Moving Forward

The Committee on Ministry (COM) has outlined some goals for this church year. Working along with the Board and you, the congregation, we will be developing a Congregational Covenant. Developing a Covenant of Right Relations is an important step in clarifying expectations and creating a safe environment for congregations. "Covenant" is Latin for "come together" and means a "solemn agreement" or "promise from the heart" regarding a course of action between parties.

Congregational Covenants can take many forms and reflect the needs and best wishes of a variety of groups—from church committee members to staff groups to how members of an entire congregation agree to conduct themselves with one another. Creating and agreeing to a covenant can be an extremely effective tool for setting guidelines and building trust.

In addition to working on the covenant there are 3 main goals the Committee on Ministry and Rev. Bill Zelazny have identified for the coming year:

- **Goal 1:** Focus on healing our church.
- **Goal 2:** Educate the congregation in right relationships, identify techniques and promote them. The UUA has information about right relationships on the web site.
- **Goal 3:** Identify our ministries and concentrate on how the COM can help them during the year. Help them define their job descriptions, encourage ministries to make their identities better known to the congregation.

The COM has begun to address Goal 1 with scheduling dates for a congregation-wide Listening Circle to help with our healing process, Thursday, October 27 (see page 7 for more info) and several meet-and-greet socials to meet our new minister (see page 3 for more info)

Each month we will continue to address these goals and describe our ongoing work to reach them. In addition, we will be providing in-person reports at the monthly Board meetings on the “State of Church.” If you would like to contact the COM you can talk to any member of the committee, Barbara Coppola, Judie Porter, Sam Jernigan, Susan VanDerhoof, Sondra Gold or David Pedrick. **You can also email us at committeeonministry@channingchurch.org.**

~ Submitted by Barbara Coppola, Chair, COM

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Let it Be a Dance
Rev. Sandra Fitz-Henry
Minister Emerita of Murray UU Church (Attleboro), retired in 2012
Sharon Salzberg, American Buddhist, reminds us that faith is a verb. Not something you have but something you do. The question of faith really is not, “Can I believe in God?” but “To what can I commit my life?” “Tell me what you pay attention to, and I will tell you who you are.” With the rush and pressure of our lives, do we slow down enough to pay attention?

FROM THE MINISTER

A few weeks ago I was talking with a friend about the increase in verbal violence over the past year or two. Angry, abusive, or demanding language has become the norm in so many settings and with many people. Relationships get damaged and everyone’s life is negatively affected.

It seems that much of society has forgotten the five principles for maintaining right relationships in the family, at work or within a church community.

Principle 1. Engage in Self-Control
Ever heard someone say “I always speak my mind, no matter what?” And they tend to make this kind of statement with a sense of pride with the expectation that whatever they say will be accepted and even respected. But for me, I think it suggests that they are someone on the edge and socially immature.

My response – “Let me out of here, I don’t want to be the target of their thoughtless remarks.” We do not have to be a Spock of Start Trek fame and tightly control everything we say, but we should never assume that our age, experience, tenure, length of membership, feelings of personal righteous indignation, or knowledge allows us to say anything we want, at any time, to anyone we want, at any place.

Principle 2. Do Not Engage in Verbal Abuse
Most of us would never think of physically abusing another person, but many people don’t seem to think twice about being verbally abusive to others. But verbal abuse is just as destructive as physical abuse. It is ok to disagree with someone. It is not OK to verbally abuse them by belittling, insulting, or with harsh words. Whatever form it takes verbal abuse will always damage a relationship, sometimes permanently. It might be good to remember a 2500 year old teaching found in Proverbs “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Principle 3. Listen with the intent to understand.
Stephen R. Covey, wrote in his book 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, “Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.” However, good listening makes for good relationships. Preparing yourself to understand others by really listening to what they say, not planning your response, is a massive first step in developing and maintaining good relationships not only because it helps us to more fully understand other people, but also because it is a form of flattery that makes people feel supported and valued.

