be shared with the board prior to their decision on the sign.

Our deliberations carefully considered the feedback we received, information we have gathered as a committee, the principles that guide our faith, the current financial status of the church, and our congregation’s plans for the future.

We considered what the congregation wants in a sign and where we are as a congregation. Last year, we struggled and did not ultimately meet our pledge goals for the year. Thanks to a generous donor, that gap was closed. Our task force did not feel comfortable recommending a large expenditure under these circumstances and considering our plans for future expansion. Any sign will require significant, long-term fundraising separate from the budget process. If, during the future capital campaign, the congregation decides to upgrade the sign, the design will allow for it. We did not recommend sign #2 (a sign that includes the name of the church, illuminated, with manually changed letters for displaying messages). We recognize there is a long and valued tradition of our congregation sharing our principles and our faith with the larger community. We respect this tradition and the hard work that has gone into reaching out to the larger community.

Considering available technology to reach out to a larger digital community and the resources needed to maintain the Wayside Pulpit, our recommendation is that we share these messages digitally through social media and reach a wider audience with less expense and effort.

Our task force recommends sign option #1 (name of the church illuminated at night, preferably with “A Unitarian Universalist congregation” included) designed to allow for expansion to sign #3 (an electronic LED sign that would be capable of changing messages and images) in the future when the congregation has the desire and resources for installation. In addition, the task force recommends that our tradition of sharing messages through the Wayside Pulpit be continued through digital means—through a social media platform—as the public relations committee and church staff find appropriate.
10AM Sunday, September 1  - “What’s Next?”
At the start of a congregational year together, we gather to look forward in expectation.
Worship Leaders: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Mary K Stillwell

10AM Sunday, September 8  - “Fiercely Waiting”
The work of transforming the world is longer than any single lifetime. How do we live both in hope and holy impatience?
Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Sändra Washington
Share the Care: Finance Team

10AM Sunday, September 15 - “Third Thursday”
Over the last year, Dr. Fuson, Rev. Sinclair, and the A Street Band have experimented with a “Third Thursday” worship series combining music and spoken word. This week we bring it to Sunday morning - come ready to dance.
Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Dr. Bob Fuson

7PM Thursday, September 19 - Third Thursday Service
Stay tuned to the weekly Eblast and Facebook for details
Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair

10AM Sunday, September 22 - “Living & Giving Our Values”
Cultivating a spirit of generosity is good for the soul, whether we give more time, money, or love to the community we care about. How can we give more and with more intentionality?
Worship Leader: Schuyler Geery-Zink
Worship Associate: Burt Smith
Share the Plate: Clinton Elementary

10AM Sunday, September 29 - “Rosh Hashana: Sweetness in Life”
This week marks the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days, and the start of a new year. We gather to celebrate life’s sweetness, and to wish each other joy in the coming year.
Worship Leader: Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Worship Associate: Amy Miller
Expectation

The Unitarian Church of Lincoln is a loving community, uniting reason with spiritual exploration to transform ourselves and transform the world.

The vision laid out by this congregation appears on our website, our social media pages, our radio spots, and our Orders of Service on Sunday. It is everywhere that we put out printed communication. At the same time, it feels underutilized. While our mission statement, particularly it’s emphasis on showing up, is better known, the vision puts into words some of the deep hopes that we have together.

This is the third congregational year that Stacie and I have started in Lincoln Nebraska. Over the last several years we’ve grown to love this congregation and this city, and I look forward to a long and rich ministry here.

There’s a saying in congregational leadership—“You will always overestimate what you can get done in a year, and underestimate what can be done in a decade.” Over this summer, as I’ve been thinking about what we might do together in a decade, I keep coming back to this vision statement, broken into three parts:

The Unitarian Church of Lincoln is a loving community.

