

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! June 1, 2022

Greetings!

My term(s) on the board soon comes to an end and I thought I'd take this opportunity to reflect. Four years ago (2018) I was elected to a two year term as a trustee at large. I knew the previous year had been tough for the board, and I wanted to help. We were about to embark on a two year interim Ministry with Rev. Jo Green. Things looked hopeful. In 2019 I stepped up to be President Elect instead of continuing my second year as Trustee. Things became difficult again.



What a four years it has been!

- On-boarded Jo Green as our second Interim Minister and worked on healing and preparing for search.
- Covid-19! Transition to zoom only and then hybrid services as well as zoom board meetings, council meetings, congregational meetings and fundraisers.
- Voting to support Black Lives Matter and focussing on Anit-racism and Anti-oppression.
- Successful conclusion of search, candidating, and calling Rev. Greg as our settled minister, all done virtually!
- Onboarding Rev. Greg virtually and finding our way as we learned what it means to be a smaller congregation with fewer leaders and new roles and responsibilities due to the pandemic.
- Adopting a congregational covenant, lead by our Committee on Ministry.
- A very successful canvass (thank you Valerie!)
- Right sizing the board and restructuring our bylaws to be more efficient and more flexible.

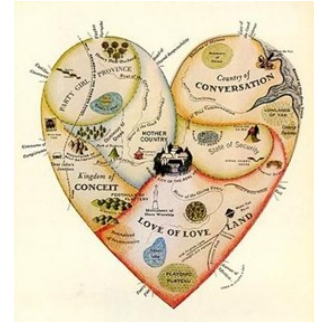
I want to thank every one of my board colleagues over the last four years! I appreciate your service to the congregation: Michealle Havenhill, Paul K. Davis, Steve Wallcave, Drew Wilson, Beckett Gladney, Jay Steele, Eric Ryan, Annette Breingan, Michelle Wallace, Melissa Holmes, and Jen King. We wouldn't be the same without your leadership.

I also want to thank Terri King, Colleen Arnold, and Valerie Stewart for their valuable contributions over the last four years - though not on the board (yet) they were integral to what we were able to accomplish. And a thank you to Suzette for stepping up into the President's role this year! I wish you and the board for this coming year the very best - may the pandemic finally be in the rear-view mirror, may the road ahead be smooth and may there be fewer surprises! Let's make sure they know we've got their backs!

Allysson McDonald

This Sunday's Service:

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



To Survey an Atlas of the Heart

Over the course of a year, it's sometimes good to map the trajectory of our hearts and review the journeys we've been on. This is sometimes as helpful for communities as it is for individuals. Especially when the world we live in has been taking us for the ride of our lives. What are the feelings we've been having and how do we make sense of them? And how can our understanding of our feelings help us cultivate our values?

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Beth Schaefer. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks 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%.

Share the Plate

Last month's Share the Plate was for NAMI and collection ended on May 29. Next week we will post how much we collected. Thank you to all who contributed.

Share the Plate will pause for the Summer and will resume in September.





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 May 29 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

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.

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. This week's discussion will be how we have gone about drawing the map of our heart. We will do a bit of cartography of our emotions and the feelings that inform our thoughts and actions. We'll explore the lexicon of our feelings and how adept we are at the nuance between our various emotions. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#). Next week's discussion will be about ways we have expressed appreciation and belonging and the ways it has been expressed to us. Appreciation and belonging in a territorial, exclusion-based and hierarchical world is a revolutionary act.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 5th immediately after the service. We will have a number of items to vote on (details and agenda were sent out via a Constant Contact email on May 22), and we will need a quorum of voting members, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. As a reminder, while all are welcome to attend, only active members will be allowed to vote.



Please click [here](#) for Mission Peak's Annual Report for 2021-2022

JUSTICE CORNER

Saturday, June 18 • 4:30 pm

[Poor People's Campaign: Moral March on Washington, D.C.](#)



Any nation that ignores nearly half of its citizens is in a moral, economic, and political crisis. There were 140 million people who were poor or one emergency away from economic ruin *before* the pandemic. Since March 2020, while hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions are on the edge of hunger and eviction and still without health care or living wages, while billionaire wealth has grown by over \$2 trillion. Join the [Poor People's Campaign](#) for a Moral March on Washington and to the Polls. [RSVP here.](#)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations

Thursday, June 16 • 5:00 pm

[Champions of Literacy: Nikole Hannah-Jones & The New York Times Magazine 1619 Project](#)



Join Literacy Partners as they present their Champion of Literacy Award to Nikole Hannah-Jones and the New York Times Magazine for their extraordinary work of journalism, *The 1619 Project*. Recovering and telling this critical history has created an extended dialogue that is moving our society forward, despite the defenders of white supremacy and their best efforts to discredit the work. [Register for free or donate](#) to advance racial and social justice through adult literacy education.

8th Principle Learning

Article: [“The White Savior Industrial Complex”](#) by Teju Cole



Proposed Actions of Immediate Witness for 2022

The UUA makes two types of social witness statements which are voted on at General Assembly (GA): Statements of Conscience (SOCs), which arise from Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs), and Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs). There are 6 proposed AIW's and no new CSAI's this year. An AIW is a



statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among UU member congregations and groups. They express the conscience and carry the authority of the GA delegates. For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Social Witness process in general, or about this year's proposed Actions of Immediate Witness specifically, click here <https://www.uua.org/action/process> You may contact our GA delegates, Kathi Bayne or Lucienne Bouvier if you'd like to provide input.

Board Briefs

The board met on Wednesday, May 11:

- Got an update on the DRE search process
- Reviewed the proposed 2022/3 budget
- Voted and approved the slate of candidates for the 2022/3 board to be voted on by the congregation at the annual meeting
- Voted and approved the statement of support for the 8th principle to be voted on by the congregation at the annual meeting
- Agreed on the final draft of proposed bylaw changes to be voted on by the congregation at the annual meeting
- Assigned tasks related to the annual meeting



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 5, after the service.

The next board meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday, June 8 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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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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Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841





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