

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER—General Assembly 2017, New Orleans, Louisiana

I think this year's General Assembly is destined to be historic, although only time will bear that out. But consider the events leading up to the 56th gathering— the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), the Chief Operating Officer, and the Director of Congregational Life all resigned, one after the other, only four months prior to the event — following a hiring controversy in which a qualifying Latina was overlooked for the key position of Staff Lead for the Southern Region. As you may know, Kenn Hurto, who currently holds the position, intended to retire this month.



With the exit of the top leaders of the UUA, the Board of Trustees moved quickly to appoint a team of three Co-Presidents – former UUA President Bill Sinkford, the Reverend Sofia Betancourt, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at Starr King School for the Ministry, and lay person Dr. Leon Spencer, a psychologist as well as a leader in Anti-Racism work within the UUA since 1985. All three are persons of color. The Board also appointed the Reverend Sarah Lammert as acting Chief Operating Officer. Lammert served for a number of years as Director of Ministries and Faith Development with the UUA. These folks, all eminently qualified, did a fantastic job of holding our institution together at a time when others might well have imploded from such a sudden vacuum in leadership.

Of course, now, post General Assembly, the Reverend Dr. Susan Frederick-Grey is the newly elected President of the UUA. She is the first female to hold the office which makes another milestone for the 56th gathering. The Latina, Christina Rivera, who was passed over for the lead of our Southern Region, posted about her experience in her widely followed blog. To read it go to:

<https://uuchristinarivera.wordpress.com/2017/03/27/on-being-a-good-fit-for-the-uua> Rivera's blog prompted the UUA Board and indeed a host of UU ministers and lay persons alike to ponder the question— Are we an institution hopelessly mired in white male privilege? UU people of color among us expressed without equivocation that yes, we have been bumping up against the glass ceiling for years and it HURTS.

I imagine that it hurts even more for those who remember or are aware of the painful events which took place among us in 1968. At that time, nearly one-third of those present at General Assembly were people of color. Some of you may find that hard to believe, but remember that in 1965, when MLK called for clergy to come to Selma for the march to Montgomery, UU ministers responded with gusto. African-Americans began to see UUs as allies, and those black people seeking a liberal religion began to join our congregations. Thus, at the 1968 General Assembly with a significant number of black people present, they decided it was in their best interest to form a caucus, an action that was not well received by many of the remaining delegates. What transpired was complex but the upshot is after 1970, most African-Americans left our congregations over what became known as the Empowerment Controversy. For a summary of these events, I encourage you to read "Not Our Finest Hour" posted on UUCOB's website.

I promise you that the possibility of history repeating itself was on the mind of the UUA Board of Trustees, the acting Co-Presidents, and the leaders/planners of the 2017 General Assembly. Thus did 2017 GA become a Justice GA in New Orleans. The planners and presenters were remarkable in pulling together meaningful and effective programming. I attended a number of inspiring workshops and lectures including an astonishingly moving Ware Lecture given by Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, a topic for my sermon last January. He told us there are four essential things that we must do to create a more just and equal world:

- (1) Get proximate to the poor, the excluded, neglected, and abused;
- (2) Change the narratives that underlie racism and other inequalities;
- (3) Stay hopeful about creating justice;
- (4) Be willing to do uncomfortable things.

Beginning in late fall, I'm going to ask you to follow me in doing uncomfortable things; among them will be examining our own complicity in structures of racism and learning what it means to be white in a world which is becoming increasingly less so. The framework around this will be sermons, workshops and adult education classes. The key concept in asking you to follow me in this work is INVITATION. You know participation is never mandatory. However, I hope I've peaked your interest enough to check it out – after all you wouldn't want to sleep through this time of opportunity and historic significance, would you? More detail to come...

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

PS: The month of July, I will be at home in Ormond Beach but on study leave. The first two weeks in August, I'll be on vacation out of state. Joan Thate and the Board of Trustees will know how to reach me and they will know who to contact in case of pastoral emergencies. Happy Summer! Stay cool!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— You Are What Keeps Us Going

Once again, summer. How does a year slip by so fast? Because this is a special summer-spanning issue, I'm just going to use this space to, once again, say how important what each of you contributes to make our UU work, and what we'll need to keep it going this year.

