

## SUUN Re-Visioning -- November 2015

We are working to reaffirm, reinvigorate, or make mid-course redirections to our purpose and vision by holding discussions with boards and ministers.

### **SUUN Background**

The San Diego UU Network (SUUN) was resurrected in June 2012. Our current purpose is to help the Unitarian Universalist congregations of San Diego County to:

- Coordinate and publicize their programs and resources
- Provide mutual encouragement, aid, and support
- Strengthen their relations with one another and
- Affirm, promote, and practice the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism.

SUUN consists of a non-governing board, which includes one or (ideally) two representatives from each of the San Diego County congregations, plus a ministerial representative. Board members act as the communication conduit between their respective congregations.

SUUN operates with a yearly budget of \$3,800 contributed by the five (5) San Diego County congregations. The SUUN contribution per pledging unit averages \$3.53/year. UUFSD pledges \$500/year to SUUN (\$2.69/pledging unit/year).

### **SUUN Focus -- Past Few Years**

Over the last few years, SUUN has focused on updating the website and social media presence to publicize UU programs and projects, as well as on organizing two countywide annual events: a Leadership Conference and a summer food and music festival featuring UU musicians.

The SUUN website introduces people to Unitarian Universalism and connects new and "new-to-uu" visitors to local UU congregations. Started in 2003, today [www.uusandiego.org](http://www.uusandiego.org) gets about 5500 visitors per month. This is a **10-fold increase in monthly visitors** over the past two years (since SUUN was resurrected). The majority view our SUUN Home page, which includes the Calendar of UU events in SD County. Most visitors are new, so the site is successfully fulfilling its outreach objective.

### **Board Input Requested**

What has SUUN done to date that you would like to continue, to expand, or to decrease or eliminate?

Would you like to see SUUN facilitate meetings and collaboration among congregational leaders with similar work (member committees, bookkeepers, administrators, etc.)?

Would you like to see SUUN facilitate joint hiring of needed staff?

Would you like to see SUUN provide educational training programs like:

- leadership training, either to all who are interested or to those in leadership positions (e.g., orientation for new congregational board members).
- OWL (Our Whole Lives)

Would you like to see SUUN provide expertise on topics congregational leaders need to know, like employment law or website development?

We need your help in identifying one or two UUFSD members who would like to actively participate in the SUUN Board.