

2020-2021 UUCSC Music Committee Annual Report

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2021 has been a most unusual year. The greatest challenges we all faced were isolation and the technology of virtual meetings. Sending recordings over zoom and recording devices was especially difficult for some of us. Many of the choir rose to the challenges and Michael surpassed himself --mixing, editing, working tirelessly to create virtual services for weeks and weeks.

The improvement we made was in the skills used in working together online. We all felt anxious to get together. Michael built his own computer for audio and video editing. The additional time, working with choir members online was immeasurable - time investment remains to be calculated.

We have very recently begun to rehearse outside in person again. The Music Service may have to be virtual this year but there will be an attempt to organize some in-person listening opportunities. Things are opening up and improving every day and we are hopeful.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Buffum