

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! July 7, 2021

Greetings!

Hello Mission Peak UU Friends!

My name is DeAnna Alm and as of our 7/14/21 Board meeting, I will be moving from the President-Elect to the President position. It has been some years since I last served as President, but I am looking forward to the challenge! We have had changes in membership and in governance structure since I last led the Board, so the job will have new challenges as well as some familiar procedures. (And of course, no one had heard of Covid-19 when I last did this job!)



Mission Peak UU Congregation has been through a lot of changes itself over this last congregational year. We have met (at least virtually) and settled into collaboration with our newest minister, Rev. Greg Ward, and worked hard at successfully moving our spiritual home online. There have definitely been some bumps in the road, but we all pulled together and were able to maintain our vital activities and connections.

And now, things are changing again! As of June 20th, we have moved to holding services in Cole Hall again, allowing us to see each other in 3-D. Even with our masks on during services, it is still such a treat to see people's faces! At the same time, we are continuing to broadcast our services via Zoom, allowing us to maintain our connections with people who have moved out of the area or who are not yet willing or able to join us in person. We are so happy to be able to offer both options, but offering these hybrid services means that we do need to call on our members and friends in order to help them continue. **Please take a look at the Sunday Services article below, read the job descriptions, and see if there is something you can do!**

DeAnna Alm

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.



The Power of Choice

Have you ever been worried, frightened, full of anxiety? Did it fully embrace you and swallow up all other emotions? Did it take away all feeling of choice? Calista Ames was faced with just such a situation and found her path through it in an inspiring space full of hope and love.

Calista Ames will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara F. Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers, Knuti VanHoven, Bekah Troxler D;hand and Jo Ann Schriner will provide our music.

Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely you can donate money and/or fulfill your pledge in the 3 ways shown below:

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%.

If you are attending services in Cole Hall we will provide envelopes so you can donate money by placing checks or cash in the office mail slot.

Special Collection for facilities to help purchase hybrid service upgrades for Cole Hall

We are having a special collection for us to upgrade some of our equipment that make hybrid services possible. We are currently using an old donated Windows 8 laptop to stream the service from Cole Hall to Zoom. We plan on replacing that computer as well as replacing the Children's RE TV we have been using as a second monitor for it. This special collection will help make this possible.

Questions? Call Steve Wallcave or Graham Bell

Please donate if you are able, in one of these ways:

Write a check to MPUUC with "Facilities" in the memo line and mail 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 an envelope with a check (with "Facilities" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Facilities") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (UUAGA) 2021 summary of voting results

Election Results

- Board of Trustees #3: Rev. Elizabeth Mount
- Board of Trustees #6: JeKaren Olaoya
- Board of Trustees #8: Rev. Sam Trumbore
- Commission on Appraisal: Adrian Graham
- Financial Advisor: Lucia Santini Field
- General Assembly Planning Committee: Chelsea Surfus
- Nominating Committee: Tim Atkins, Rev. Danielle Di Bona, cristy cardinal

Act of Immediate Witness (AIW) (3 were approved for discussion to as per UUA bylaws)
The General Assembly affirmed these Actions of Immediate Witness

- [Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities \(PDF\)](#)
- [The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights and a Multiracial Democracy \(PDF\)](#)

Statement of Conscience

The Statement of Conscience (SOC): [Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy \(PDF\)](#) was adopted

More details are available at <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/business-agenda>

FUNDS RAISED at UUAGA

\$155,000 was raised for the Living Tradition Fund, the Katie Tyson Fund for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Side with Love, and our Sunday worship beneficiary, MICAH: Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope.

Any final [gifts to these collections](#) can be made through June 30.

Kathi Bayne

Rev. Greg away until August 17

Rev. Greg will be on leave (a much earned vacation as well as study leave) until August 17. There is a fabulous line up of lay leaders and guest ministers throughout the summer. Rev. Barbara Meyers is available for Pastoral Emergencies. You can contact her at bfkmeyers@gmail.com. If you have a Joy or Concern you want to share with the congregation, but can't be at a service to share it yourself, you can send a note to the Encouragement Committee at ECteam@mpuuc.org.

Questions about Rev. Greg's vacation and study leave time? email president@mpuuc.org.

Services in Cole Hall Began June 20th

We are now having services in Cole Hall with worship leaders and congregants. We will provide three ways to attend the service — via [Zoom](#), sitting inside Cole Hall, or sitting on the patio outside Cole Hall. Our sound system works well inside, outside and over Zoom. Our worship leaders will either be inside Cole Hall or use Zoom to connect to the service in Cole Hall in future weeks.

[Please volunteer to help in Cole Hall, if you are able, so we can CONTINUE TO have services in Cole Hall after June 20th](#)

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We allow worship leaders, associates, and other service participants to be unmasked while speaking if they voluntarily disclose they are vaccinated and are 10ft apart from others who are not fully vaccinated.

The board passed a [New Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#). You can also find it in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the [mpuuc.org](#) web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and make changes as needed.

We also have other board policies related to Covid-19 in section 18 of the [board policies document](#), which is also in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the website. The outdoor event guidelines in section 18.2 will control how we would be able to have food or drinks outside after the service, or for special events. Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about either safety policy.

