

**Report to the CLF Board of Directors**  
**Lorraine Dennis, Executive Director**  
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It has been an eventful couple of months since I last reported to you. We have completed our search and you are about to vote to call our new Senior Minister. It's amazing, really, to think of all we have accomplished since your last face-to-face meeting in the fall. The LEC (Leadership Exploration Committee) has worked so hard, as have the board co-chairs, to assure that the CLF story got out to ministers in search (and some who weren't). And what an exciting story it is. I hope you all had an opportunity to look at our congregational packet. I found it uplifting to see how many constituencies we serve and the range of programs we offer for our members and for UUs out in the movement.

As we move into this new exciting phase in the life of the CLF, I am excited about the vision we can create together to bring the CLF to new possibilities while keeping exceptional programs that serve our members well. There is much work to be done and I feel lucky to be on this journey with you all.

My personal gratitude to the LEC is boundless for their concern for the CLF and its members, for the movement, and for the CLF staff. Though we miss Jane, we are grateful for the support of board members and LEC members during this hectic time. Many, many thanks. As you will see in the reports from our staff members, things are perking right along and life continues to be inspiring and interesting for us all.

We have met all the deadlines as we prepare for General Assembly and look forward to a great worship service, with Gail and Abhi preaching. The CLF Worship will take place on Friday afternoon, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and 4:30 PM. We will be in a ballroom this year, so there will be plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the experience. There will be a reception during the CLF Ingathering on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM to honor Jane, and we hope to have a welcoming event for the new senior minister during GA, as well.

We say goodbye to Seanan Holland, our ministerial intern, this month. We will miss him dearly in the office. He has taught us a lot about what it's like to be a UU in the military and how we might be more inviting to military families in the movement. Seanan's project, call the Bridge Builder, is a program for congregations to help them think about issues of inclusion for veterans, active and reserve military, defense contractors, and others who seek out Unitarian Universalism, but are unsure of our welcome. We will launch the program this spring and look forward to working with the military chaplains on this and other projects of the military ministry.

As always, I find my work here at the CLF gratifying and stimulating and look forward to our new adventure together.