We will need to do more fund-raising than we have done in the past, so we're looking for some enthusiastic people who have a desire to help with that goal. I know some of you have some real expertise from long experience in that area, and some of you are looking for ways to help. Our Board is open to all kinds of good ideas, so come talk to me—or any one of us—and let's get to work on your ideas. I'd like to have a volunteer to coordinate all the fund-raising projects. Might that be you?

And I also want to say a special "thank you" to Susan Garrison for funding the replacement of a broken porcelain sink in our kitchen and for Cliff Jackson for saving us many dollars by installing the new sink. Take a moment one of these Sundays and have a look at the new stainless sink in our center island. It has all the bells and whistles—including a new garbage disposal, which will make working in our space much easier. And thank Susan and Cliff when you get a chance.

I hope you all are having a safe and enjoyable summer, especially if you are traveling to other places or taking other "time outs." We look forward to having our full contingent back with us this fall.

--Joan Thate

SHARE-THE-PLATE OFFERINGS

July 16th — “Freedom 7 Faith Alliance”

Freedom 7 Faith Alliance is a collaboration of churches and faith organizations, working together to raise funds to provide shelter, counseling and support for victims of human trafficking. It is one of the many activities under the Freedom 7 Task Force, an organization comprised of educators, churches, law enforcement (police, sheriff and Home Land Security) representatives of the 7th Judicial Circuit. The purpose is to end the recruitment of individuals by force, fraud or coercion in order to exploit them. In this form of virtual slavery, human beings are bought and sold for forced labor, sexual exploitation, forced street crime and other nefarious reasons. In the effort to end such injustice, the Faith communities of Flagler, Volusia, St. Johns and Putnam Counties have united together to bring hope and freedom to victims of human trafficking. Please be generous on **July 16th** when we share our offering with the Freedom 7 Faith Alliance.



August 20th — “Girls on the Run”

“Girls on the Run” inspires elementary and middle school-age girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. The Volusia County Schools after-school program uses a curriculum that creatively integrates running with helping girls learn to embrace who they are and what is important to them. They learn about teamwork and building healthy relationships in order to “positively connect with and shape the world.” Our contributions will help provide running shoes and snacks for girls participating in the program in low-income neighborhoods. These girls would not otherwise have adequate shoes to participate in this essential part of the program. We have a chance to make a difference for young girls in our community so that they can make a difference in the world. On **August 20th** please be generous with your Share-the-Plate contribution to Girls On The Run.



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

July 16— Cliff Jackson, “Near Life Experiences”

We are all probably aware of near-death experiences, which often have a profound effect on the lives of those involved. They are rare. Far more frequently events happen that have profound effects on our lives. When we live now based events from the past or a projected a future, I call them Near Life Experiences. I'll share how to recognize them and how to deal with them.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

July 23— Evan Rivers, Ellen Nielsen, Jon Sandberg, and Others, “Social Justice Through Poetry and Music”

Since the time of Homer’s Odyssey, poetry has had the power to inspire action. Come enjoy and hopefully, be inspired to work for social justice in our community and in the larger world.

Service Leader: Carolyn West

July 30— Dan Gribbin and Evan Rivers, “Pete Seeger: Folk Hero”

Pete Seeger contributed to American culture in so many ways that it seems like sacrilege to pin him down to one of his roles. He influenced our generation as a musician, singer, songwriter, civil rights advocate, environmentalist, and, perhaps above all, teacher. He taught us how to stand up for a better America, a better world. We will celebrate his life and legacy in a service led by Evan Rivers and Dan Gribbin.

August 6— Chester Wilson, “Civic Engagement: Mileposts on My Spiritual Journey”

We have a civic duty and responsibility to the community we serve, to each other, and to ourselves. Dr. Wilson will touch on the impact of the services we provide to others and as well as how we can go beyond where we currently are by doing more.

