



CVUUF News

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A Welcoming Community to all persons regardless of their race, nationality, or sexual orientation.

Upcoming Sunday Services

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This newsletter is published online monthly by members of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Download your copy at www.cvuuf.org.

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Friday, April 3, 7:30pm — Good Friday Service — The last day of Jesus' life, Good Friday is one of the most sacred dates in the traditional Christian calendar. Our 13th annual service will honor that tradition with a simple communion service open to Christians and non-Christians alike, emphasizing the theme that suffering is a universal experience which unites all members of the human family. Communion will be shared with unleavened bread and non-alcoholic wine.

April 5 — Lo, the Earth Awakes Again — Rev. Anne Felton Hines — Come and help celebrate the stories of Passover, Easter, and the blossoming of Spring. Please be sure to bring flowers to share in the Flower Communion that has become a Unitarian Universalist tradition.

April 12 — Everyone Will Love Something — Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez — It has been said that how we spend our hours, are how we spend our days, is how we spend our lives. What choices do we make and where do these lead us ... closer or farther from our dreams? Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez has been a religious professional for over 21 years, serving 4 congregations and 2 hospitals in her ministry. Rev. Lee Marie is now doing what she loves for our faith, officiating at rites of passage and guest preaching (in 52 UU churches).

April 19 — Marching in the Arc of Justice — Rev. Anne Felton Hines — Four members of this Fellowship will share their experiences participating last month in the 50th anniversary of the march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery.

April 26 — Perspectives on Mental Illness: A Comedy of Errors — CVUUF Chalice Players — The presentation will explore the needs of people facing mental illness. Characters evolved from anecdotes and interviews with historical figures such as Jonathan Winters and Robin Williams. The line between sanity and reality, always a common theme in theatre, elicits the tragicomic in its purist form in this Chalice Players' production (see page 11 for full article).

CVUUF Sundays on CD: Recordings of most Sunday services are available on audio CD. They may be purchased for a \$3 donation, made at time of order. All proceeds go to the Library Fund. Order yours at the Library bookcase in Social Hall and do remember to pick up the CDs you've ordered! Sunday recordings can also be heard at www.cvuuf.org/worship/audiosermons. Some can even be downloaded to your iPod.



Hines Sight

I once heard about a man who walked into his church building and noticed, for the umpteenth time, a burned-out light bulb. He was a bit irked by this, and thought to himself, “Who’s supposed to be fixing that, anyway?!” And suddenly there came to him a new thought: “Maybe it’s me!”

In that moment, this man realized that he was an integral part of that church community; that he was not only a recipient of its ministry, but a necessary participant in the ministry shared by all its members.

I presume that with that realization, he stopped waiting for someone else to fix the burned-out light bulb, and changed it himself. In fact, I hope he also gave a call to the Buildings & Grounds Chair – or Operations or Facilities Director in some congregations – and volunteered to serve on the building maintenance team!

In a religious community such as Conejo Valley UU Fellowship, we are all a part of the ministry team. “Sharing the ministry is part of what it means to be a church,” says Jean Morris Trumbauer in her book called *Sharing the Ministry*. As part of a “ministry team,” we are called to discern what our gifts are, and how we might bring them to the work of the church. And by “gifts,” she mean not only one’s talents, but also one’s interests. What is it that engages us? What are we each “called” to do?

As you will read elsewhere in this month’s newsletter, at the retreat I attended with the Board and Council at the end of February, we went through all the roles generally filled by a full-time minister (including some tasks specific to Reverend Lora’s ministry here), and determined which of those roles and tasks I would – and would *not* – be able to accomplish in my time here as your *half-time* Consulting Minister. It leaves a lot of jobs to either be taken up by volunteers, or simply to be put “on hold” for now.

So I hope you’ll look at that list, and reflect on where you might step in – at least for the next six months – to offer your gifts and talents. Who knows? Maybe you’ll discover some new talents you didn’t even know you had!

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, “God has need of a person here.” A religious home such as CVUUF has need of every person in some way, for the ministry of the church can never be provided by the ordained clergy alone (especially when they are only half-time), or even by the combination of paid staff. It needs the hands and hearts of everyone, sharing in the ongoing ministry that makes it the unique and sacred place that it is.

