

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! May 27, 2020

Greetings!

On May 17th we made a very important decision to call Rev. Greg Ward as our minister. This coming Sunday we have Mission Peak UU's annual Congregational meeting after our Sunday service (via Zoom) to pass our budget, elect board and Leadership Development Committee members, and confirm Committee on Ministry members. More information can be found below and in the email you received on May 17th which also has a link to the proposed budget. I encourage you to review it before Sunday.

I am amazed at how resilient we are. The circumstances of the pandemic could have caused us to throw up our hands in despair. Instead we got busy and switched to remote services, had a successful canvass, called a new minister, all without being in the same room with each other!

Thank you to Mission Peak UU's board, the canvass team, the search team, and the many other volunteers and staff who have been working hard to keep us all safe and connected until we can meet in person again. I also appreciate seeing many of you on Sunday during the remote service and at our virtual coffee hour.

Email me if you have any questions. See you on Sunday at the congregational meeting!

Steve Wallcave

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to connect.

The Integrity of our Community

How do we view our congregation when it comes to integrity? What elements of integrity affect

to integrity? What elements of integrity affect others in our community and are we considering others when we make decisions that might affect the community as a whole? How do spirituality and integrity connect? Join us this Sunday as we explore the deep fulfillment within ourselves that we are searching for.

Rev. Jo Green will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Katherine Alm. Worship Virtual Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele, Jessica Steele and Peak Performers will provide our music.



Because we will not have services in Cole Hall where you can donate money, below are 3 ways you can donate and/or fulfill your pledge:

1. Mail check to
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545
Fremont, CA 94537-0545
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)
2. Drop envelope with check or cash in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
We will be collecting this once per week.
3. Pay on line at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card.
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

Proposed Board Slate

The Leadership Development Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate of candidates to be presented at the annual Congregational meeting, which will be held on May 31st.

The positions below that are in bold type are positions that will be voted on. Nominations will also be accepted during the annual meeting. The positions not in bold type are those who are continuing the term of their particular elected position.

Board

Past President - Steve Wallcave

President - Allysson McDonald

President Elect - DeAnna Alm

Treasurer - Melissa Holmes

Secretary - Annette Breingan

At-Large (2 yrs) - Eric Ryan

At-Large (finishing 2nd year of 2-yr. term) - Jay Steele

Leadership Development Committee

Jen King (1 yr. left)

Linda Messia (2 yrs. left)

Valerie Stewart (begin 3-yr. term)

Committee on Ministry

The following members were selected by the Leadership Development Committee and approved

by the board. The congregation will vote yes/no/abstain to confirm them. The candidates up for confirmation are:

Ilze Duarte (2 year term)
Alan Davis (2 year term)
Colleen Arnold (1 year term)

If you have any questions, please contact, Kathy Wallcave, Jen King, or Linda Messia

Rev Jo is always available during this time of Shelter in Place

As we continue to Shelter in Place and are unable to be together physically, we are under a constant state of anxiety. Please know that I am available to talk with if need be. You can call me, text me, or send me an email during this time if you need to reach out in any way. Even though I am Zoom Candidating this week and next, I am still available to you all.

You can email me at minister@mpuuc.org or call or text me at 510-972-3890.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy and know that you have me and all of these congregants here in this community to rely on to find comfort or friendship. We will get through this time and be the stronger for it.

Blessings to you all,

Rev Jo



Coffee Chat with Rev. Jo

It's time for our monthly Coffee Chat! Let's meet on Zoom on Tuesday, June 16th at 7 p.m. to chat for an hour on our theme of Harmony this month. We can even eat on line together if you so choose.

Please go to mpuuc.org/zoom for zoom link. (Link will be available June 16) .

Hope to see you there!