Principle 4. Ask, Don’t Assume
As Lemony Snicket observed in The Austere Academy, “The easiest way to get into trouble is to assume something without checking it out. Assumptions are dangerous things to make, and like all dangerous things to make -- bombs, for instance -- if you make even the tiniest mistake you can find yourself in terrible trouble.” Making assumptions simply means believing things are a certain way with little or no evidence that you are correct. It’s so easy to

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(continued from pg 2) think that we know what’s going on in someone else’s head, or that we understand why a person has taken a particular course of action. The problem with making these types of assumptions is that often we’re wrong and we get in trouble. Avoid trouble, or as award winning business author, Lorii Myers, (sic) advises, “Don’t build roadblocks out of assumptions.”

Principle 5. Follow the Golden Rule. Principle # 5 sums up the trick of living in right relations completely. As any child will tell you, we should treat others as we want them to treat us. Sit down and ask yourself how you want others to treat you then start living that way.

~Rev. Bill Zelazny

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Since receiving a very generous grant from the van Beuren Charitable Foundation a committee of Channing members from the Property Committee has been working with a group of professionals on a Master Plan for Channing. We have had site visits from the engineers and architects and met with them regularly as well.

Because the work of repairing, maintaining, and planning improvements to our property has relied upon volunteers in the past, and will likely continue to in the future, it is especially important to have a professional analysis available to guide discussions and decisions of the congregation. Having a Master Plan in place after this work is complete and our congregation meets to discuss and decide on our path forward will be key to a successful long term solution to our property issues.

There are two parts of this project. Both involve a thorough analysis of the buildings and site. The main one involves architects, civil engineers, and structural engineers assessing existing conditions as well as exploring options for future work. There are choices to be made in the next few years that will impact our ability to function as a congregation and we need the information about viable options in order to make those critical choices. In some cases the restrictions in codes, utility services, and on historic buildings apply and in others we have limitations due to structural problems and existing conditions that will factor into our decisions.

Specifically, our Parish Hall building has significant physical problems and is also functionally inadequate to serve our many fellowship, RE, and meeting needs. Ongoing repairs and maintenance for the Sanctuary and Channing House are included in the planning options.

At the same time we have contracted for an update to our On-Site Insight report. That report is a Capital Needs Assessment that gives us a detailed chart of the repair and maintenance needs for the next twenty years and estimated costs for the work. It lists regular costs like replacing hot water heaters and furnace service as well as large projects like replacing a roof or repairing stonework. This report will define the status quo costs as we discuss the pros and cons of the paths we can take going forward in future years.

In coming months we will hold meetings with the congregation to explain the results of these reports and explore possibilities for our future. Stay tuned - more information will be available soon.

~Chris Laudon, Co-president, Board of Trustees

MEET AND GREET
REV. BILL ZELAZNY

The Committee on Ministry is sponsoring a few ‘Meet and Greet’ wine & cheese (and appetizers) parties for members and friends to become better acquainted with our new minister. We will have sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall, or you can contact hosts directly if you’d prefer, and would like to keep the number to 15 guests for each event. Members of the Committee on ministry will also be attending.

The first will be on Sunday October 16th, from 5 to 6:30 at the home of Judith Porter, 38 Almy St. Newport.

The second will be on Friday October 21, from 5:00 until 6:30 at the home of Susan Vanderhoof, 460 Braman’s Lane, Portsmouth.

The third will be Sunday, November 6th from 5 to 6:30 at the home of Sondra Gold, 8 Equality Park West, Newport, RI.

We encourage all of you to sign up for one of the events and come meet the minister in a casual setting.
Sunday Religious Education classes began on September 18th and will run through June 18th. This year, students in PreK to 6th grade will focus on UU principles using stories, arts, and activities in our “one room schoolhouse” multi-age classroom. Older students in grades 6-12 will learn about world religions using the “Building Bridges” curriculum, which aims to increase knowledge, support faith development, and empower youth to better appreciate diversity in beliefs and practices. Both RE classes meet in the Parish Hall, behind the church just after the Message for All Ages. To enroll your child in either of the RE classes, please complete a registration form, which can be found on the RE table in the Parish Hall or see Jessica Thomas or any member of the RE Committee.

Our very active Youth Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and has a full slate of events for the fall including go-cart racing at the end of September, as well as “Haunted Happenings” on October 29th (5:30pm in the Sanctuary). Youth Group is open to students grades 6 and up. It provides socialization and friendship for Channing Youths, as well service projects chosen by the Youth.

