

# This Week on the Peak



## Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 1, 2020

### Greetings!

Hello from your favorite Director of Religious Education! It has been quite an interesting spring semester working to recreate our Children and Youth Religious Education classes to be virtual engagements. I have to say I certainly was not prepared to be a DRE during a pandemic, but I am incredibly impressed by the ways our congregation has worked to reinvision what community looks like in a time of shelter in place. I have watched as we rethought the meaning and intention behind our traditions in order to support our families during this difficult time. Since moving online in March we have tried a number of different endeavors to try and engage our young folks in ongoing relationships with the congregation. We haven't been as successful as we had hoped but we are grateful for the persistence of our families sticking with us.



As we prepare for our fall semester, we are looking for ideas from you, our wonderful families, to help us create something meaningful for your children and youth. Please take a moment to send us your thoughts and ideas by emailing me at [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org). In the meantime, we will be taking the month of July off from our virtual meetings. We are planning to have two in-person, socially distanced, events on July 11th and July 25th for our Jr. and Sr. high youth. We will meet at 10 a.m. on the lawn in front of Cole Hall. Please make sure to register your teen for this event by going to the following link: <https://forms.gle/4drkNFfuj54jeg2LA>

I am looking forward to another year as your DRE. As I have moved into having a full time position please note that I am only available during the following hours. Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. If you have an urgent matter please contact a member of the board or our minister.

All the best,

Shawn Snavley  
Director of Religious Education

# This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to virtual services because of the Coronavirus pandemic. See [mpuuc.org/zoom](https://mpuuc.org/zoom) each week for how to connect.

## Rooted, Inspired, Ready!

On Sunday, July 5, we will find out what we've learned at last week's Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. Delegates Allysson McDonald and Kathi Bayne, ministers Rev. Barbara Meyers and Rev. Chris Schriener, and Denominational Affairs Chair Holly Ito will all share the highlights of their GA experience. How can we as a congregation be "Rooted, Inspired, and Ready"?



**Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!**

Allysson McDonald will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Virtual Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele 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:**

Mail check to

1. 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%.**

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## Congregational Meeting Results

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation voted on June 28th to *"make Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression education and action a priority for the coming year. As part of that effort we will fly a BLM banner and put BLM information on our website."* The vote needed a 2/3 majority to pass because it is a public position. The vote was 36 yes and 1 abstention so it passed.

In addition to helping pass the resolution 16 members also volunteered to help work on fulfilling the resolution.

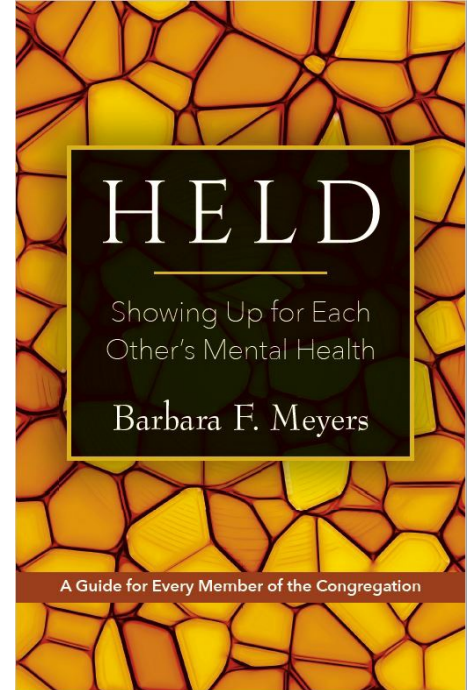
For more details about the meeting [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

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**Rev. Barbara Meyers book**

Rev. Barbara Meyers book *Held: Showing Up for Each Other's Mental Health*, is being published by Skinner House Books, the UU publishing house. It will be available on July 15, 2020. The editor of Skinner House suggested that Rev. Meyers write this book two years ago, and Skinner House has given excellent feedback on the book as it was written. There is a study guide that is part of the book, and Rev. Meyers intends to have a congregational book study at MPUUC using it in the fall of this year.



