

## **Summary of the 2016 Labor Day Retreat of the Board of Trustees**

Over Labor Day weekend, UUCR's Board of Trustees met at our Annual Retreat. We worked to establish Board goals and priorities for this year. Much of our time was spent in discussion of the process for our new 5 year plan and the various ways that will guide and support congregational life. One of the Board's main focuses will be on examining what Membership and our Canvass look like now and how both these areas can evolve in the future.

Along with the Social Justice Committee, I'd like to fill you in a bit about the success of our Share the Plate project. Over the first six months, UUCR consistently collected more than double the amounts collected during the same periods of the preceding year. During the final four months of the pilot project, collections fell by almost half, yet they continued to exceed the preceding year's collections overall.

Over the ten-month pilot project period, UUCR raised a total of \$11,531.14 for its sharing partners, and another \$9,584.12 for UUCR's own programs.

We recommend the collection to continue and are looking forward to the upcoming year being another big success for our Share the Plate program.