

# Report to the CLF Board

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**Facebook** is a new adventure for the CLF. The CLF group which I created recently has about 230 members, and some good discussion on a variety of topics. Further research indicated that perhaps a page would work better for us than a group, so I created a CLF Facebook page and invited members from the group to come over. We're currently at about 90 members for the page. For the moment we will keep both, although if one is clearly better we may well take down the other.

## **Online New UU Class**

Last year we received a \$10,000 grant from the Fund for UUism to pilot an online introduction to UUism that individual congregations could put on their websites. This project has been a major undertaking, involving not only designing and implementing the class, but also recruiting and working with pilot congregations. The course is currently available from the websites of the UU Fellowship of the North Bay (Napa, CA), Fox Valley UU Fellowship (Appleton, WI), and the UU Church of Reading, MA. You can look the template we are working on at <http://template.uurgl.com/moodle4/>. The course is customized for each congregation, including their own photos, a message and/or sermon from their minister, information on their programs, etc. The next part of the project is a substantial revision of the course based on feedback that we have received. When the new version of the course is complete we will market it to congregations.

## **CLF Online Courses**

Classes on our Online Learning Center are going well. Recent/current classes include:  
Ancient Roots: The Feminine Face of Western Religion, pt. 2 – 6 participants  
The Soul of Nature: A Journey Into the Poetry of Mary Oliver – 40 participants (!)  
Religion and Ecology: A Shared Fate, A Shared Task – 13 participants

Upcoming planned class topics for late spring through the fall include the third and final part of the Ancient Roots series, humanism, “transforming whiteness” (anti-racism), reducing stress through meditation, the poetry of Rumi and practices that increase joy.

**Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)** continue with mixed success. Some are highly active and engaged, while some have little traffic. New SIGS this year include ones for UU Taoists and for people who want to support and be supported in increasing their fitness level.

**Curriculum** writing takes substantial portion of my time, along with creating the monthly **KidTalk** web page. This year **CLiF Notes: A Curriculum for Families and Small Groups** focuses on things religious institutions do, from welcoming babies and coming of age ceremonies to religious education and social justice. This curriculum is now sent out via the RE Express Plus subscription list: it goes to 91 CLF members, 41 CLF Groups (Church on Loan and CLF International) and 25 Paying Subscribers.