The Coming of Age (COA) program for students in 8th-12th grade is scheduled run from October through May. This program signals the beginning of individual’s spiritual search for truth and meaning. The program is an official recognition the transition from childhood to young adulthood. We currently have two facilitators for this program and we are seeking two more. We also need members and friends to say “yes!” when asked by a youth to be their mentor for COA. It is a wonderful way to make a connection with a Youth and -- an opportunity for your own spiritual growth. To enroll your 8th-12th grader in the COA program, please contact with Jessica Thomas at dre@channingchurch.org ASAP.

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for 5th and 6th graders will take place from January - April 2017. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program created by the UUA and the UCC for both boys and girls. It will run for 8 weeks, two sessions per month. To sign up your 5th or 6th grader, please contact Jessica Thomas at dre@channingchurch.org.

Make a difference in the lives of children and Youth at Channing Church. Attend our next RE Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM at Channing House to find out how!

-Kathy Takata
Religious Education Committee
CAREGIVING UPDATE

Happy fall! As I write this, some cool autumn days are in the forecast, so I hope you are enjoying the change of seasons.

Just after I wrote the last caregiving column, Loie Kennedy Kessler sadly passed away from cancer. Even to those of us who didn’t know her that well, she was a kind and cheerful presence in our church over many years, and always had a pleasant greeting for everyone after church on Sundays. She had many interests, including her love of horses that led her to eventually become president of the Aquidneck Island Horse Association and to her involvement in the polo competitions here on the island each summer.

Congratulations to two of our favorite couples who recently celebrated wedding anniversaries. Russ and Beth Milham celebrated their 52nd in September, and Rachel Balaban and John Burnham are planning a special trip to celebrate their 30th!

Our deepest sympathies go out to Sis and Don Courtsal, whose daughter Julie recently passed away from cancer at age 52. Don and Sis will be spending the winter in Florida as they always do, and we look forward to seeing you both back at church again in the spring. Condolences also go out to June Wing, whose nephew recently died.

Many thanks to September caregiving coordinators Marian Royer and Arle Deeb. We were fortunate to have such committed caregiving help this past month, and we’d love to have help from YOU as well!

Beth Milham will serve as coordinator from Oct. 1-15, but we still are looking for volunteers for the last part of the month and beyond. In the meantime, after the 15th please contact either of the caregiving co-chairs, Nickie Kates or Barbara Russell-Willett (email: caregiving@channingchurch.org) with any caregiving needs, or to learn how you can help.

OCTOBER SHARE THE PLATE

This month our cash offerings and checks with the memo “Share the Plate” will be shared with God’s Community Garden, 200 Turner Rd, Middletown. For 20 years this Community Garden has been growing veggies, herbs & flowers. All are given out to the public free of charge. No one is paid for their work at the Gardens. Everyone is a volunteer. In 20 years they have gone from giving away 648 lbs of veggies to distributing 4 TONS of veggies and dozens of flower vases annually to retirement homes, people who are housebound and those who are reported to be ill or who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

OCTOBER CHIMERS

October 9: Janna Pederson
October 16: Christine Ariel
October 23: Christine Ariel
October 30: Cynthia Skelton

Many Thanks!!

CHILDCARE AT CHANNING

Good news, the Childcare Room is open for little ones! We have hired two students from Salve for the Childcare Provider positions. Both Elise Capozzi (Elementary and Special Education major) and Deana McKenzie (Nursing) are sophomores and have had their background checks done and taken CPR courses. We hope that providing Childcare will encourage young families to come to Channing.

We will be asking Channing folks to volunteer as childcare assistants when Elise and Deanna are on "Salve breaks" which will occur on about nine Sundays until mid May. Please let either Marilyn Murphy & Barbara Russell-Willett (email: childcare@channingchurch.org) know if you are willing to help and we will provide you with the dates. Many Thanks!

COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday, October 17, 3:30-6:15pm, in the Parish Hall
The Channing Memorial Church Community Meal is the third Monday of every month in the Parish Hall. To see when volunteers are needed contact meal manager Sally Hanchett at: communitymeal@channingchurch.org
GREEN CORNER
Beth’s Annual Rant

The program Living on Earth (www.loe.org) has been airing on public radio since 1991. Originating in Boston, it's a highly respected, award winning environmental news program. Our RI station was carrying it at 7 AM Sundays when it declared independence from WBUR in Boston, and soon moved it to 6 AM. I complained, and cut my annual donation in half. The excuse was that programming was still tied to WBUR’s schedule, and that station had moved the show. Unsaid was that WBUR repeated the show at a later time slot, and subsequently moved it back to 7 AM. RIPR did neither. This summer, it dropped the show altogether. When I complained again, they said that for various reasons, it had become too expensive. The substitute, a "deep investigative" show, may be great, but it can't replace the station's only exclusively environment centered program. Earlier this year I donated to RIPR's special environment fund. For now, my donations are "0."

