

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 16, 2022

Greetings!

My name is Melissa Holmes (pronouns – she, her, hers) and I am on the Board currently serving my third term as Treasurer. The Treasurer works closely with Sandra Lange, our Office Administrator to make sure that the staff gets paid, all the bills are paid, and that reimbursements are paid out to people in the Congregation. I also take care of things like converting stock pledge donations into cash (if you want to pay your pledge using stock or just donate stock to Mission Peak please talk to me). I also help to create the yearly proposed Congregational budget that the Board presents at the annual Congregational meeting.



Right now it's Canvass season, when we all make a pledge to say what our financial contribution to Mission Peak will be for the next fiscal year (July 2022-June 2023). This is very important to the financial health of the Congregation, without your pledge we would not be able to budget for our expenses in the coming year. If you plan to make a donation to Mission Peak next year, it's important that you take the next step and submit your pledge so we know how much you will be donating. We need that information so we can formulate a responsible budget based on our expected income.

During the budgeting process is when we look at whether we can add new expenses to our budget. For example, last year the ARO Committee requested that \$2000 be included in the current budget for Indigenous and African American reparations, which we were able to do. We gave \$1000 to the Community Housing Development Corporation of Virginia, which is a group providing home ownership and wealth building assistance for African Americans in the Bay Area. If you attended the service this past Sunday, you heard Rev. Barbara Meyers read a letter from a recipient of the money we donated, who thanked us for providing the opportunity for their family to buy a house and start the wealth-building process that has been denied to them in the past. I was so grateful and proud that Mission Peak was able turn our values into action and make a difference in the fight against systematic racism in this country. The pledges of our members and friends

made that donation possible.

Money and financial planning are ways that we can turn our values into action. One way that you can help us plan and make the most of our financial resources is to make a pledge to Mission Peak during Canvass. If you have not signed up to attend a pledge party there are a couple left on the schedule, please see the information in the Week on the Peak below to sign up. If you are interested in helping with the financial life of Mission Peak there are other ways you can help as well. For example, we currently don't have a formal way for people to include Mission Peak in their estate planning, which would be a very beneficial program for us. If you would like to help with any aspect of finances and financial planning at Mission Peak please send me an email at Treasurer@mpuuc.org.

Thank you so much for everything you do for Mission Peak!

This Sunday's Service:

We have transitioned to hybrid services. See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.



Glimpsing the Sacred

What does our faith teach us about a theology of creating Beloved Community? What sustains us as we labor and endeavor to create it? In this service, we'll explore Beloved Community and the sacred glimpses we have in the here and now of the world we dream to create together. In the end, this theology could be one such way of renewing faith and our commitments to one another and our shared world.

Rev. Alex Jensen will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Performers 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 a check 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.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAM NEEDS HELP

Our Sunday Services come from Cole Hall and most of our members attend Services online. We are all grateful to our members make that this possible, as the Zoom Hosts, and others who have been so resourceful and learned all sorts of new tech skills to create programming and music, and Rev. Greg who has helped bring the wider UU world into our Services.

And, there is a small crew of folks who come together at Cole Hall each week to set up the chairs for in-person attendees, aesthetically set up the pulpit, and greet folks at the door.

We need more folks on the crew, please. Elke and Rodd Gunn who have been Greeters one week each month will be moving to Chicago in March. Currently some folks are doubling up on duties or coming more than once a month; and sometimes they need a break, or to have someone cover in case they have a to be away from Cole Hall on a Sunday.

If you could take one week in March, April, May or June – as a Greeter, Set-up/Take-down, or Aesthetics, please contact Valerie Stewart about the schedule at ValerieS4kids@aol.com or 510/673-4287.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

This is a new section of Week on the Peak from your Encouragement Committee. Each week, we will post those sharings during Sunday's Joys and Concerns that we were given permission to share. We encourage you to follow what is on the hearts of your fellow members and reach out on occasion to celebrate and console those you care about. Here are the [Joys and Concerns](#) from this week. If you would like your joy or concern to

appear in the Circle of Life, contact the Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) or surgical masks which are more effective than cloth masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if fully vaccinated and boosted. Because vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people to attend services outside or via Zoom.

The [board Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall](#) is 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.

Men's Breakfast on April 1st!

The Mission Peak UU and First United Methodist joint Men's Breakfast is on Friday, April 1st (no fooling). We will meet at 10AM at Suju's coffee at 4949 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont. If you plan on coming this month please let Steve Wallcave wallcave@mpuuc.org or John Holmes know.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will be about the degree to which any of us grew up recognizing the degree of racial zoning that was going on in the neighborhoods in which we lived. If we knew, how did we know? What did we do about it? What response did we see from role models? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) Next week's discussion will be lay led and will be about our glimpses of the sacred. When did we notice that we were seeing something 'holy'?

