

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 3, 2021

Greetings!

Hello, my name is Barbara Meyers and I am a UU Community Minister affiliated with Mission Peak. The focus of my ministry is mental health and I usually speak and act on that subject. But, I have also been deeply involved with the Anti-Racist & Anti-Oppression Education & Action (ARO) Task Force formed last year in response to racism. At February's MPUUC Board Meeting, the ARO Task Force became a standing committee.



My commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression came after attending many classes, meetings and General Assembly workshops on racism. At the 2016 UUA General Assembly, I finally "got it" that until white people take action, racism in the United States will not be eradicated. And that unless I take some action to counter racism, I am complicit. I've done a lot of reading about racism and joined the local NAACP chapter. When the ARO team was created, I joined it and have engaged in its activities, including taking the Beloved Conversations virtual education program along with 1400 other UUs, three of whom belong to MPUUC.

This coming Sunday's service will be led by the ARO team. We will talk about what motivated our work, what we've done, and what we plan to do. One of our recommendations will be that we adopt the "8th Principle," a proposed new UU principle that addresses anti-racism and anti-oppression. We look forward to educating the congregation about this issue, and getting your input.

See you in church!

Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

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.



Re-Dedication to Anti-Racism Work

The history and future of our congregation's commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression. Our original commitment. What we've done this year. Where we see this in the future.

ARO Team will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara F. Meyers.. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. 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%.

NEW SURVEY ON CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

On February 21, ComCov (the Committee on Ministry with Drew Wilson's help) introduced a **Draft of the Covenant**. We are now collecting feedback about this proposed draft. Please take a moment to fill out the **NEW SURVEY** with your feedback about the draft by March 16th:

Also, if you're curious about the covenant, or would like updates on the process, please check out our **Covenant Page** on the MPUUC website

Thank you!

ComCov (Colleen Arnold, Alan Davis, Terri King, Drew Wilson and Rev. Greg Ward)

It's Canvass Time of Year!

We are getting ready for our yearly pledge drive, or Canvass, where we make a pledge for our upcoming fiscal year which starts July 1, 2021, and ends June 30, 2022. Our theme for Canvass this year is, "Love Right

Through!" and we will be holding 1-on-1 "Connection" meetings with each person in the Congregation to talk about your pledge.

You should have received an email with information about Canvass; please read through the email and accompanying links. We also have a webpage this year with detailed information about Canvass. I invite you to check that out as well. If you have questions please contact Melissa Holmes at treasurer@mpuuc.org.



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:

[Please click on this link to see what is available](#)

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 meets this Thursday (March 4) at 10:00 am. This week's topic is "Draft of the Covenant" Please be sure to go review the draft of the covenant – you can even fill out the survey. Come with your thoughts, questions, concerns, hopes and aspirations. 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 11 at 10AM) 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. If you know of one for sale, or one that can be borrowed for a few months, please e-mail Meredith, anmeredithmiller@va.gov. Thank you!

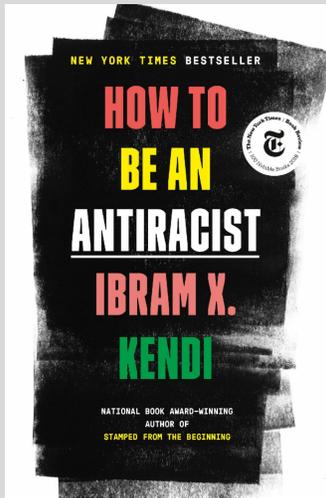


NEW: After-Service Mini Discussion Group!

We've heard feedback that while people like the ARO items in WOTP, they don't always have time to read or digest them, and would like a chance to do so with others. **Well, let's start now!!** This Sunday (3/7), after the ARO-led worship service, we will break into smaller groups to watch & discuss this video: "[Holy Post: Race in America](#)." If you want to get a jump start, watch it now! Every time I see it, I learn something new.

For additional context, you can also take a look at “[The Black Wealth Gap](#)” from *The Week*. “Decades after the civil rights movement, African Americans still hold a fraction of the wealth of white Americans. Why? Here's everything you need to know.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUwcs9qJXY&t=2s&authuser=0>



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.