Rev Jo



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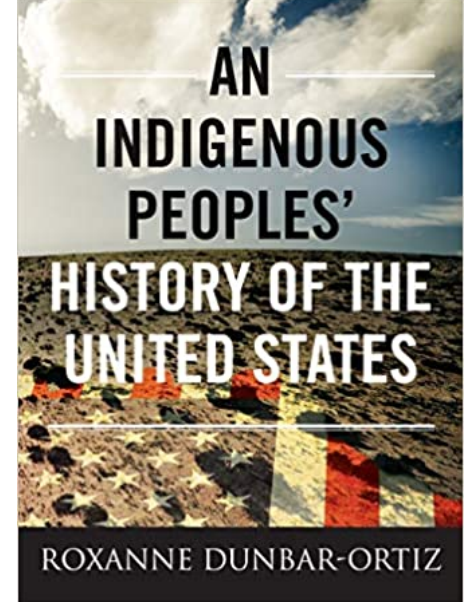
Indigenous Peoples' History Discussion Postponed

Our discussion of this year's UUA Common Read, An

Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, has been rescheduled for May 30 at 10 am. If you plan to participate

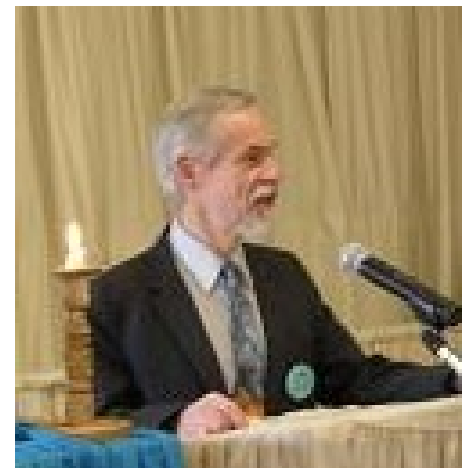
WINNER OF THE 2015 AMERICAN BOOK AWARD

rescheduled for May 26, at 10 am. If you plan to participate please contact Allysson McDonald for the zoom link, as our discussion will take place online.



An article by Dr. Chris Schriener, our Minister Emeritus, has just been published in Journal of Consciousness Studies

It is part of a major symposium about a paper by philosopher David Chalmers. Here are URLs for the Table of Contents of the symposium and the abstract of Chris' contribution:



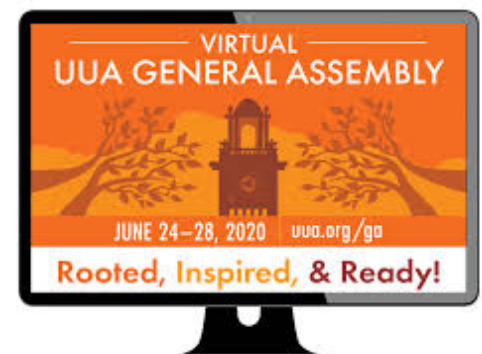
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Chris says the article is very technical, so the abstract won't make much sense unless you've read in this field. "But this will give you an idea of what's been keeping me busy the past few years."

General Assembly 2020, Rooted, Inspired & Ready

The first ever all virtual General Assembly is coming on June 24th to 28th. By registering as an attendee you're able to participate in 5 days of programming including daily morning worship, welcoming celebrations, live workshops, an on-demand library of programming, presentations by featured speakers and special events such as coffee hours, worship reflection time, and evening entertainment. To register go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration> Registration fee is \$150.



But, even if you don't register as an attendee you're able to view and participate in the events that are open to the public: Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy Bridging Worship, and Sunday Morning Worship.

The summary schedule for the 5 days is at
https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_grid_west.pdf

General Assembly provides an opportunity to gather and deepen our connections with each other, those beyond our congregation and with our faith.

Board Briefs

For complete board minutes of this and previous meetings or text of committee charters go to the members only section of our web site at mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only

The annual Congregational meeting is on May 31st after service on Zoom to pass our budget, elect board and Leadership Development Committee members and confirm Committee on Ministry members. Every member (with email) should have received an email with more details. Please contact Steve if you did not get the email announcement.