Canvass

Dear Members and Friends of Mission Peak,

Mission Peak thanks everyone for supporting our Canvass effort. The Canvass Team has provided their time and talents to make this vital process as transparent and meaningful as possible for our community. The Canvass brochure is available at www.mpuuc.org.



Pledge Parties are via Zoom meetings. Tuesday, March 29th is our last scheduled Pledge Party. Here is the link to the Pledge Party Sign-up form if you haven't signed up yet. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwol5hOFLZocKHtPi1zO1Le5VeemBMTXW4TVNUTOYtn95_Qw/viewform. Hosts will email you before your meeting. **Please sign-up at least 48 hours BEFORE a Pledge Party date to ensure that we can get all the necessary folks notified-including you.**

If you would prefer to pledge with an individual, please contact Valerie at canvass@mpuuc.org. Here is the link for the Pledge form, it is a simple form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9Wwvnx9_RkPHtwiK66Pffg0sX3OtXpJyXjLiv4GXVqUglhw/viewform

Completing Canvass during March is important for MPUUC. The Board will begin to plan next year's budget (July 2022- June 2023) at the beginning of April. As a community we share this Moment that Matters for Mission Peak and we *will* go Forward Together !

With gratitude,
Valerie Stewart
Canvass Coordinator canvass@mpuuc.org

JUSTICE CORNER

Intergenerational Spring Seminar

"Displacement & Human Rights: All in for Climate Justice"
April 22 – May 1

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar, hosted by the UU Office at the United Nations (UU@UN), UU Ministry for Earth, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and Side With Love is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a



global activist. Through workshops, panel discussions, community building activities, and worship, you will undergo a process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. [Learn more and register here.](#)

What's Up in Our Jail: Why Your Vote Matters

Dear Friends,

Mass incarceration is a moral issue! Too many people of color from disadvantaged communities fill Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail, and all of us pay for legal actions that follow the deaths and egregious treatment of people incarcerated there.

Please join the Interfaith Coalition for Justice in Our Jails, in collaboration with Faith in Action East Bay, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Bend the Arc Jewish Action, All of Us or None and many other organizations **at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 30 for a zoom town hall, What's Up in Our Jail: Why Your Vote Matters in the Race for District Attorney & Sheriff**, to hear about how the criminal-legal system works in Alameda County, what you can do to insure the humane treatment of people incarcerated in Santa Rita jail, and what Alameda County can do to reduce the number of people booked into jail at all.

Please register at tinyurl.com/WUWOJ and spread the word!

I look forward to seeing you on March 30!

Richard Speigman, Chair
Interfaith Coalition for Justice in our Jain

What's Up With Our Jail?

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
in the June 7th election for
**Alameda County Sheriff
and District Attorney!**

"The system continues to fail Black and brown people, poor people, and those with mental illness."
~ Brendon Woods,
Chief Public Defender

Zoom Town Hall: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

Conditions in our jail have led to many unexplained deaths and suicides.

Speakers:
Brendon Woods, Chief Public Defender
Kimberley Graves, Advocate for son with serious mental health issues incarcerated in our jail
Rudy Howell, Re-entry staff at Rubicon & member of Oakland Police Commission
Loni Hancock: Former Berkeley City Mayor, State Legislator, and social justice advocate

Register:
tinyurl.com/WUWOJ
Or scan the QR Code:

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LIVERMORE INDIVISIBLE
ALL OF US OR NONE
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

JUBILEE 3 anti-racist anti-oppression training.

Hello UU Communities in the western part of the country,

I am inviting you to consider participating in the Jubilee Three Workshop on the weekend of March 25-27, 2022. Jubilee Three is an antiracism workshop that we have been providing since our congregations shifted to virtual programming. Since September 2020, over 500 UUs have gone through the training.

We are offering Jubilee Three for people who live in or near the Pacific Time Zone to make the schedule more convenient. This training does not require prior courses.

You can register here <https://www.paulacolejones.com>

What the Jubilee Three training offers people, of course, depends on where they are in their own life and in their relationships. In the amount of time we have, we cannot cover everything.

We will address:

- how racism was constructed in the U.S.
- how it works systemically in this country.
- the intersection of racism and classism
- the intersection of racism and gender
- how we have all been socialized into systems and a culture historically built from white supremacy, a theme that runs through the training

Register at <https://www.paulacolejones.com>

Please note all times are for the Pacific Time Zone. This is an online training, and all UUs are welcome.

