



### **2018 Conference Planning Team:**

Co-chairs: Rev. Valerie Mansfield, Rev. Deb Hill-Davis  
Hospitality: Rev. Grace & Rev. Valerie  
Special Services: Rev. Grace Nicodemus  
A/V: Rev. Brian Griffin  
Board Liaison: Rev. Deb Hill- Davis  
& Rev. Glenda P Walden  
Cindi Cousineau, Web/Office Admin.

We held our first meeting onsite at Potawatomi Inn to decide on roles for the team. Valerie and Deb graciously volunteered to accept the chair positions. Team reviewed their responsibilities for the upcoming year and we began to consider guest speakers and musicians.

The team's first task in November was to review the feedback forms received from participants. Participants felt that the business meeting and reports were too long again and they want breakout sessions and healing opportunities. Based on the feedback, the team decided to restructure the week by having 3 speakers based on mind, heart, body and break the business meeting into two sessions on different days, one session for Unity Great Lakes Board to present and one session for other Unity Organizations to report.

The team chooses the theme "Growing through Change: Here We Grow Again" and after brainstorming we decided to invite Rev. Doug Duerr for Leadership Training (mind); Rev. David McArthur for HeartMath (heart) and Rama Inacio for Sound Healing (body). The Memorial Service was created to allow all to be honored. The dance was shortened to an hour and we added a bonfire afterwards. We added ministry breakout sessions, on the last day. Our goal is to present a week of peace and serenity for all participants.

The GLUR Board received regular reports and offered suggestions about scheduling, pricing, etc. through Deb Hill-Davis, Board Liaison and assistance from Rev. Glenda Walden. We discussed other location possibilities for 2019 and Rev. Deb Hill-Davis research venues and with board approval booked the Stoney Creek Inn in Moline IL with a River Cruise for the 2019 conference. We have discussed the possibility of inviting local presenters in 2019 and have included questions on the survey to see if there is an interest.

We are enthusiastic about the 2018 Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference for our friends, colleagues and lay leaders. It has been a pleasure to serve on this magnificent team.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Valerie W. Mansfield, On behalf of the team