You'll probably want to order the book now - it's very popular. You might consider supporting Marcus Books, the first independent black-owned bookstore in the US, conveniently located in Oakland. <https://bookshop.org/shop/marcusbooks>

Dates: Sundays, **April 11, April 18, May 2, May 16**, all 11:30-12:30)
[Please register by clicking here.](#)

Note: We ran into some complications with the zoom registration. We have fixed the problem but it was, alas, a bit messy. The published dates/times remain unchanged. If you already registered, **please RE-REGISTER** in order to get the corrected information. Our apologies for the inconvenience and THANK YOU!

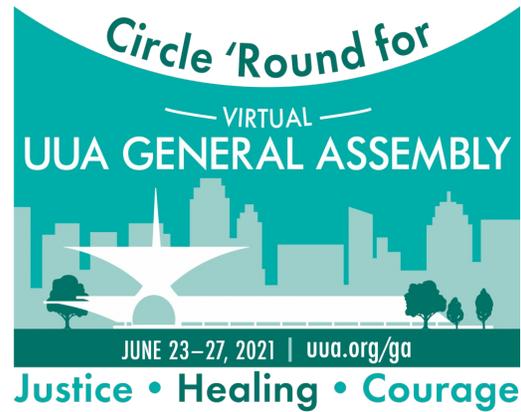
PCD Winter Chalice Lighter Call Now Open!

The Winter 2020 Chalice Lighter Call for the Pacific Central District will be devoted to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund. Many members of congregations in the PCD, as well in other districts of the Pacific Western Region, have been affected by the wildfires that have raged through Northern and Southern California, Oregon and Washington. Now Colorado is experiencing climate-related wildfires. The disaster fund is a general fund, but we want to support it because it is actively supporting UU families that have lost their homes to wildfires this year. In addition, individual UUs and UU communities in our district have been supported in the past and will need support in the future. Visit the [PCD website](#) to read the call letter and make a donation.

Allysson McDonald

Virtual General Assembly 2021: Register Now!

Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage is the theme for General Assembly 2021. General Assembly is a time to circle 'round in community. We circle 'round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage. We share stories of the work happening at our Association and in our congregations. We study ways to implement and live into our mission. UUA GA 2021 will incorporate recommendations from the Commission on Institution Change report, "Widening the Circle of Concern" and dialogue with the Article II Commission about our Principles and Purposes.



- Registration is open! Registration for virtual GA 2021 is \$200 per person. [Learn about registration details](#).
- [Volunteer Applications](#) are open for those who want to volunteer to lower their costs to attend. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

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.



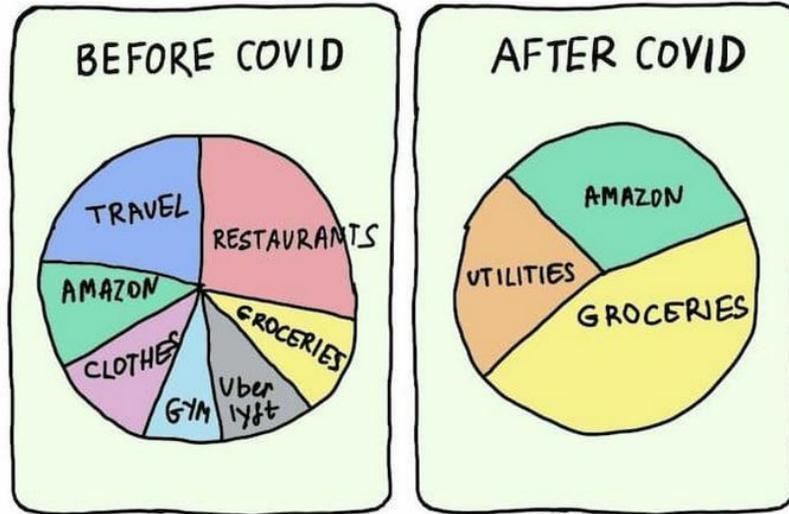
The next board meeting is on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

Spending money



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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