[Please volunteer to help us meet in Cole Hall every Sunday starting June 20th. Contact Jen King to volunteer.](#)

The Sunday Service Team needs your help so we can have services in Cole Hall each week!

This is your chance to help us continue to be able to meet in Cole Hall every Sunday We plan on a self-serve approach to chairs, hymnals and cushions when we start. While we would love to offer our traditional coffee hour after the service, we must prioritize getting volunteers to have the service in Cole Hall first so we will not be serving food or drinks at “coffee hour” until we have volunteers to fill all of the positions below. The following functions are needed to support a service in Cole Hall:

- Pulpit Set-Up/Take Down
- Aesthetics
- Greeters
- Safety Monitor
- Zoom and A/V host
- Key Holder

For Job descriptions see <https://mpuuc.org/services-in-cole-hall-starting-june-20th#volunteer>. Training will be provided.

To volunteer or find out more information please contact Jen King - jenking@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu.

Midweek Discussion Group

The midweek zoom discussion group established by Rev. Greg will be continuing over the summer, at 10:00 AM each Thursday. All are invited. To participate click on [this link](#) at 10:00. Tomorrow we will discuss The Power of Choice. We will choose each week's topic at the end of the previous week's session, until Rev. Greg returns from vacation. For further information you may also contact Paul Davis at paulkdavis@earthlink.net.

JUSTICE CORNER

UUSJ sponsored a successful *Action of Immediate Witness (AIW)* at General Assembly in June, thanks to the quick work of our Democracy Action Team and Executive Director Pablo DeJesus.

This action calls on the Unitarian Universalist Association and its congregations to work in partnership toward theologically-grounded understanding and meaningful action on democracy matters -- eliminating voter suppression, restoring the right to vote to formerly incarcerated returning citizens, ensuring fair districts, protecting the right of protest, demanding transparency with respect to money in politics, supporting D.C. statehood, and more.

Each year, up to three AIWs can be voted in by the General Assembly delegates. (Read the full [AIW HERE](#)). The other two passed this year were: Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities and The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage. To learn more about the UUA's 2021 AIWs click [HERE](#).

Unlike a Statement of Conscience, an AIW does not carry the full authority of the UU Association; rather, it expresses the conscience and carries the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed. The AIW process allows UUs to respond quickly to social issues deemed urgent.

ANTI-RACISM ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE (ARO) RECOMMENDATIONS



Thursday, July 8 • 12:00 – 1:00 pm PST
[SURJ National Abolition Action Hour](#)

Join SURJ National's monthly Action Hour to take collective action to help build a world where people aren't locked away in for-profit prisons and immigrant detention centers, and where Indigenous rights, land and water are protected for the benefit of all. During this hour, we will "zap" (call, text, or email) whomever we are pressuring that day. You'll receive training and support throughout the session. Event is free, [register here](#).

Sunday, July 11 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm
[CRCAA Intro to the 5 Methods Webinar](#)

Community Ready Corps Allies & Accomplices ([CRCAA](#)) is calling on white folks to join us to for an interactive webinar about how to effectively fight against the persistent re-establishment of white supremacy in this moment by incorporating the [5 Methods](#) in your life, work, and organizing. White people must divest of white power and weaponize white privilege; CRC has provided us with 5 Methods by which to do just this, and we want to share them with you. Webinar is free. [Details and link here](#), and [register here](#).



Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, June 9:

- [Approved a board policy on in-person services at Cole Hall](#)
- Approved an exception for the memorial service on June 19
- Approved beginning in-person services at Cole Hall on June 20
- Reviewed the logistics for in-person services
- Received a progress report from the Right-Sizing Task force
- Discussed possible reduction in the size of the board
- Reviewed the Ministry Assessment
- Approved a policy on the Minister's Discretionary Fund



The Program Council met on June 19 from 2-5 pm.

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, July 14, 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

The Defusing Hatred Program

By TriCities Interfaith Coalition (TCIC).

Learn nonviolent communication skills in a safe environment and develop tools for responding to uneasy situations and hate speech.

TCIC hopes this program will help us build robust communities of care and protection of the vulnerable around us, especially in this time of heightened tension and public acts of aggression.

Wednesday, July 21st at 7 pm

Everyday Peacemaking Program

Wednesday, July 28th @ 7 pm

Following up on The Defusing Hatred Program, this module explores practical ideas for staying in conversation with others, conflict management, and how our spiritual practices help us stay calm in tense situations.

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Going Deeper – 2 sessions

Wednesday, August 4th & 18th at 7 pm

Following up on The Defusing Hatred Program, these sessions explore Compassionate Listening and other communication skills in a safe environment to develop tools for going deeper in potentially fraught conversations

Register in advance for these meetings, save the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuuqqDMoHNUToNhYkMFzHx-1qysl3zgZ>

*These sessions will be recorded.
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Please click [here](#) for flyer.

HUMOR CORNER

**Please keep your dogs
and children quiet in
the mornings. Some of
us have been up all
night setting off
fireworks. Thanks.**

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

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Representative Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to house.gov

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841

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