A few years ago now, this congregation commissioned Clif Hardin to write a choir anthem on the occasion of this renovated building. “Open arms inviting me in/to belong once more,” the anthem goes, and I hope that we continue to live into it as an extravagantly welcoming community, open to all and actively engaged in drawing the circle of welcome wider each week, each month, and each year.

Uniting reason with spiritual exploration

One of the things that makes the Unitarian Church special in Lincoln is our embrace of reason and spiritual exploration as complementary values. Our spiritual journeys are deepened by the life of the mind, and our reason is subtler and more compassionate through our participation in communal spiritual exploration.

I also hope that we can make this part of our vision more directly concrete. If all goes well, in just over a year I will be able to supervise ministerial interns. The Unitarian Church of Lincoln is a great place to do and learn the work of ministry, and over the next two church years you will hear a lot from me about my hopes to grow UCL as a center of learning in ministry.

To transform ourselves and transform the world

This is what it is all about. Unitarian Universalism is a transformational faith: what it asks is not that we accept a creed or set of answers, but simply that we take the big questions of life seriously - and that we are willing to match our actions to our answers to those questions. Transforming the world is a big task for a single church, but it happens in aggregate, the result of billions of transformations, tiny or mighty, adding up over years. I look forward to joining in that work of transformation with you this year.

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Theme for this year: “World Religions”

Preschool: Combination of the curriculum books: Chalice Children and Celebrating Me and My World. Lessons are specifically focused on concepts of peace and justice and are appropriate for the preschool level. Lessons introduce concepts such as: Peace, Sharing, Fairness, Friendship, Diversity, and Cooperation.

K-1st Grade Class: 'Treasure Hunting'

This curriculum uses the theme of treasure hunting as a concrete way of involving children in the excitement of the search for the meaning of life. It addresses issues that children face daily, explores the meaning of Unitarian Universalist principles and values, and emphasizes an accepting and caring community. This curriculum will help children learn about their congregation, understand and celebrate the uniqueness and feelings of people, and gain awareness and appreciation of the community and world around them.

2-3rd and 4-5th Grade Class: 'Holidays and Holy Days'

In this program, participants learn about the origins and meanings of holiday and holy day celebrations.

The authors state, “Holidays are the natural, age-old vehicle of religious socialization. Their festivities tell a story which children absorb with delight, through experiences far more than through words. Decorations, colors, costumes, dances, lights, songs, foods, festivity, gifts, excitement, pageantry, solemnity, ceremony, and ritual: it is of these that tradition is woven, that memories, beliefs, values, fears, hopes, and reverence are transmitted. A holiday is not something to talk about . . . it’s something to DO.” The program is divided into three calendar sections: fall, winter, and spring.

Middle School Class (6th-8th Grade): ‘Neighboring Faiths’

32 flexible sessions explore history and development of different faith traditions. Participants learn about different world religions while they visit and relate to their own growing faith. Includes historical resources and tips for hosting guests, visiting other faiths, creating worship experiences and more. Guest speakers, videos, and field trips if we have enough volunteers to help out!

High School (9th –12th Grade Class):

Senior High students will explore volunteer opportunities and concepts of peace and justice in our church and the Lincoln community.

Announcement: We still need people to volunteer in the following areas for our Sunday School program. If we don’t have enough volunteers then we will need to start considering combining classrooms which we don’t want to have to do. The commitment is between 7-10 times in a church year. Pick your own Sundays and training provided! Contact Chelsea if you have questions: rgdlincoln@gmail.com

2-3: 2 teachers, 1 assistant
4-5: 1 teacher, 3 assistants

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Adult RGL Class Proposals
The Adult RGL Committee is issuing a call for course proposals to be offered this Fall, Winter, and Spring. Do you have a class you’d like to offer or a class you’d like to see offered?

Pick up an application to fill out at the Adult RGL Table at church on September 8 or 15, in the church office, or by emailing Duncan Case frankcase4346@gmail.com or Carrie Holloway holloways5@yahoo.com. Due date for submission is September 21 for this Fall.