I’m grateful for the opportunity to share with you in the ministry of this very special religious community.
Blessings to you all.

Anne

Rev. Anne is off on Mondays, other than pastoral emergencies. She will generally be available for individual appointments and meetings at the Fellowship one day each week, in addition to the Sunday services when she is in the pulpit (60% of the time).

Look for announcements in “News & Notes” regarding her weekly schedule; or e-mail (minister@cvuuf.org). You can also leave a message on the Fellowship answering machine.

Fridays will generally be her sermon-writing day for those weeks when she’s in the pulpit.

PASTORAL CARE

CVUUF Neighborhood Networks are a way to connect in times of need with those of us living close enough to bring a dinner, give a ride, help with car troubles etc.

To contact your neighborhood, send an email to: neighborhood@cvuuf.org.

For more serious pastoral care please email pastoralcare@cvuuf.org.

President's Message



I recently stumbled onto the Unitarian Universalist Association's "Art of Thriving" web page, which is "dedicated to helping your congregation be positive, creative, willing to explore possibilities and create change—in other words, thrive." I love the idea of the "art of thriving." I did some reading on the topic and found a few salient themes to share.

In September 2014 *UU World* published an article UUA President Peter Morales entitled "Opportunities are always there." He speaks about how we react to unexpected changes, as individuals and as congregations. Change brings opportunities to adapt. Adapting to change is a mark of a vibrant, thriving community. Change creates motion, movement from the past to the future. To thrive, we need a vision of the future. This is happening in our church, our community, our country, our world. Some try to resist progress, making futile efforts to return to the past (hello Indiana). We thrive when we engage each other, listening with courage. Authentic optimism and confidence are contagious—overcoming anxiety while we work to build the future.

A thriving community shares an understanding of the reason for its existence. Knowing why the congregation exists does not happen by osmosis. It has to be taught, learned, and renewed. It takes time and care. Continuity in our identity and the ability to articulate that to others is essential to thriving. We return again and again with faith in the possibility of transformation.

Our church fosters "brotherhood and sisterhood." Through our connections, we grow. The community is filled with activities and groups with great leaders, exciting ideas, and joyful experiences. Maintaining interest groups and outreach projects is an indication of a thriving community, where professional and lay leaders work together. It takes a village!

UUism calls its people to voice our values in the public sphere – to transform the world through justice and compassion. In her Summer 2014 *UU World* article "Into the beyond", Rev. Terasa Cooley wrote: "In order to thrive, congregations will need to move away from instinctively asking, 'How do we serve the people who have already signed the membership book? What do they want?' toward asking, 'How can we send our members out into the world to serve the community? How can we welcome more people into our movement, whether or not they become members or even come to church?' Congregations must shift from serving a consumer mentality to promoting much more interactivity with the larger world."

A thriving community acknowledges the presence of suffering. It includes those who are struggling as integral to its mission and identity. Our ability to be inclusive is vital to the community and society, not just to stand with oppressed people but to keep us spiritually alive. A thriving congregation welcomes conflict and disagreement as opportunities to learn and grow. It practices good stewardship and right relations. We seek to be present with each other, so we can all find our path to spiritual health and to becoming better people.

*When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.*

See you on Sunday,,

Willie, president@cvuuf.org

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday June 7, 2015

There will be one service at 9:15am, which will be our annual Bridging Ceremony. Following the service will be a

Farewell Celebration for Justine Fischer.

Details to follow.



Justine Fischer,
Director of
Religious
Education
(DRE)

News From Religious Education

APRIL RE

Pre K/K, 1-4th grade and 5th-8th grade meet during the first service and YRUU (high school) meets during the second service. Child Space is available for our smallest ones at both services.

Our theme this month is Liberal Theology and we will also focus on this source from Our Living Tradition: *Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

WE NEED BOOKS!

April 19th is the last day to donate new and gently used books, games and puzzles for MICOP kids from birth to seventh grade. The donations will be delivered at the MICOP event at Haydock Middle School, 647 Hill Street in Oxnard on **Saturday, April 25th at 2pm**. For more information contact Justine at dre@cvuuf.org or check out www.mixteco.org.

