

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! February 24, 2021

Greetings!

My name is Melissa Holmes, I am the Treasurer of the Congregation, and the Chair of the Stewardship Committee. I'm very excited to announce the start of our yearly pledge drive, or Canvass. I'm excited because Rev. Greg Ward has brought new ideas to how we think about, and talk about, our pledge drive. And, since we've been rethinking how we communicate virtually, instead of sending out a paper brochure this year, we have a Canvass webpage with all the information you need to know about Canvass.



Our theme for Canvass this year is, "Love Right Through!" Rev. Greg and the Board have identified our Congregational priorities for next year, which are Covenant, Fellowship/Radical Hospitality, and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression (ARO). As we approach our vision for the next church year, we will Love Right Through everything that we do!

Over the coming weeks you will hear from many people in the Congregation about why Mission Peak is important to them. This year, with Rev. Greg's help and leadership, our main Canvass activity will be 1-on-1 "Connection" meetings with each person in the Congregation. Someone from the Congregation, your "Connector", will meet with you to talk about our Congregational priorities in more detail and to explain how you can support next year's vision financially.

Over the past year, we have all seen how much need for love there is in the world. We need love to make sure people are safe during Covid, to find ways to connect when we feel isolated, to fight against racism and oppression so that there is justice and fairness for everyone, and to work toward a shared ministry within MPUUC. We know what we need to do; now we need the support and resources to turn our vision into action. During Canvass we ask you to think about the financial resources you can provide to do just that – turn vision into action.

In the next few days please look for an email with more details about Canvass. This email will have a link to our new Canvass webpage, detailed financial information, and how to make sure your pledge qualifies for matching funds! A big thank you to 2 Mission Peak

household who provided matching funds for our pledge drive this year!

Canvass is about more than money, it's about using our money to make change in the world. And it's about making a commitment to our personal and shared values. If you like to think about how financial commitments can be used in different ways to support our values and vision, the Stewardship Committee is looking for you! We are looking for more people who want to find ways for our money to work as hard as possible to fulfill our vision and goals. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Holmes at treasurer@mpuuc.org.

Thank you to everyone for all you do to support MPUUC. We count on the commitment that each one of us brings to Mission Peak to make it a place where everyone is welcome, and where we support fairness and justice for every person across our community and the world.

Melissa Holmes

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.



A Conversion Story about LOVE

It happened, I was converted on the spot and finally got IT! LOVE, the BIG LOVE for all, not a Hallmark kind of Love, but a radical, life changing Love that leaves no one behind.

Rev, Dr. Kate Walker will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathy Wallcave.. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. Knuti Van Hoven, Paul K. Davis 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:

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)

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.

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%.

Memorial Service for Maria Luisa Macias on February 28, 2021

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation invites you to a virtual Memorial Service in honor of our dear friend Maria Luisa Macias at 2 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Sunday, February 28, 2021. The service will be led by Rev. Greg Ward and Rev. Barbara Meyers. Guests are invited to join in celebrating the life of Maria Luisa and remembering her vibrant spirit.

To join the virtual Memorial Service, please use this link: [here](#)



Congregational Covenant

The Congregational Conversation with CoM/Cov (Committee on Ministry building our Covenant) introduced a [Draft of the Covenant](#). In the conversation, it was clarified that there would be no body with 'power-over' (like the Board or the Minister or the CoM) who would *enforce* the covenant but, instead, ask all of us to exercise 'power-with' to repair and restore covenant when it was broken. A [Summary of the Feb 21 Covenant Conversations](#) makes it clear that we feel the need for some resources – including clear process, steps to take, classes, coaching and support to 'live into covenant' in the exciting way we know is possible. We will be setting up a Survey in the near future to further refine the covenant to it's best possible beginning. Please look for it and offer your feedback. Our next Congregational Conversation will be March 21.

The Mission Peak Media Exchange is LIVE!!

We have created an online spreadsheet that lists over 500 of the items that have been donated so far (we're still accepting donations and entering items so please check back often). Please click on this link to see what is available:

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Multiple 'categories' have been included to try and help you find items you're interested in. Paperback's are \$2 each, all other items (Hardback books, Cookbooks, DVD's, Audio Books) are \$3 each. Ordering instructions are available in the spreadsheet.

Jen King

Daytimer's Discussion Group

The Minister's Daytimer Group meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 am. This week's (February 25 topic is "Leadership – how can leadership focus more on Love than on power as an operational principle?" The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) (Or you can find the link on the MPUUC website and events calendar). Next week's topic (March 4 at 10 a.m.) is "What gives you hope about the world today? What breaks your heart about the world today?" Come explore these two fundamental questions used in Community Organizing.

Asylum and Immigration Committee

The Asylum and Immigration Committee is looking for a reliable and inexpensive used car.

