

BOARD BITS

Your Eliot Chapel Board of Trustees has continued to meet and work virtually during the current closure of the Chapel's building. A few highlights from the summer months include the following:

- We welcomed **Toni Saunders** to the Board for a three-year term. We are so fortunate to have someone of Toni's experience and perspective on the Board. Thanks, Toni for your willingness to serve!
- Along with so many in the congregation, we grieved the loss of our friend, fellow Board Member, and the Chapel's Chair-Elect, **Nancy Rubin**. She held not just a seat at our table, but a place in our hearts. We will miss her gentle and welcoming spirit and are inspired to carry on the work of the Chapel she loved so much.
- We are continuing to monitor finances closely amidst these uncertain times. Thanks to our generous congregation and some help from a PPP Loan and debt restructuring arranged by **Camille Novak**, preliminary results show a surplus for the 2019-20 church year. More to come as those results are finalized.
- **Steve Harvey** was elected as Chair Elect for the 2020-21 church year. Steve will become the Chair of the Board for the 2021-22 church year.
- **Jordi Prats** was elected as Secretary for the 2020-21 church year.
- The Board held its traditional Summer Board Retreat virtually on August 7 and 8, with discussions on leadership, policy governance and our next round of discerning the ends for Eliot Chapel. Our guest presenter on Saturday was **Laura Park** from Unity Consulting.
- We began work on the 2020 Congregational Survey. Look for this in the Fall – your participation is important!
- We are beginning plans for congregational activity leading to the review and revision of the Chapel's mission values and ends; this is an activity that the Chapel undertakes every 5 years or so. This cycle is especially important due to the "triple pandemic" of COVID, continued racial inequality, and climate change acceleration.

There are many great things going on at Eliot even during these odd and challenging times. Thank you for your ongoing strong support of the Chapel's mission through your gifts and presence!