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

5/17/15 Coming of Age Service

To be held during both the first and second service. For more information about COA contact Dana Ryon or Erik Halseth.

6/7/15 Annual Bridging Service

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) SCHEDULE

High School OWL (grades 10-12)

(Facilitated by: Robin Lindsey and Tom Smith)

The final classes are from 1-3pm on the following Sundays:
April 12, 19, and 26

KUDOS

...to Carol Jones, Robin Lindsey, S. Krystal McCauley, Brian Pletcher, Tom Smith and Tom Stough, our OWL (Our Whole Lives) facilitators.

If you would like to volunteer or ask questions regarding Religious Education, I can most easily be reached at dre@cvuuf.org.

*Yours in faith,
Justine*



April Birthdays

Lucas Cho
Miller,
Draven
Lopez, Grant
Schlaus,
Aidan
Stough and
Julie Zavala.

Special Collection

April 19, 2015

TEQUIO YOUTH

Tequio Youth Group develops the leadership skills of indigenous Mexican youth to promote indigenous pride, encourage academic achievement, and advocate against bullying of indigenous young people.

The group also encourages postsecondary education and offers scholarships to trade and technical schools, community and four year colleges and universities. The group serves Mixteco youth in Ventura County. They meet weekly at the MICOP offices in Oxnard.

Make your check payable to CVUUF, and note "Tequio Youth" in the memo.

News From Our Outreach Director



You may have noticed daily Commit2Respond posts on our CVUUF Facebook page. This is part of the UUA's campaign for Climate Justice Month (see page 8). Below are a few of the many actions being taken locally and globally. Seek me out or email me with questions at outreachdirector@cvuuf.org.

Our Climate Action Team (CAT) is now part of the Ventura County Climate Hub. To learn more, please attend our CAT meetings on the second Wednesday of every month in the Board Room at 7:30pm.

CVUUF hosted an informational event with the Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL) and decided to become a part of this organization. CCL's focus is to create a federal carbon fee and dividend. There is extensive training so we will be well versed to speak with our congress people to make these changes. David Barker has offered to set-up our first three meetings. Each meeting starts with a national call with the over 200 national and international chapters. Following the call, there will be a strategy session to come up with our greatest impact locally. The **first meeting of the Conejo Valley Chapter of CCL** will be in our Board Room on **Saturday, April 4th at 9:30AM**. Come be a part of the change.

Looking for a much quicker impact on the environment and our water usage (as well as showing your commitment to the world)? Attend our **April 11 Community Forum at 1pm** "Drought Tolerant Landscaping for Beginners... or How to Kill Your Lawn, Re-Landscape, Help Save the Planet and Get Paid To Do It" (see page 6).

And, for a day in the great outdoors, please volunteer a couple of hours at the CVUUF/Citizen's Climate Lobby table at the **Thousand Oaks Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 18th** in Conejo Creek Park (behind the TO Library). Take time to meet your neighbors, spread the word about CVUUF and CCL, and then enjoy this terrific annual event. We will be getting more information out shortly on how to sign up for a shift.

On **Friday, April 10th at 7:30PM, Community Forum** screening and discussion of the film War on Whistleblowers, followed by a conversation with Shahid Buttar of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee. This event is being brought to us by one of our Chalice Circles and is in partnership with the BORDC. This will be a fascinating evening, and shows us how UU's are at the forefront of protecting all of our civil rights. Contact Willie Lubka for more information.

Big thanks to Rick Wells and Marcy Wingard for taking over the leadership of our Muses program (open mic poetry, readings and music). **Muses IV** will be **Saturday, June 20th**.

Join members of CVUUF at, or become a delegate to, our annual UUA General Assembly. The theme this year is "Building a New Way". This national meeting of our association is a special opportunity to get to know fellow UU's from around the country, participate in great workshops, sing in a 100+ person choir and have a wonderful days in this special community. GA will take place June 24-28th. For more information, see page 10.