Navigating Normal Aging
Sunday, September 22 • 11:15AM • Sanctuary
After the service, Carol McShane from Nebraska Nursing Consultants will give a one-hour interactive presentation on “Navigating Normal Aging.” McShane is a Certified Geriatric Care Manager and a past president of Nebraskans for Peace. She has broad clinical experience in hospital nursing, home health and hospice.

The philosophy of care at Nebraska Nursing Consultants is that aging is not a disease and shouldn’t be treated as one. Generally, in normal aging, things slow down and become less efficient. McShane will share tips on how to stay in control, focus on strengths, prevent illness and accidents, and find joy. The event is sponsored by the UU Aging Parents Support Group and is open to all.

LGBTQA Movie Night
Friday, September 20 • 8:00PM* • Auditorium
The Welcoming Committee will show the movie “Margarita With a Straw.” The story of Laila is a teenager living with cerebral palsy. When she gets a scholarship for an NYC university, she starts her own journey of self-discovery. Upon realization she is actually bisexual, she will try to come out to her parents and feel finally accepted.

*TIME CHANGE from our usual time so folks can attend Queer as Fall (an inclusive pride picnic) at Antelope Park if they choose to. Make it a date night - picnic and movie with a friend!

WORSHIP ARTS NEWS
A new church year begins!
The support for music and arts in this church has truly warmed my heart. There are so many exciting things happening here and I can’t wait to tell you about all of them. For starters, here’s a few tidbits.

On Sunday, September 15, Oscar, myself, and the fabulous A Street Band will present a Thursday-style service. This is a great opportunity for folks who mainly attend Sunday services to see what we get up to on Third Thursdays. The band is presenting a “greatest hits” of the past year and let me say it was VERY difficult to choose the set list - the band has been just phenomenal.

We have a very special service planned for October’s Third Thursday service (more about this one later.) Then in November a service on LOVE is being planned with the amazing and fantastic Jean Helms partnering with Oscar and the A Street Band. I’m so excited for these, you won’t want to miss them.

Some larger projects are looming, and I hope to update you about them soon. Let me just say this - the things happening here in Lincoln are going to be very special not just for us but for our community as well.

Questions? Comments? Come and see me! I’m keeping office hours by appointment until my teaching schedule settles down, but I’d love to hear from you.

All the best,
Bob Fuson, DMA, Music Director
Showing Up for Social Justice

The Social Justice Committee is back in action!

This month:

We wrote a petition asking the City Council to pass an ordinance that will require gun owners in Lincoln to lock up their guns and store their firearms when not in use. Thank you to the 49 people who signed the petition and 3 people who wrote letters.

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 3 • 6:30PM

Note the early starting time!

The Social Justice and Denominational Affairs committees will watch the film Legalize Democracy and review the UUA’s study guide to the Congregational Study Action Issue 2016-2020: The Corruption of Our Democracy. The guide focuses on the past, present and future of democracy in the U.S. and on the history of corporate influence and structural racism on U.S. democracy.

Upcoming Event:

Latino Festival

Saturday, September 21 • 1:00PM - Midnight • Center for People in Need - 3901 N 27th St.

The Social Justice Committee invites all members and friends to come celebrate El Centro de las Américas’ first ever Latino Festival! There will be live entertainment, food and artisan vendors, a beer garden hosted by Zipline Brewery, children’s activities, and more. The entry fee is $5 per family. For more information, please check out the El Centro de las Americas’ Facebook page or contact Eva at eva@elcentrone.org.

“When They See Us”

Thursday, Sept 26 • 7:00PM • Sanctuary

The Social Justice Committee invites you to a showing of the first episode of the gripping new Netflix miniseries “When They See Us.” Trigger warning: This heart-wrenching portrayal of the real-life experience of five Black and Latinx youth will make you uncomfortable. That’s a good reason to see it. We all need to feel uncomfortable with the treatment of people of color in the mass incarceration system.