- Friday, March 25th - 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday, March 26th - 9:00am to 8:30pm
- Sunday, March 27th - 12:00pm to 6:30

The trainers are Paula Cole Jones, Dr. Leon Spencer and Lutricia Callair.

Enrollment is limited so sign up today! Registration fee: \$170 per participant, \$85 for second or third person in the same household. The first person must register at \$170 for subsequent family members to receive the discount. Deadline is March 20, 2022.

Anti-Racism Training

Our Anti-Racism Training is BACK!
Early Bird Registration is open NOW!
Course opens April 1st!
**TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF
BECOMING ANTI-RACIST.**



DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCY
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This 6 hour asynchronous course has been revised and updated to include new content, and revised existing content to enhance participants' experience and provide a stronger foundation and inspire action!

6 CE hours available!

Register before the training launch date of April 1st and pay a hugely discounted Early Bird rate!

[Register Now!](#)

8th Principle Learning

Celebrating Black Excellence

During the month of February, we reflected on Black Excellence. We highlighted Black Americans who have contributed to US society, culture, governance, and wonder. If you missed our series about these groundbreaking Americans, you can visit our post here.

<https://uujmca.org/2022/uujmca/black-history-month-2022/>

[#ReImagineCommunity](#) [#BlackExcellence](#) [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) [#blackexcellence](#) [#uujmca](#)



Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, March 9 and:

- Discussed board restructuring ideas
- Discussed proposed bylaw changes
- Received and discussed proposal from financial consultant on streamlining the Treasurer's position.
- Approved process for receiving financial consultant's proposal on implementation of ideas
- Discussed elimination of "cash through mail slot" donation option



- Received information on canvass results so far

The next board meeting is on Wednesday, April 13 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

**Please Join Us For
General Assembly
2022!**



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The General Assembly Housing Reservation System is Now Open!

The GA Housing Reservation System offers premium amenities, discounted rates, and the best networking opportunities for in-person GA attendees. By booking in our hotel block, you assist the UUA in effectively controlling meeting space, attrition and penalty fees; all of which directly benefit you and the future of General Assembly. Additionally, the UUA is able to negotiate on behalf of our block of attendees for [sustainability](#) and [accessibilities](#) requirements. Get a head start on your travel plans and book your housing today on the [GA Housing Reservation Page](#).

Dormitory housing at Portland State University and information about home hospitality, if available, will be published in March 2022. [Reserve Now!](#)

Safety and Wellness in Portland

In compliance with UUA and Oregon Convention Center guidelines, entry to General Assembly 2022 in Portland, OR is open to people who are fully vaccinated. Additionally, the OCC's requirement of vaccination extends to all contracted service providers working in the facility.

[Oregon Convention Center COVID-19 Safety Measures](#)

In addition, masking is required and physically distanced seating options will be reserved in our meeting spaces.

Register Now for In-Person GA 2022!

[Registration is now open](#) for in-person attendance.

UUA General Assembly 2022: Virtual Registration Opened March 1

[June 22-26, 2022](#)

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Virtual Registration for General Assembly Opens March 1.

Do you enjoy the convenience and accessibility of remote General Assembly participation? GA 2022 again offers virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. [Virtual Registration](#) opens March 1st.

Multi-Platform General Assembly: Choose Your Platform

In-person Registration is required for all live GA events and programming taking place in Portland, Oregon. In-person registration includes access to virtual content available on the GA app, powered by Whova. In-person registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. General Assembly registration is required for all in-person participants, including in-person delegates. [Register now!](#)

Full Virtual Registration is required for access to virtual GA programming, including workshops, worship services, the Ware Lecture, featured speakers, Opening and Closing celebrations, exhibits, entertainment, and networking. Virtual GA programming will be streamed on the GA app, powered by Whova. Delegates will use the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Virtual registration is the same process for delegates and non-delegates; delegates may register before or after determining their delegate status. [Register starting March 1](#)

Business-only Virtual Registration provides access to the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. Payment is not required but a donation to offset production and platform costs is suggested. Business-only registrants will access to delegate chat rooms but will not have access to GA programming, the GA app, networking opportunities, or the exhibit hall. GA delegates are strongly encouraged to register as Full Virtual Registrants. [Register starting March 1](#)

Gloria Wahl looking for an ADU or in-law apartment to rent

Gloria Wahl, who has been attending Mission Peak UU since Dec. and is looking for a new place to live because the owner of her current cottage in Fremont has a relative moving in to it soon. She is looking for an ADU but is also open to sharing someone's home or a caretaking position. She is retired; has excellent references; does not smoke and has an 11-year-old 8# rescued ShihTzu dog. She can be reached at 406.350.4204 or mtrockgal@gmail.com.

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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

Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631

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