Role of part time Consulting Minister

What is within the role definition:

- Lead 60% of Sunday Worship services
- Approve all agendas and speakers for Sunday services
- Participate in Board meetings
- Submit a monthly report to the board
- Respond to issues about pledging from members
- Supervise staff: DRE, Administrator
- Present a report at Annual Membership meeting
- Provide advice to the pastoral care team
- Write monthly newsletter article
- Lead Council meetings
- Send worship blurbs to be published in the newsletter and web site
- Provide sermon text to be posted online
- Conduct major pastoral care
- Be on the following email lists: staff@cvuuf.org; board@cvuuf.org; membership@cvuuf.org; council@cvuuf.org
- Make an appearance at UU new member meetings to answer questions

What is outside of the role definition:

- Be responsible for social justice work or community outreach programs
- Meet with Conejo Valley Interfaith group
- Teach Adult religious education classes or programs
- Participate in Chalice Circles
- Meet with Neighbor Network leaders
- Attend membership meetings
- Hold posted office hours
- Approve or manage office expenditures or operational costs
- Manage church Facebook page
- Manage the custodian
- Not be alone in managing or dealing with security issues
- Attend General Assembly or District Assembly on behalf of the congregation
- Financial management such as paying bills, signing checks, handling cash, ensuring deposits
- Pre-approval of submissions for News & Notes
- Attend pastoral care team meetings
- Attend pledge captain meetings
- Have her name on the letter for pledging (referred to only if member has an issue to discuss)



Community Forum

Friday, April 10, 2015, 7:30pm

THE WAR ON WHISTLEBLOWERS

Free Press & the National Security State



This Robert Greenwald documentary highlights the stories of four whistleblowers who noticed government wrong-doing and turned to the media to expose the abuse they discovered. In addition to their personal accounts, the film includes interviews with journalists and legal experts sharing their knowledge of the challenges whistleblowers face today.

Following the screening, Shahid Buttar, Executive Director of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC) will lead a discussion about the important subject matter and the work they are doing to bring attention and accountability to this vital issue.

This event is co-sponsored by the Bill of Rights Defense Committee.

Saturday, March 11, 2015, 1pm



DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING FOR BEGINNERS...

or How to Kill Your Lawn, Re-Landscape,
Help Save the Planet and Get Paid To Do It

At this workshop you will learn how to: a) qualify for local rebates; b) assess grey water and rainwater options; c) improve the permeability of your soil; d) capitalize on the power of gardening with nature and e) plant for conservation and beauty. This workshop is presented by Laura Maher, seed saving advocate and organic gardener and Dee Lyon, a member of our congregation and conservation chair for the Conejo Valley Audubon Society.

Community Forums are free, but donations are appreciated always!

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,
3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park
<http://forum.cvuuf.org>

WE are on the Side of Love

The national Standing on the Side of Love organization is "a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world."

**AS AN SEIU MEMBER, I KNOW
WE ARE STRONGER WHEN
WE ALL WIN**



BECAUSE:

We know a falling wage floor means that our employers often demand that we accept less, too.
We are bargaining for lifting the wage floor for everyone.
We can send a message that it's wrong for people to work and still be blocked from getting ahead.

Join the Tri-Counties Rally bus near you, with pickups throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara counties!

**WE STAND TOGETHER ON
APRIL 15TH**

Fill out the sign-up card! Contact your worksite organizer or call the Ventura SEIU 721 office at (805) 650-4420.

**11AM FIGUEROA ST & 28TH ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90007**

APRIL15.ORG

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#FIGHTFOR15

CLIMATE JUSTICE MONTH

Expanding on their Thirty Days of Love program, Standing on the Side of Love is part of "an amazing collaborative effort being spearheaded by an incredible array of UU organizations."

March 22–April 22, 2015

From World Water Day to Earth Day, join the spiritual journey for climate justice. Sign up at www.commit2respond.org/act.

Commit2Respond is taking the lead and sharing ideas for how this coalition of people of faith and conscience can best take action to Shift to a low carbon future, Advance human rights, and Grow the movement.

Shift to a Low Carbon Future Beyond Earth Day



Celebrating Earth Day 2015, UUMFE (UU Ministry for the Earth) is in its third year of *Working Towards Sustainable Communities*. Learn more about the issues, find resources for action, and spread the word at uuministryforearth.org/energy-and-climate.



