

**Annual Report Submission**  
**Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, Affiliated Community Minister**

In this first year in affiliation with UUSD, we are all living into the opportunities and limits to this role: where my fulltime job is with Side with Love at our UUA, and I am covenanted to be in community with UUSD to ground in the support and accountability of a UU covenantal community and establish a clear and appropriate role in a congregation.

In my fulltime job with Side With Love, I focus on recruiting, managing and developing leaders across the country. Our work is anchored in core values of collaboration, solidarity, transformation, and liberation. Side With Love supports 4 issue-based programs: democracy, climate justice, bodily autonomy, and decriminalization. With these initiatives, we build power alongside our partners in local, state, and national campaigns. I invite you to join us and peruse our many resources and offerings to strengthen your local work here! <http://www.sidewithlove.org/subscribe>

Unfortunately, I do not have the capacity (nor is it my role) to provide presence and consultation with the many wonderful justice happenings at UUSD. Instead, as our covenant lays out, I led two all-congregational offerings this year: a workshop on Mapping your Base (aka volunteers and leaders) with 40 of you. I also preached “The World is on Fire and we still fall in love.” What a delight to lead these activities with you all!

I close with the blessing I ended my sermon with: I put my faith in people who see the world on fire, center love, and don’t give up – not knowing what the end result will be, but acting anyways. May we be such a people.



**LOVE-CENTERED**  
practice



**—CREATE—**  
CLIMATE JUSTICE

**LOVE**  
*RESISTS*

**JUSTICE-ROOTED**  
transformation