After I emailed about half the station's staff, the director of development offered to meet with me in Newport to discuss programming. I said I'd bring some friends. Maggie Bulmer and Claudia Gorman have accepted my invitation, and there's room for more. It'll be in early October. Interested? Email me: greencongregation@channingchurch.org

Upcoming: Green Drinks will be hosted by Citizens’ Climate Lobby RI on Oct. 6, with Bike Newport hosting, 5:30 to 7:30, at their location on Spring St.

~Beth Milham, Chair, Green Congregation

ECO-BITS & TIPS
Carbon and Global Warming (or is it Warning?)

Back from my summer hiatus with little change on the climate change front. From “Warmest Summer on Record” to “Summer Droughts”, even here in New England, we're all reminded of our changing climate. While we realize that the weather is only a “snapshot”, day after day and year after year really does just add up to changing weather patterns. Enough so that Aquidneck Island recently had its USDA Climate Zone changed from 6B to a warmer 7A.

Some of these changes include more frequent extremes: more intense rain events; more 90 degree days; more frequent and broader summer droughts; severe ocean impacts including significant loss of living coral around the world. All, incidentally, predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), that UN body established in 1988 to educate leaders and the public about the impact of high CO2 concentrations on our atmosphere.

Now, let’s talk carbon. Carbon is such a critical element, an important component of our lives, so it is hard to believe that too much of it, especially in the air, isn't good. But we've known about “The Greenhouse Effect” since I was in high school in the early 1970's. That is, when carbon based fuels are burned, carbon is a byproduct and increases the atmospheric CO₂ so that now we are at 402 ppm according to a new website I discovered at www.co2.earth. Check it out.

Over the next year, I want to explore what this means and what we can do about its clear and present danger. Many of the changes we talk about are easier that what you may think.

~Craig Gaspard, Green Congregation

INTERWEAVE MOVIE AND POTLUCK
Sunday, October 16, 5:30pm, Parish Hall

Back to school, back to church, and back to Interweave! Come join us at our next meeting for a potluck dinner followed by the movie "But I'm a Cheerleader" (R, 1h 32min). Come see what Natasha Lyonne looked like before those dreads in Orange is the New Black. See you there!

For more information, contact Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org. Interweave is Channing's group for LGBTQ people & allies.
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MOVING PAST HARD FEELINGS ABOUT LAST YEAR

I am aware that there are different thoughts and feelings about the departure of our past minister among the congregation. I have been told there has been a lot of discussion about this issue, but from personal experience I know that sometimes the back and forth exchange of strongly held opinions gives some people the feeling that they have not been heard. I want to help us address this issue so that we can move on as a congregation. To this end I will be hosting a Listen Circle Gathering on October 27 at 7:00 in the Parish House.

This form of dialogue is inspired by Native American councils. The trademark of this kind of gathering is listening -- a deep listening to ourselves (yes, we can listen deeply to ourselves when we are talking by being aware of the words we are saying as we say them) and to other members of this congregation.

A Listening Circle’s purpose is to provide a forum for people to express their opinions/feeling, and for other members to listen to them without mentally preparing a response. A Listening Circle is not a discussion group - there is no response or back-and-forth discussion to statements. A person’s statements are to be accepted as valid statements about how a person feels about the issue. I have invited the Board and the Committee on Ministry to attend so they can hear firsthand what has been said.

The process we will use is a version of the practice of active listening. A person’s name will be drawn from a basket and that individual will have three minutes of uninterrupted time to share his/her thoughts to the Circle. Before the next speaker’s name is drawn, a name will be drawn from those present from a second container to identify a “reflector”, a person who will have approximately one minute to reflect back to the speaker what he/she understood the speaker to be saying. The original speaker will have a brief time to correct any misunderstandings of what they said. Then another speaker’s name is drawn and the process is repeated until everyone has an opportunity to speak.