## JUSTICE CORNER

### **Treat Racism like COVID-19**

- 1. Assume you have it**
- 2. Listen to the experts about it**
- 3. Don't spread it**
- 4. Be willing to change your life to stop it**

**Black Lives  
Matter**

### **UUAGA (Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly) 2020**

Allysson McDonald and Kathi Bayne were delegates representing our congregation at the UUAGA between June 24 and June 28, 2020.

The following Bylaws changes were passed:

1. Bylaw amendments to section 8.7 and 8.8 clarify how vacancies in the role of co-moderator are filled
2. Bylaw amendments to sections to section 9.4 and 9.6 extending nominating and election process to conform to contemporary speed of communication

[https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020\\_final\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_final_agenda.pdf) (pages 70-72)

**The following Business resolution was passed:**

1. Embodying Human Rights in our Investment Decisions- asks for us to support socially responsible investing (SRI) by divesting from organizations with human rights violations.

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**The following Acts of immediate Witness (AIW) were affirmed:**

1. Address 400 Years of White Supremacist Colonialism
2. Amen to Uprising: A Commitment and Call to Action.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/program/business-agenda>

**The following Responsive Resolutions were adopted.**

1. Widening the Circle: Establishing Ongoing Intersectional Accountability Commission and Sunsetting the JTWTC
2. Supporting and Investing in Youth and Young Adults in Unitarian Universalism

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**Installed**

New co-moderators of the UUA were: Rev. Meg Riley and Charles Du Mond  
Board of Trustees at General Assembly (GA) 2020:  
3-Year Term- Kathy Burek, Barbara De Leeuw, John Newhall, Bill Young  
2-Year Term- Rebecca Throop (Youth Trustee)

**UUAGA events open to the public can be reached through the link below**

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2020>

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## Board Briefs

Mission Peak UU's annual report is ready to download. Thanks to all of the committee chairs and staff for giving inputs for their section. Thanks to Sandra for putting it all together. It is available in the members only section at [mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only/committee-charters-and-end-of-year-reports/](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only/committee-charters-and-end-of-year-reports/)



Our next regular board meeting is on July 9th at 7 p.m. The new board will start once the meeting starts. Thanks to Paul K. Davis who will become past past president (not an official board position) once this meeting starts.

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](http://mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only)

For more details about meetings or questions email [president@mpuuc.org](mailto:president@mpuuc.org)

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

### This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home  
And read books  
And listened  
And they rested  
And did exercises  
And made art and played  
And learned new ways of being  
And stopped and listened  
More deeply  
Someone meditated, someone prayed  
Someone met their shadow  
And people began to think differently  
And people healed.  
And in the absence of people who  
Lived in ignorant ways  
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
The earth also began to heal  
And when the danger ended and  
People found themselves  
They grieved for the dead  
And made new choices  
And dreamed of new visions  
And created new ways of living  
And completely healed the earth  
Just as they were healed.



Thursday, November 7th, 1918

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KELOWNA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

Kelowna, B.C.,  
19th October, 1918.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,  
Mayor.

## Humor Corner



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

## Tri-City Interfaith Council Statement

The Tri-City Interfaith Council issued a statement on Black Lives Matter. You can read the statement [here](#)

We encourage you to share this [statement](#).



Tri-City Interfaith Council

Tri-City Interfaith Council's Statement on Black Lives Matter

June 21, 2020

In response to the violent murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and the many named and unnamed victims of racial violence, the Tri-City Interfaith Council stands in solidarity with our Black siblings in proclaiming that Black Lives Matter. We are heartbroken for the lives lost and the families left behind to grieve.

We refuse to be silent in the face of the systemic racism that has plagued our nation for the past 400 years and endures today. We will raise our voices against racial injustice whenever and wherever it is found.

We actively support systemic change and will work toward a justice system that truly values Black lives. We join Black Lives Matters in pursuing an end to the culture of police violence in this nation.

As we work to eradicate racial injustice, we will examine our own attitudes and actions. We will strive to end personal and structural racism, while encouraging others to do the same.

As people of diverse faith traditions and spiritual paths, we believe in the value and dignity of all human life. We choose, and will promote, compassion, respect, non-violence, and equality for Black people everywhere.

We pray that this culture of violence and white dominance in our nation will be healed, not just in word, but by our actions, attitudes, policies, and practices.

We affirm that Black Lives Matter.

# ACT NOW!

## 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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