Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia Finance Committee Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017.

The Congregation’s finances and the Finance Committee have had a successful year.

A capital pledge drive for building renovation was held earlier in the year. It resulted in a total pledged amount (requested to be paid over three years) of $193,153.82, which is significantly above the amounted estimated for the work. As of May 31, the amount actually paid toward the pledges was $115,271.33, or 60% of the amount pledged.

The budgeting process was also successful, resulting in a balanced budget which includes the amounts included in the new minister’s contract and $10,000 for a music coordinator. Total pledges are currently about $225,000, for an increase over last year’s of 7.8%. The budget as approved by the congregation is attached as a separate document. While it falls short in some respects of everyone’s desires, we believe it is a reasonable compromise among the congregation’s priorities.

One of our activities outside the routine was a dinner meeting with candidate minister Ref. Jeff Liebmann.

On a personal note, I’d like to thank my committee of Linda Brennison, Caroline Eastman, Robin Scherer, and Bob Whitaker for their hard work and wise counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Joseph Long, Finance Chair