

We will remember the AIM Program

As it came into being sparked by Kay Montgomery
In its planning - with posters all over the walls
With its twin goals of accessibility and inclusion
And the purpose of changing congregational culture
With the many reviewers of the initial drafts of the program who gave helpful suggestions
With the dedicated AIM Administrators keeping track of activities
With the incredibly dedicated congregational teams over multiple years
Doing detailed assessments, creating a plan for certification
Keeping on task when things got tough, and plans needed to be changes, and people needed a break for self-care
With the support of clergy and lay leadership
With the advisory teams that gave feedback each step of the way
With the financial support of the UUA
For the AIM Coordinating Team which met every month for the last 10 years
Most of all we will remember it
In the changed culture of certified congregations
In the increased ability of people to get access to congregations
In the increased ability of people with disabilities to be included in congregational life
In the rich set of resources developed for congregations to use even after it ended
In the wisdom created in the minds of many UUs about the importance of work on disability issues.
For these are the real measures of its success, and they will live on.

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