PACIFIC SOUTHWEST District News

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

April 24-25, 2015, Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Chandler, AZ

Theme: "The Vitality of Interdependence," Keynote: The Rev. Scott Tayler, Director of Congregational Life.

The Pacific SouthWest District and Camp de Benneville Pines are excited to invite you and yours to District Assembly 2015 in Chandler, Arizona. This beautiful city is bordered to the north by Tempe and Mesa, to the south by the Gila River Indian Community, to the east by Gilbert, and to the west by Phoenix.

One of the newest and greenest improvements to DA for this year is our 100% paperless online registration process. We have a helpful information packet online that will remain available after registration is complete. Registration is open at <http://www.pswduua.org/pages/district-assembly-2015.php> Why not register today?

Any questions? Please e-mail Maggie Yenoki at pswd.district.assembly@gmail.com.

PSWD SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Counselor In Training Program, July 5-11 (Counselor leadership training program for ages 15-18)

Our Counselor-In-Training program strives to pair quality training with an intensive camp experience. The training provides our participants with some serious skills that they will not only be able to apply to their camp staff experience, but also as leaders in their service to our congregations and communities.

Space is limited to 8 selected participants. A formal CIT application will be sent upon receipt of deposit and registration. All applications must be in by May 19 to qualify for consideration. Final acceptance notification will be made by June 1, 2014.

Cost: \$325 (no early-bird pricing available). A \$75 deposit is required to register, and an email application is sent upon receipt of registration.

The Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association supports 50 congregations in Arizona, southern California, and southern Nevada. This and six other districts comprise the Pacific Western Region of the UUA. Find out more, pswduua.org.



Our Youth In Action at UU-UNO Spring Seminar

UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar April 9-11, 2015

With a deep passion for and commitment to international human rights, UU youth and adults from all over North America gather annually for the UU-United Nations Office three-day seminar (this year on April 9–11, 2015) in New York City; to dig deeply into issues with global impact.

Through peer and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, keynote speeches and worship services, participants undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth as they explore some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today.

This year's seminar will focus on the international criminal justice system. Youth will want to attend and fundraising is encouraged. Details about the event can be found at www.uua.org/international/events/seminar which includes information about using Crowdrise for fundraising.





UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~Delegates Needed (on- or off-site)

2015 UUA General Assembly **BUILDING A NEW WAY** **June 24-28, 2015**

Delegate information

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process.

Housing and registration are open as of March 2, 2015. Information about hotels and other housing options including the Broadway Building, “a sustainable building, certified LEED Silver,” can be found at www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/housinginformation2015.pdf. Assembly registration (including scholarships, offsite participation, single-day options and child rates) is detailed at www.uua.org/ga/registration.

The Ware Lecturer will be Dr. Cornel West, known to most as “a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual.” Dr. West alone is worth the cost of the ticket. General Assembly locations change each year so that the event is available to as many of us as possible. Oregon is as close as it is going to get for the next few years, so if your interest has been raised, it is hoped that you will consider attending this valuable and meaningful gathering.

Let's give a big Cheer of gratitude for Jenny Schipae!

She joined our fellowship in 2011 and quickly got involved as our Neighborhood Network Leaders Coordinator. She's served for over 3 years, and is now stepping down.



Thank you Jenny for all your time, hard work and commitment! We appreciate your cheery leadership and your compassion for connections here at CVUUF.

Please send you appreciations her way.



CVUUF Chalice Players Revisited

Last April, Chalice Players' performance in the Sanctuary created a stir when a man entered the Fellowship after the service had begun, and made unusual movements in the fourth row.

Some musicians thought he had a gun, while other actors weren't concerned after a tripod appeared. The police were called and questioned the man outside after the service.

Thankfully, no dangerous situation evolved, but the unusual circumstances provoked the CVUUF Board to set new guidelines regarding people whose mental stability might endanger members.

