

REMARKS
Annual Meeting
April 25, 2010

Comments from out-going Executive Board Chair Brice Hobrock:

Good afternoon and thank you for coming to the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian-Universal Fellowship of Manhattan. Our business today is to talk a bit about ourselves and our programs that bring liberal religion to this area.

One year ago, I stated that I did not have a personal goal, except that to help this Fellowship achieve its goals at the highest possible level. Your programs are my programs. I hope that I have been a positive influence in the operations this past year.

We will be considering a slate of officers and board members proposed by the Nominating Committee.

We will present, discuss and hopefully approve a Budget for 2011, the year that begins June 1, 2010.

First, thank you all for your good work, your financial support, and your commitment to this Fellowship. As Eric Banner said last week, among the many types of Unitarian-Universalist models, there is a certain model that fits each situation. That Model for us, at this time, is probably the one of "Shared Ministry."

We have minimal paid leadership. Nevertheless, leadership that serves us well. A special thanks to Michael, Thea, Sue and Maria for your good work this year.

The contributions that all of you make, however, are crucial to the viability of our Fellowship.

Eric also stated that the most effective Unitarian-Universalist churches are those that have a strong social programming outreach to the community.

As I review the things that YOU do, I am very impressed. We need to be reminded occasionally. A short programming summary has been distributed, and I will just highlight a few.

Happy Kitchen	Shepherd's Crossing
Helping Hands	Manhattan Emergency Shelter
Souper Sunday, Breadbasket	Meadowlark Services
Fair Trade Product Sales	Welcoming Congregation
GI Rights	Green Sanctuary
Sunday Programming	Choir and the Musicale
Caring for Member Needs	
Membership/Welcoming (visitor booklets)	
Covenant of Right Relations and Awareness Training	
Emergency Preparedness and Awareness Training	
Social Events	

- Bon Voyage Picnic
- Summer Picnic
- Welcome back Pancake Feed
- Moroccan Dinner
- Easter Brunch

Working Committees

- Facilities, Building and Grounds
- Finance, Budgeting and Fundraising
 - Craft and Bake Sale
 - Garage Sale
- Memorial Garden Maintenance
- Long Range Planning
- Communications
- Sunday Teams

We are a vast array of committed persons who contribute time, money and our best hearts in making UUFM the outstanding place that it is.

I hope that you derive as much satisfaction as I do in sharing in this common ministry.