

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 30, 2022

Greetings!

I am Kathi Bayne and I have been a member of MPUUC for about 4 years. I had the honor of representing Mission Peak at the Pacific Western Region UU Conference in February, 2022.

I learned some new things about The Unitarian Universalist Association's Article II Commission that I would like to share with you.



The Article II commission was created by the Unitarian Universalist Association Board to review Article II of the UUA bylaws. These bylaws describe the UUA's purposes and principles. UUA bylaws mandate a review of Article II every 15 years, and allows the board to appoint commission to do this.

The original UUA Principles were created in 1960 when the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America joined together. They have been changed twice since then.

The Commission is reviewing all sections of Article II and can change or replace any of our principles. They can elect to add an 8th principal simplify the wording, or incorporate it into existing principals. The wording of the 8th principal is says "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse and multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

The Commission's recommendation will be presented to the Board in January, 2023 and will be voted on by the UU Association General Assembly in 2023. If

passed they will be voted on again in 2024 before they can be adopted.

The Commission has asked for your thoughts and input by accessing the survey at the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYfdvPAnUGHU60U5UZ4AHB5m9IXTG0t9kVAiyfYGcQ0A238w/viewform>

Please consider contributing your thoughts before the deadline next month, April 30, 2022.

This Sunday's Service:

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



Wrong God

It can be hard to explain why people join radical on-line hate groups or paramilitary outfits or other hate groups prevalent around the world. But it is heartbreaking none-the-less. In almost every case there is a collision of stories depicting difficult circumstances, too few people extending love or trust and a vacuum of faith and hope. In such circumstance there are always groups ready to sweep in and take advantage of desperate moments to lure young people toward violent and desperate options. Father Greg Boyle has been working with Homeboy Industries - the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Mostly, he helps them find love and trust so that they don't get stuck chasing the Wrong God.

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. 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.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Each week, we post the previous Sunday's Joys and Concerns that we were given permission to share. We encourage you to make room in your heart for the hopes and fears of your fellow members. Reach out to celebrate and console those you care about. Here's the [Joys and Concerns](#) for the March 27 as well as the prior 3 weeks. If you would like your joy or concern to

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

Safety Policy for Hybrid Services in Cole Hall - Updated March 30th

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical 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.

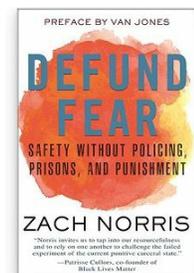
Men's Breakfast on April 1st!

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.

UUA Common Read 2022 – Defund Fear

The book chosen for the UUA Common Read this year is Defund Fear by Zach Norris. We will be discussing the book over the course of 3 Zoom meetings – April 10 @ 7:00 pm, April 24 @ 7:00 pm, and May 1 @ 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us for the discussions, please sign up via the website:

<https://mpuuc.org/learning-overview/uua-common-read-2022/>



Baseball Sunday Returns – May 15

Rev Greg is reviving Baseball Sunday at MPUUC. This year it will be Sunday, May 15. What is Baseball Sunday you ask? Well, it means you can wear your favorite sports team gear to Sunday

service and enjoy a sports-themed sermon from Rev Greg (and perhaps some sports-themed snacks). After the service those who are interested will gather at the Oakland Coliseum to watch the Oakland A's play the LA Angels. Tickets are \$27 each and can be purchased here: <https://mpuuc.square.site/>



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 ingrained ideals that have been taught to us and that we have accepted: especially about right and wrong. What happens to the people who wind up on the 'wrong' side of the ledger? The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#) Next week's discussion will be about Lent – and what we do to examine and 'lengthen' our faith.

Canvass

We are ALMOST there! While our community finds itself in a **Moment that Matters** for its future, what we know is that the members of Mission Peak have always been able to go **FORWARD TOGETHER!** Canvass has given us an opportunity to revisit the values we hold in common and the way we want to be in the larger community and within our beloved community, and, to renew our financial commitment.



This week marks the end of our month-long Canvass period. If you have not yet pledged- please take time now and complete the Pledge form so that the Board can begin to formulate a budget for the 2022-2023 church year starting in July 2022. Here is the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9Wwonx9_RkPHtwiK66Pffg0sX3OtXpJyXjLiv4GXVqUqIhw/viewform

Thank you, EVERYONE at Mission Peak who has contributed to this Canvass! All the members of the Canvass Team* who have created, and organized, and presented -giving so generously of your time and talents. Thank you to the Members and Friends of Mission Peak - for giving generously of your financial support, your contributions of talent and time; and for caring deeply about remaining "in-community" and remaining a vibrant spiritual community- our Beloved Community.

*Canvass Team – **YOU ROCK!** Rev. Greg, Graham Bell, Steve Wallcave, Melissa Holmes, Kathy Wallcave, Gayle Tupper and Hosts and Facilitators: John Porter, Yvonne Hughes, Suzette Takei, Kathy Wallcave, Colleen Arnold, DeAnna Alm, Tiffany Longfield, Allysson McDonald, Gayle Tupper and Jay Steele- you all made this Canvass possible.

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.](#)



Democracy as a Spiritual Practice

Thursdays, March 31 and April 14, 7:30pm on Zoom



Join First Parish, Concord, First Church, Belmont, the UU Church of Manchester NH, and Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice for a compelling two-part series on **Democracy as a Spiritual Practice.**

The 1st program - **Strengthening our Civic Muscles** - explores authoritarian regimes through the lens of Timothy Snyder's book *On Tyranny* with Rev. Patrick McLaughlin from the UU Church of Manchester NH. Attendees are encouraged to read this short book prior to the session.

The 2nd session, **After the Protests**, explores the ways in which we can engage and rebuild our civic society to bring our democracy back into balance. This program is led by the Rev. Sharon Welch, professor and author of numerous books (including *After the Protests*), and First Parish in Concord's Social Action Manager, Rev. Paul Langston-Daley.

[TO REGISTER- CLICK ON THIS LINK](#)

[Link to flyer](#)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

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
INSTITUTE OF EL PASO

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/>

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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

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2022!**



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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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](#)

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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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