The significance of this past event becomes the starting point for the upcoming April 26th Chalice Players' presentation entitled: " Perspectives on Mental Illness: A Comedy of Errors." Written and directed by LeAnn Walters, a member of the cast in that production, the presentation will explore the needs of people facing mental illness. Characters evolved from anecdotes and interviews with historical figures such as Jonathan Winters and Robin Williams. The line between sanity and reality, always a common theme in theatre, elicits the tragicomic in its purist form in this Chalice Players' production.

Produced by Chalice Players Artistic Director Mary Ellen Bruskotter, the cast includes Denyse Dunn, Norma Greenberg, Carol Rosenthal, Colleen Ryan, Floyd Martin, Sloane Powers, Don Simons, and Marcy Wingard. Musicians and singers will involve Randall Edwards, Frances Pardee, Tom Powers, and Deb and Merlin Snider. Visual Effects and Lighting will be done by Sioe Hiang Han and Paul Chavez . Services will be held at 9:15 and 11:00 AM for this semi-annual event.

Your Voice Counts!

Please answer when the Leadership Cultivation Committee (Jo Ann Van Reenan, Claudia Barton, Ellen Smith, Riley Neel, Ashly Barth, Anne Ewell and Matthew Weisman) calls on you for suggestions to the new Ministerial Search Committee (7 positions,) Board (4 positions,) and Conflict Resolution Committee (2 positions.)

We need and appreciate your thoughtful input on candidates you think can work well as a team and whom you trust to represent our community to potential ministers. Thank you, in advance, for your help!



April 2015



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5 9:15am» Worship Service 10am» CVUUF Office Administrator hours 10:25am» Children's Choir rehearsal 11am» Worship Service 12:15pm» Membership Committee Meeting 2pm» Gaming Afternoon 5pm» Newcomer AA Meeting	6 6:30pm» Finance Committee 7pm» Chalice Players Rehearsal 7:15pm» Opal Covenant Group	7 6pm» Feeding Hands	8 9am» CVUUF Office Administrator hours 6pm» OA Meeting 7pm» Chalice Circle 2W 7:30pm» Meditation Group	9 7pm» Sapphire group 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	10 9am» CVUUF Office Administrator hours 7:30pm» Community Forum	11 1pm» Community Forum 2:30pm» Emerald Covenant group 7pm» Movie Group
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Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In order to assist us in fulfilling our mission to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion, we the members and friends of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- Opening our hearts and minds to those who have traveled journeys unlike ours and whose strengths and challenges may be different from ours.
- A welcoming space for all to speak their truth respectfully.
- The importance of deep listening and respect for each other.
- Relationships with others of all ages, and the gifts that each generation brings to our community.
- The democratic process, through which we give voice to concerns and offer our time and energy to arrive at solutions.

In the wider community, we honor our responsibilities for upholding spiritual ideals, engaging in civil discourse with those of other religious traditions, and promoting our UU values.

In my interactions with others in this congregation, I will:

- Speak honestly and directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern, using thoughtful, compassionate language.
- Forgive the errors and shortcomings of myself and others as we contribute to our shared ministry and express gratitude for the many gifts we bring.
- Assume good intentions in those with whom I disagree and examine my own part in the disagreement.
- Listen deeply to, and actively seek resolution with those concerned before engaging the Conflict Resolution Committee, Committee on Ministry, the Council or the Board of Trustees in conflict mediation.
- Expect divergent beliefs and opinions and persist in respectful dialogue—especially in times of uncertainty—remaining open to new understandings while doing my part to sustain this Covenant.
- Respect the minister and staff's professionalism, time and privacy.
- Assume responsibility for understanding the church structure and governance model.
- Assume responsibility for keeping informed of church business.

Through this Covenant of Good Relations, it is our intention to foster healthy and productive relations within our church community as we work together to achieve our mission.



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additional UU resource links:

[Unitarian Universalist Association \(UUA\)](#)

The UUA serves 1,000+ congregations in the US and the world.

[Pacific Southwest District \(PSWD\)](#)

PSWD serves 50 Pacific Southwest congregations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Sunday Service is held at 9:15 & 11:00 am, with Coffee Hour following each service. Children's Religious Education is held during the 9:15am service. Childcare is provided and YRUU (our high school RE program) meets during the 11:00am service.

Visitors are always welcome!