

Update from the Committee on Ministry: Reconciliation Support

The CUUC Board of Trustees gives the Committee on Ministry (COM) the responsibility to oversee processes of reconciliation when there are conflicts between members of the CUUC community. The COM is initiating a new process for raising concerns, engaging in healthy conflict, and promoting reconciliation, and we need your help!

Starting this month, we will be recruiting congregants to form a group supporting individuals and groups within the congregation as they encounter conflicts between or among themselves. This group will be responsible for implementing a reconciliation process that has been designed by the COM. When individuals, groups, or committees of the congregation are struggling with an issue that has become contentious, the COM will activate a Reconciliation Support Team (RST). The RST will be drawn from the members of this group.

You are encouraged to nominate yourself or another congregant for this standing committee, or roster, to be formed by the COM. Skills related to communication, facilitation, mediation, and active listening will be helpful but not necessary. We are seeking to form a diverse group that cuts across age, ethnicity, time in membership at CUUC, and identity. Group members will be selected by the COM and receive training in the spring, 2023 in a reconciliation process. They will then be "on call" to participate in a Reconciliation Support Team, should one be needed.

Plan to come to the Community Chat after service on Sunday, January 22, for more information about this important opportunity.