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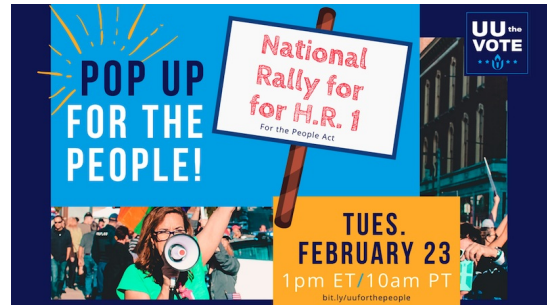
UU The Vote

Here's how you can help move H.R. 1, the For The People Act towards law before the March 3rd vote in Congress:

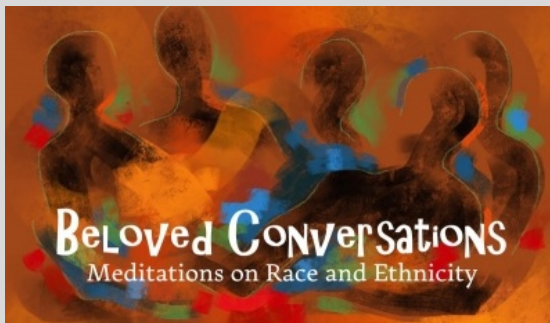
1. Watch: [watch our "Pop Up 'For the People' UU the Vote Virtual Rally for H.R. 1"](#) and see the [slides here](#)

2. Act: bit.ly/CallForThePeople [If you already called, be sure to [fill out this quick form](#)

3. Invite: [Pop Up for the People Toolkit](#)



Kathi Bayne



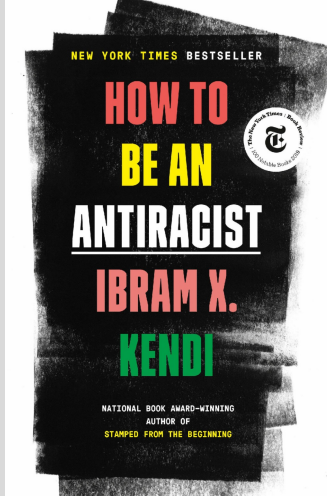
Short Notice--Important Opportunity! [Beloved Conversations Virtual](#)

"Beloved Conversations—the signature offering of The Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard Theological School—is a program for Unitarian Universalists seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. In Beloved Conversations, we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives, in order to get free together."

BC is a demanding but transformative program that has received rave reviews from the 4 MPUUC members who participated in the fall. At least two others from MPUUC are registered for the spring session. **Registration closes this Friday, February 26!**

Special Opportunity: Reading & Discussion of How to Be An Anti-Racist

Colleen Arnold will facilitate a study group of Ibram X. Kendi's book **How to Be An Antiracist**. Come discuss this #1 New York Times bestseller with us and discover what the New York Times calls "The most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind." This is a must-read for anyone who wants to go beyond awareness to the formation of a just and



equal society.

Dates: Sundays, April 11, April 18, May 2, May 16, all 11:30-12:30)

[Please register by clicking here.](#)



Education/Action: "New Day Rising" Conference

Saturday, February 27, 2021, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm PST (with breaks)

Is your congregation ready to take a new step in changing white supremacy culture? Want to learn what your fellow congregations are working on, and how you might apply it at home? Join a continent of UUs as we explore next steps in creating Beloved UU Communities. [Get more information and register here.](#)

"Small actions can make a huge impact."

PATRICK JURNEY



The League of Women Voters Fremont, Newark, Union City and the American Association of University Women invite you to a presentation by environmentalist Patrick Journey Thursday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Journey will explain how the Fremont Green Challenge provides concrete, actionable, affordable, small endeavors we can undertake to alleviate some environmental concerns. To register go to [this link](#) More info. [here](#)

Board Briefs

The board passed 2 motions by email voting:

- 1) Asked treasurer to apply for a second PPP loan and gave details on what actions to take to do that.
- 2) Allow outdoor events starting March 1st using the previously approved guidelines at "[about-->congregational documents](#)" portion of web site.

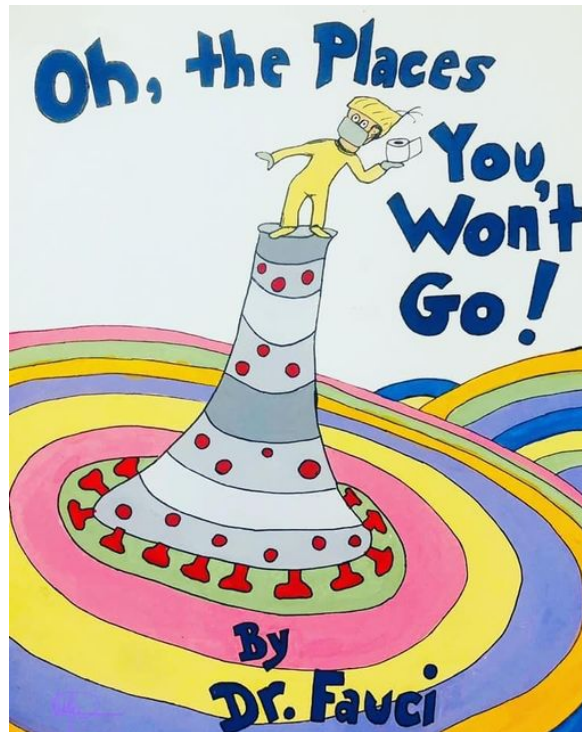


The next board meeting is on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

For complete board minutes or other board info go to the Members Only section of our web site at mpuuc.org/about-us/members-only

For more details about meetings or questions email president@mpuuc.org

HUMOR CORNER



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

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 Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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