

Interweave Annual Report for 2015-2016
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“Mission: Interweave is a spiritual home to transgender, bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, questioning, and intersex people, their families and allies. Together, with our Congregation, we nurture social connections, support spiritual growth, educate ourselves and others and advocate for social justice.”

Interweave brought its mission and our core values to life this year through five activities:

- An **Interweave table** was present on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall to welcome visitors, members and friends and to provide information on LGBTQIA topics. The table volunteers were coordinated by Carol Thomas, supported by Victor Hola, Scott Ferguson, Scott Morgan, Dennis Smallwood and Joan Burleigh.
- Interweave hosted **Potluck and Film nights** open to all members and friends from October through March that attracted between 20-30 participants. Challenging Racism co-sponsored two of these evenings. Films included: *Brother Outsider*, *Growing Up Trans*, *Out In the Night*, *We Were Here* and *Boy Meets Girl*. Each screening was followed by rich discussion. These activities were coordinated by Joan Burleigh, Ernie Kalina and Carol Thomas and the many volunteers who helped with set-up, clean-up and brought a dish to share.
- To create safe space for conversation and social connections, Interweave hosted **Circle Conversations** on Sundays. These were led by Mark Jagner and very well attended. Topics included marriage equality, religious freedom and gender fluidity.
- Interweave was involved in the planning and coordination of the **Annual Interfaith Service of Affirmation**, held in December supporting our members and reaching out to the greater community with about 125 people in attendance. The Planning Team was led by Margaret Pekarek with assistance from Lindasusan Ulrich, Roylea Furniss, and Joan Burleigh. UUAA folks who provided music for the service included Jeanne Chorazyczewski, Lori Fithian and Brandy Sinco.
- Interweave hosted a **Sunday Forum** with Rachel Crandall, the Executive Director of Transgender Michigan.

Interweave will be planning future activities at the May Interweave Circle Conversation.

