

One Island Family October 13, 2021 Weekly E-letter

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Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

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One Island Family OCTOBER 2021 FALL EVENTS

October 19 at 12 noon ONE ISLAND FAMILY BOARD MEETING- in person in our sanctuary, 801 Georgia Street. All are welcome to attend with masks and social distancing.

October 24 at 11 a.m. SMALL GROUP MINISTRY discussion group by Zoom. After good response to our September SGM conversation, we offer another guided discussion for deep listening on the topic of our UU First Principle: "Inherent Worth and Dignity". Members will receive a zoom invite by emailed on Friday, October 22.

OIF PRESIDENT'S NOTE: "Thanks!" to everyone who was in Key West and able to attend our Leadership Retreat at One Island Family last Sunday, October 10th!

It was a pleasure to hear your ideas and realize how much all of us in our faith community want to get back together. We reviewed the science on [COVIDactnow.org](https://www.covidactnow.org) and saw that vaccination rates in Florida were 68% and for Monroe County 81%. At the same time, the Monroe County positivity test rate was at 9% (that was on 10/9/21). So the risk level for Monroe County was listed as "High".

Although we would like to begin in-person events at One Island Family soon, there are ongoing concerns such as what to do if the many expected visitors to Key West at the end of October cause another spike in COVID cases. We want to keep each other safe and plan for the best outcome for all. So using our discussion from this meeting, we have begun planning One Island Family programs for November. Some will be in outdoor settings. Once we can open our doors for in-person services, we hope to make it also possible for some zoom viewers to be with us remotely. We will need to identify someone to be the zoom monitor of the laptop screen during the service and to determine what those watching from home will see and hear of the in-person event. Some of our guest ministers and lay speakers will also appear by zoom.

I offered some suggestions I found recently in a little book by Randy Hammer called "52 Ways to Ignite Your Congregation- Practical Hospitality". My take-aways were:

- a) Offer quality, uplifting programs "PROGRAMS"
- b) Get word out about what we offer "PROMOTION"
- c) Welcome those who come, so they will return! "RETENTION"

There were some areas that we will need more time to discuss. Any suggestions you have on these questions would be welcome:

- 1) What's one thing UU's stand for ? Complete this sentence: "We are _____"
- 2) What was one Sunday service you recall and why?
- 3) What is one idea you have for a future One Island Family service?

Please email your responses to any of these to me, Marilyn Smith, or any OIF Board member. We welcome your ideas, your participation and your ongoing financial support.