Yusef Salaam, Antron McCray, Korey Wise, Raymond Santana and Kevin Richardson were 14, 15 and 16 years old when they were terrorized and manipulated by police and prosecutors in 1989 into making false confessions to a brutal rape and beating. The media demonized and dehumanized them as the Central Park Five.

In 2002, after serving years in prison, they became the Exonerated Five as compelling new evidence led to overturning their convictions. “When They See Us” shows the toll the wrongful prosecution and imprisonment took on them and their families.

Acclaimed director Ava DuVernay is the creative force behind “When They See Us”, which received 11 Emmy nominations. Watch the official trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3F9n_smGWY.

Share the Plate - Clinton Elementary

Angee Luedtke, the principal at Clinton Elementary School, will be the Share the Plate speaker on September 22. We are beginning our third year of a developing partnership with the school. Ms. Luedtke will share how our financial contributions will enhance the children’s learning experiences and how we can support student success by volunteering.
Pledge Campaign Preview: Online Giving, & Fair Share Contribution

From Theresa Forsman, Vice-Treasurer

The Stewardship Committee is making plans for a robust pledge campaign in October. Some changes are planned for this year’s campaign, which will be detailed fully in pledge materials and in October’s Beacon. Here is a preview:

**Online Giving:** In your profile in Realm, the church’s electronic database, you can pay your pledge (or other donations) via credit card or bank account by clicking on the Giving tab in the top center of your profile page. Staff and volunteers will be on hand in the gallery after Service every Sunday in September to demonstrate this new feature or to help set up your profile in Realm, if you don’t already have one.

**UUA Fair Share Contribution Guide:** The Fair Share Contribution Guide encourages you to decide on your level of financial support for the church based on your connection to and vision for the church. It also recognizes that individuals have varying capacities to give, depending on their resources and other responsibilities. The Fair Share Contribution Guide recognizes that a “one percentage fits all” pledge goal may not adequately take into account the broad range of financial resources and levels of connection to the church among our members.

**Expanded Pledge Form:** Our more detailed pledge form (either online or paper) will give our office staff and treasurer more information about cash flow and third-party pledge payments (those that come from an IRA custodian, for example).

**Save the Date:** We’ll celebrate a successful Pledge Campaign and other accomplishments with dinner and drinks, games and door prizes, on Friday, Nov. 1, at 6:00PM. Childcare will be provided. Party flyers will be posted in the church next month.

Choir Begins Anew

The church choir will begin a new season of music-making on September 4! We welcome any singers of high school age or better who like to read music and would enjoy being part of the worship life of our church. Mark your calendars with the following dates and then just show up and sing! New members are welcome at any time.

- September 4, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- September 18, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- September 29, 8:30AM rehearsal for 10am service
- October 9, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- October 16, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- October 20, 8:30AM rehearsal for 10am service
- November 6, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- November 13, 7:00 - 8:30PM
- November 17, 8:30AM rehearsal for 10am service
- December 15, 9:00AM One-Hour Choir rehearsal for 10:00AM service

Questions? Contact Julie Enersen at choir@unitarianlincoln.org.

6300 Dinner Club

Do you like to eat good food and meet new people? Sign-up for the 6300 Dinner Club will be every Sunday in September, after service in the gallery space, or email LindaAger@aol.com. Each participant will host once and be a guest twice during the year. This is for adults only, couples or singles. It’s a great way to get to know other church members in a more intimate atmosphere. For more information see the sign-up table after the service.
Green Corner

Your Input Needed

Sunday, September 15 • 11:30AM

The Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees are sponsoring an informational session on climate solutions, carbon pricing bills, and local climate initiatives. Dr. Lucas Sabalka, a nonpartisan energy expert, will lead the session.

Please attend so you can learn more about climate bills in Congress, ask questions, and express your opinion. The UUA supports the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763). The Association requests individual congregations to consider endorsing this bill. The GS and SJ committees will ask the Board of Trustees to formally endorse this bill for the Unitarian Church of Lincoln.

