

TRANSITIONS...A message from your President, Linda Ice

With this article, “transitions” takes on a whole new twist! While some aspects of our Westside Transitions are taking shape (see the announcement regarding our Interim Minister, Reverend Alex Holt elsewhere in the newsletter), your leadership transitions are just beginning as we enter the next fiscal year.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as your President. I would have been honored at any time to serve my Westside Community in this way, but to be able to be a stable force during this particular time has been an exceptional privilege. And yes, a greater challenge! I will always treasure this time of leadership and appreciate the countless “votes of confidence” in my abilities to “guide the ship” during this time. I feel good about where we are headed and feel a sense of accomplishment that we have managed as well as we have during this last year.

While not continuing for a second year as President as I had once thought I could, I’m not going anywhere either. Myron and I both plan to continue to work, play, sing and celebrate with our Westside Family for many years!

Your new Board of Directors is strong and will carry on with the mission and vision of Westside. Cindy Fountain is a “worker bee” to the nth degree! She is like the Energizer Bunny and will be a wonderful President. I would like to thank the other officers that have served with me as well – Reed Bilz, Secretary Extraordinaire; Lane Smutz – a most efficient and devoted Treasurer; and Caroline Nixon – not only serving as Past President, but also as mentor, confidante and friend. I could not have done this without you! Thanks also to the following Directors for your service these last two years – Karen Moore, Mary Noer and Charles Lord. I hope that you will also take a moment to thank these folks for their time, energy and service to our congregation. I also hope that you will consider serving in a leadership role at some point as well. What better way to understand just what it takes to keep this community alive than to immerse yourself into its life? Something to consider...

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8th. At this meeting we will present the new slate of officers, the proposed budget for 2014-2015, a bylaws amendment (detailed in the published agenda), and presenting one of our teens with a Service Award. We will begin at 1:15 after giving everyone a chance to grab a bite to eat! The youth will be taking orders for sandwiches from Which Wich through Sunday, June 1st (if you read this in time!). It’s also a Potluck Sunday, so if you prefer, bring something to share and eat a little earlier! Either way – you shouldn’t go hungry!

I thank you again for supporting me this year and I look forward to our continued relationship as we work together to build a community of love both within our walls and in the greater world.