We will close the Gathering with a Letting Go Ritual in which everyone in attendance will be invited to let go, through a ritual ceremony of hard feelings they may be holding about the events that have transpired during the past year.

Watch for more information about the Listening Circle Gathering later in the month.

~Rev. Bill Zelazny

A CEREMONY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE

Sunday, October 30, 6:30pm, in Touro Park

There exists a myriad of ways, both small and large-scale, that people remember those who have passed on, the contributions their existence made to our lives, and the ongoing relationship that defies even death. On October 30, 2016 Rev. Bill will conduct a non-denominational “Remembering Ceremony” in Touro Park by the Old Stone Mill at 6:30pm. After a brief commemorative service at 6:30 people will be invited to light and place a candle on the walk on the south side of the Mill. All people, regardless of their faith tradition, are invited to participate. In the event of rain the ceremony will be moved into the Sanctuary.

More information to come later in October.

CAREGIVING AT CHANNING

Interested in Caregiving at Channing? Please call or email us to engage in the feel good actions of Channing Caregiving. Two week or whole month (with a partner) coordinating options are available to delegate simple loving gestures to the joys and concerns of our members and friends. Volunteers carry out these kind actions as their calendar permits. We await your willing hearts: Nickie Kates, or Barbara Russell-Willett, email: caregiving@channingchurch.org
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BEHIND THE SCENES
Channing’s hard working choir is both behind the scenes and right in front! This dedicated and talented group treat the congregation to outstanding music most Sunday’s during the church year. They generally take one Sunday off each month, but the rest of the Sundays they practice both before and after services, in addition to performing during church. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their commitment to Channing.

The current members range in age from 13 to 70+ years. With Janet Grant at the helm, other members are: Betsy Leerssen, Beth Milham, Piper Padillia, Aquinnah Thayer, Ann Gillespie, Susan Kieronski, Barbara Nowicki, Ginny Spaulding, Tom Goff, Bill Marshall, John Grant, Peter Herne, George Kates and Tom Pederson.

You probably notice Aquinnah Thayer, the teenager of the group, rushing out of the church after the anthem so she can join the other young people in Sunday School.

Out of sight, but still creating music before church are the chimers. This dedicated group climbs a spiral staircase in the church tower and creates those marvelous hymns you hear as you arrive before church. Using a keyboard, the chimer stands in front of the “keyboard” (or chime) and hits the levers which strike the clappers against the bells. The levers are attached to the clappers by steel cables (the bells themselves do not move). Our chimers alternate different Sundays of the month. They are Chris Ariel, Linda Beall, Jim Freess, Janna Pederson, and Cynthia Skelton.

Janet Grant encourages anyone interested in chiming or choir to speak to her or any of the chimers/choir members. And, you are welcome to join the choir for a rehearsal one day after church.

Take the time to thank every member of this marvelous group. They deserve it!

WOMEN OF WISDOM AND WIT – A SHARING CIRCLE FOR WOMEN 50 AND OVER
Women of Wisdom and Wit (aka WWW) was formed in 2013 after a conversation at Fellowship about the joys and challenges encountered as we grow older. After a 6-session trial, the ten group members chose to continue, and we’ve met twice a month since our inception.

As we begin our fourth year, the group has 1-2 openings. Some quick facts about WWW are provided below – if you think you might enjoy being part of this ongoing group, please contact WWW facilitator, Maryellen Doherty, for more information before October 11

What is WWW? Here are the basics:

- This group is all about positive connections – connecting with ourselves and connecting with others as we explore and share about our experiences of life. This is a chance to stop, take a breath, reflect, share, listen, and learn. Many topics are deceptively simple, such as “Food, Glorious Food” and “What is it about color?” - the sharing takes us wherever we’re meant to go. A new topic is developed for each meeting. Each person’s experience and stories are different, and the goal of this group is to learn from each other and have fun.

- We meet in Newport, the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, September through early June.

- Our current members are: Joan Dermody, June Wing, Bunny Oxley, Linda Beall, Barb Nowicki, Janet Cook, Joanne Armenia, and Maryellen Doherty

- This group works best with a commitment from each member to attend most meetings throughout the year.

- We follow a Covenant to provide a safe environment for sharing.