Global Climate Strike in Lincoln!

Friday, September 20 • 2:30PM

Meet at NU’s Green Space. The march to the state capitol begins at 3:00PM. We will stand together demanding state level climate action! Find more on Global Climate Strikes at https://globalclimatestrike.net.

The UUA has joined as a partner with the Global Climate Strike (#strikewithus). On September 20, three days before the UN Climate Summit in NYC, young people and adults will strike across the US and world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. Millions will take to the streets to demand the right to a future.

Coming in October

October 13 - 15 • Platte River State Park

Elders for the Earth: A Retreat in the Spirit of Chautauqua Visit Elders4theEarth.com
Full Moon Circle - The Dying God
Sunday, September 15 • 6:00PM
Join us as we celebrate the cycle of life and the sacrifice of the Green Man as he dies only to be reborn in the spring.
Potluck and fellowship for all. Please bring something to share.
The Earth Stewardship program reminds the community to reuse, repurpose, and recycle at the “Give Away” table. Circle-goers may bring an item or two from home and take away whatever they wish. As always, the Red Grail supports the local food bank and accepts donations of gently-used books for inmates. The Red Grail accepts donations for the Avalon Spiritual Retreat Center project.
We have been partnering with UCL for nearly 26 years, offering spiritual celebration and comfort to all Earth-centered people in the community, and are open to the public. Check the UU calendar for Red Grail Full Moon Circle dates. Learn more at orderoftheredgrail.org, email redgrailinquiry@gmail.com, or join the Red Grail-ATC Facebook group!

Open Circle Sign-ups in the Month of September
Open Circles are monthly small group gatherings of less than 10 people that encourage individual growth and interpersonal connection. They are designed to foster friendships among members through deep sharing of personal reflections on religious, ethical, and spiritual themes. Open to members and committed friends of the congregation.
Now is the time to sign up to join a new circle, or to let us know that you will be continuing in an existing circle. Stop in the church office on any Sunday in September. We can answer any questions that you have and provide forms for signing up. There are pamphlets on the rack in the front hallway which list the days and times when each Open Circle is held each month.

Playground Repair
Saturday, September 28 • 9:00AM
The playground area at the church has long had an issue with water from the downspouts washing out the mulch. A solution has been devised by Nathaniel Herpel, a scout and member of the High School Class here at the Unitarian Church. The fix is to divert the downspouts through underground PVC pipes to a French drain in the green space on the south lawn. Also, the project includes staining the wooden xylophone and adding mulch to the playground. The project is planned for Saturday, September 28, 9:00AM and September 29, if needed. He will be assisted by scouts from Troop 25, his family, and anyone at the church who might be interested. If you would like to assist, contact Rob.Herpel@gmail.com or Rachael.Herpel@gmail.com or contact Jean at the church office.

Be The Change
Poems, Prayers and Meditations for Peacemakers and Justice Seekers
Also available as an eBook from Google eBooks or as an eBook from Kindle eBooks.
This collection is designed to inspire and sustain activists and others who are working for a better world. Brimming with poignant and inspirational quotations and verse from Jesus to Shakespeare to Edna St. Vincent Millay, Rachel Carson and Maya Angelou.
Paperback.
$12.00
www.uuabookstore.org/Be-the-Change-
These activities and discussion groups occur on a regular basis and are open to new participants at any time. Please contact the group’s organizer if you have any questions!