At the May 14th Board Meeting:

- We approved a proposed budget to recommend at the congregational meeting.
- Voted to approve a Committee on Ministry (COM) startup procedure
- Voted to approve COM members submitted by Leadership Development Committee
- Become a fiscal agent to receive and distribute a Unitarian Sunday School Society grant for Rev. Greg Ward
- Selected the recipient of the Pat Rodgers Volunteer of the Year Award, to be presented at annual meeting
- Scheduled our next regular board meeting for July 9th at 7PM

For more details or questions email president@mpuuc.org

Humor Corner





Climate Change

Sure, we can do something about climate change now, but if we find out in 50 years that the researchers made a mistake and that climate change doesn't really exist. We would have improved air quality in all major cities, gotten rid of noisy and smelly cars, cleaned up toxic rivers and destroyed dictatorships funded on money from oil for no reason.

If you have contributions to the Humor Corner, please send them to Sandra before 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

ACT NOW!

WE ARE ONE

**"APPLAUD FOR OUR HEROES"
EVERY THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m.**

Every Thursday evening, step outside and APPLAUD FOR OUR HEROES for a few minutes!

Let's clap, cheer, and make joyful noises for our Healthcare workers, First Responders, and Essential Workers who are doing so much to keep the rest of us going. Be creative! Make signs, sing or play a song, dance

for joy, or just clap and smile at your neighbors! PLEASE SHARE - Spread the word for our heroes! If there was ever a time that showed us that WE ARE ONE it's surely now



a time that showed us that WE ARE ONE, it's barely now.
(Flyer attached - [PDF](#))

[#ThanksHealthcareHeroes](#) [#WeApplaud](#)
[#ThankYouEssentialWorkers](#)
[#StayHomeSaveLives](#) [#ClapBecauseWeCare](#)
[#ThankfulThursdays](#)

APPLAUD FOR OUR HEROES!



Join our community to thank our heroes:

Healthcare Workers

First Responders

Essential Workers

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

starting April 23, 2020.

Continuing every Thursday while we shelter-in-place.

We invite you to step outside your front door and clap, cheer, and make joyful noises for a few minutes to thank our front line and essential workers who risk their own health everyday so we can be safe. Be creative! Make signs, make music, or just clap and smile at your neighbors. We appreciate all who are keeping things going during these trying times.



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Tri-City Interfaith Council Compassionate Fremont

WE ARE ONE



*Express Gratitude
and Spread Kindness*

as we

Shelter-in-Place



Since we are not able to physically gather for our monthly rallies, the Tri-City Interfaith Council and Compassionate Fremont encourage you to focus on acts of gratitude and compassion, as we continue to shelter-in-place. Think about all the people who are keeping our lives and our spirits going: the healthcare workers, first responders, grocery employees, postal and delivery workers, sanitation and other city workers, faith leaders, countless volunteers, and any and all who are making it possible for us to stay safe at home. We can also take the time to spread a little kindness in the world. Everyone can use a little cheer these days. After all, we're all [#InThisTogether](#).

Here are a few ideas possibilities. Share your ideas with us, too!

- *Create and post signs in your yard, or window, to thank these heroes.(Covering old campaign signs works well.)*
- *Ask neighbors to join you in applauding and cheering at a given day and time (or nightly.)*
- *Thank people, whether by phone, or in person --- 6 ft. away, of course.*
- *Post your appreciation to our heroes on FB, or other social media.*
- *Use sidewalk chalk to express your thanks to essential workers. Kids love to do this.*
- *Write a Letter to the Editor, thanking our heroes.*
- *Call someone to keep in touch and lift their spirits. We all know someone who could use a little sunshine.*
- *Write a real letter, send a card, an email, or text greetings to someone, just to let them know you care.*
- *Wave at neighbors, even strangers, as you walk in your neighborhood.*
- *Draw a smile or greeting on your face mask.*

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Peace and Blessings

Tri-City Interfaith Council
Compassionate Fremont

Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Representative Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to [house.gov](https://www.house.gov)

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224 - 3553

Senator Diane Feinstein (202) 224-3841



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