- A second WWW group formed in 2015. The two groups have a common intention but use different topics and approaches. (They are not currently adding members.)
The Learning Center (TLC) has scheduled some exciting events and programs for the month of October! We will hold some of them in the Newport Public Library, hoping that a few more people from the community might join us. You can register for courses and events at the TLC table in the Parish Hall after church on most Sundays, or through Michele in the church office. Please make checks payable to Channing Memorial Church, memo “TLC”, with your course or event name. We are not able to charge for programs held at the Library since it is a public space. Your registration donations, though, are always welcome, and help us to cover copying, refreshments, and other costs associated with producing our programs. Thanks!

**ON NOAM CHOMSKY**

**With Prof. Henry Rosemont, Visiting Scholar of Religious Studies, Brown University.**

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7 – 9 PM, Parish Hall

Wine and cheese will be served. $5 for each lecture, or $15 for the series

**PLEASE PREREISTER WITH PHONE CONTACT**

Noam Chomsky has revolutionized the study of linguistics and cognitive science, made signal contributions to the philosophy of mind, science and language, been a critic of much work in the mass media and social sciences, and for more than a half century has been far and away the most well-known dissenter to the foreign and domestic policies of the US government. At age 86 he is still lecturing and giving interviews several times a week, plus maintaining a monumental e-mail correspondence with people interested in his work.

Henry will devote one session each to linguistics and then philosophy, and the final two sessions on Chomsky’s views on aspects of domestic and foreign policy, concentrating on contemporary issues. Each session will begin with a brief introductory lecture, followed by video clips of Chomsky’s lectures/interviews on these themes. Q and A to follow.

**The Hanging Rock Landscape**

**With Prof. Robert Thorson, Professor of Geology at UConn and author of 5 books**

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2:30pm, Meet at Norman Bird Sanctuary Parking Lot (rain date Sunday, Oct. 9 after church)

$5 registration fee, Limit 15

**PLEASE PREREISTER WITH PHONE CONTACT**

In addition to a pleasant hike on a lovely autumn day, the leisurely walk will explore three big ideas from geology that will enhance your understanding of the Rhode Island landscape. At each of three main stops, we will use a literary reading and Socratic Q&A to explore three big ideas. The first is tectonic hubris, the notion that mountains can only get so big. Lovely Narragansett Bay is the result of failure, fill, and weakness. The second is conglomerate. Our rocks and our lives are composed of discrete pieces, yet are coherent. How is this possible? The third is the field stone wall as a clock and calendar for deep time. They resonate with much of what we care about. Wear sturdy shoes; binoculars and walking sticks, and insect repellent could be useful.

**A DISCUSSION OF RI BALLOT QUESTION TWO**

**with John Marion, Executive Director of Common Cause**

**Wed., Oct. 26, 6:30–8:30PM, Newport Public Library Program Room**

**Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Channing Social Action Committee**

In this timely program held a week before the national elections, John Marion of Common Cause will present information about another important choice we need to make. Over the past seven years, Common Cause has fought to have Measure Two placed on the ballot. Common Cause, along with other good government groups, strongly advocates this measure, which would restore Ethics Commission jurisdiction over state legislators, enforcing the 21 laws that make up the State’s code of ethics, and ensuring greater accountability in elected officials’ performance. 34 other states have ethics commissions and/or ethics committees, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

This issue was the Unitarian/Universalist Legislative Ministry of R.I.’s number one issue in 2015. In order to maintain a balance, the opposing point of view, possibly representing the position of the ACLU, will be discussed.
The Channing List Serve (formerly email forwarders) has now been updated and is up and running. Below is a list of the Channing emails. Right now each committee’s email goes to only the chair of that committee. However, the Board email goes to everyone on the Board, not including the Minister and the Program Council email goes to the chair(s) of each committee. If your committee would like any communication to go to everyone on your committee then please send the emails for those individuals to Michele in the Channing office at office@channingchurch.org and she can add them to your committee contact list. If your committee is not listed, please contact Michele and she can add it to the list.

As with any new system there may be glitches. If you have a question or an issue, you can contact Channing’s web master at webmaster@channingchurch.org and Jerry Pacheco will be able to help you. Jerry apologizes that it took longer to update the system than anticipated. He ran into sizeable technical problems while do so.

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