**Bridge Groups**

**Tuesday group:**
Every Tuesday • 2:00PM
Gallery

**Advanced group:**
Every Wednesday • 1:00PM
6300 A Street • Gallery

Want to join us? Contact Coordinator Corine Simon simondp@neb.rr.com
402.435.0225

**Coffeehouse**
4th Friday • September 27 • 7:00PM • Gallery

Board games for adults and kids. Open to all individuals. Preceded by PFLAG/UU Potluck at 6:00PM. Contact Deb Hope debra.a.hope@gmail.com

**Men’s Potluck**
2nd Monday • September 8 • 6:30PM • Gallery

All men are invited to attend to enjoy good food and conversation. Table service will be provided. Contact Bruce Raymer 402.475.7875 bruce.raymer@gmail.com

**Newcomer Chat**
First Sunday • September 1 • 11:15AM • Library

Meet with visitors and friends in the Library to watch and discuss a 5-minute film. Contact Shelly Fowler seeshells@mac.com

**PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**

4th Tuesday • September 24
6:30PM • Gallery

The LGBTQA Welcoming Committee sponsors PFLAG which meets at our church. Confidentiality at each meeting is very important. Please join us! www.pflagcornhusker.org

**Tai Chi**
Every Wednesday • 6:00PM
Gallery

All UU Members and Friends are invited. No experience necessary.
Contact Reed Maly 402.570.3841

**UMDOC “Unitarian Men Discussing Over Coffee”**

Second Tuesday • September 10
10:00AM • BRAEDA (33rd & Pioneer)

New participants are welcome any time. Discussion topics vary. Visit us for more details or contact Duane Polzien duaneep2000@yahoo.com

**UU Women Gathering**
1st Saturday • 2:00-3:30PM • Gallery

“Cakes for the Queen of Heaven”

For info or location: Contact Marilyn 402.730.9483 Revdiva1@hotmail.com

**Women’s Book Group**
Every three weeks • 10:00AM
Gallery

For more information, contact Diane Richards dianemn2@gmail.com

Sept 14 - The Good House by Ann Leary
October 5 - The Library Book by Susan Orileen

**Young Adults Gathering**

Meets sporadically. Informal social gatherings for Young Adults (age 18-40) Activities/discussion topics vary. Attendees need not be members or regular visitors. Contact Morissa Raymond at 402.840.1178 or morissaraymond99@gmail.com

**Zen Meditation**
Every Thursday • 7:00PM
Music Room

We are a small group of UUs who meditate at church each week in the Music Room. Contact Norm Simon 402.435.0225 nsimon1@neb.rr.com
**Things Are Happening Here!**

**A Conversation About Pronouns**

*Sunday, September 29 • 11:15AM • Auditorium*

Discussions about pronouns are popping up around the church. Some people have added pronouns to their name tag. The LGBTQA Welcoming Committee will lead a conversation about how sharing your pronouns and using the correct pronouns for someone else is a an important part of being a welcoming congregation. And yes, we will talk about how using "they/them" for just one person is OK. Contact Deb Hope (debra.a.hope@gmail.com) or any member of the LGBTQA Welcoming Congregation Committee for more information.

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**Hospitality Training**

*Monday, September 23 • 6:00PM*

Hello newcomers, friends and members. Whether you've been a greeter or usher for years, on the AV team, a worship associate or new to our church, please plan to attend this important training. This is a pot luck, so bring some food to share. We'll spend the first half hour visiting and eating together. After our meal, we'll discuss some new ideas and clarify a few of the initiatives we've put in place over the last few months. Rev. Oscar Sinclair will be with us for the evening, and our focus is “All things Sunday morning!” Let the office staff or Judy Hart at membership@unitarianlincoln.org know you are attending. We want to initiate some new ideas and having everyone together - even if you’ve heard it all before - will be of value to all of us.

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Milestones, Millstones and Stepping Stones

Condolences on the death of Bev Lightner. She was Deb Cirkensa’s mom; Sàndra Washington’s mom-in-law; Bella’s gram.

Jean Eileen Durgin-Clinchard’s life was celebrated at the Lied Center on August 5. A totally unique experience which included viewing the movie “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert” at the Ross.

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The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in the Gathering Place. Any member or friend of the church is welcome to attend these meetings.