Service Leader: Jean Scott

August 13— Susan Garrison, “On Storytelling”

When you set out to be a "teller", it stops being about you. A story about storytelling seems like one way to share what it is like to a carrier of tales. Welcome all.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

August 20— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Need for Fallow Fields”

We know why we let growing fields rest— replenishment of air and nutrients to the soil. What in our lives also needs replenishment?

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

August 27— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Care of the Soul"

What does care of the soul involve and what does it mean to a balanced, healthy life?

Service Leader: Enda Nolan

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR SNACKS

As our congregation grows, serving Sunday coffee, juice and snacks has become an ever-growing job. But usually the same small group of people work in the kitchen on Sunday mornings. We all need to help out. Please offer assistance if you can by asking Mike what you can do to help. Consider bringing your own coffee cups and refillable bottles if you can (and remember to take them home!). Even more important, remember to help fill up the donation basket now and then, or bring some cookies or chips or veggies to share.

It has also been suggested that we try out using compostable cups and small plates to ease the dish-washing tasks. The Alliance has agreed to buy the first order of these cups and plates to try out the idea and see how it works out. Jenny Nazak has said that we can put this material in our own compost at the UU. To make that system work, we must remember to put these special cups and plates into the proper receptacle in order to compost them. The cups and plates have a special design on them to remind us put them in the compost bin and not in the garbage or recycle bins. Please help sustain the energy of our kitchen helpers and our planet!

POT LUCK BAR SUPPORTS YOUR DINNER

You may not know that for the past two years, your beverage bar donations have been used to purchase the main dish for our pot-luck dinners. Every month, a volunteer is given the bar receipts to buy and cook a large turkey, ham, pork roast, lasagna, casserole, etc. as the center piece dish for the next potluck. Providing the beverage bar requires a great deal of work - purchasing, transporting and storing beverages, setting up, serving and cleaning up and coordinating bartenders.



Over the past year, donations to the bar have dwindled quite a bit due to people bringing their own drinks. We need to evaluate whether we should continue to provide this service. So please consider purchasing soft drinks, wine and beer from the pot-luck bar to help out. If you want to bring your own special beverage, think about putting a few dollars in the kitty to support the main dish for the next month. Thank you.

--Gaia Davies

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION --Notes from the Back Room

Summer is a time for travel, and that's been a theme for many of our summer programs. Our "travel plans" have taken us to places that have famous monuments as part of their culture. We've concentrated on three places: Egypt, Central and South America and Indonesia.

Egypt is fun to study because of several of its interesting aspects: hieroglyphics, pyramids, animal-headed gods and goddesses as well as mummies— all kind of mummies! There are cat mummies, scarab mummies, dogs, mongooses, monkeys, gazelles and birds. We made stuffed alligator mummies complete with sacred charms and jewels and very highly decorated. We also played Egyptian-themed board games where each player had to solve the hieroglyphic to proceed. Egypt was indeed fun.

We were pleased to learn that the Aztec, Mayas and Incan People also built pyramids, and like the Egyptians, they were situated to serve as a calendar to mark the solstices. And speaking of calendars, the Mayan-carved calendars are just amazing. We will be making our own calendars to mark important dates in our past and in our future. Painting with yarn is a beautiful craft skill in this area. Along with our study of pyramids, our next project is to build our own step pyramids out of clay.

We invite you to share any travels, items, puppets, mummies with our class. Please feel free to drop in and have some fun with us.

--Debbie Hanson

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY— "A Sense of Mission Draws the Best Out of People"

At the UUA General Assembly in June, Susan Frederick-Gray was elected President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Formerly the lead minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona, she became the UUA's ninth elected president and the first woman elected to the office.

Throughout Frederick-Gray's campaign, she championed the UUA as "a voice for love and justice." She promoted a three-point vision of a "spiritually vital" movement "grounded in relationships" and "organized for impact." "We have much work to do," she told the assembly. "I believe we are up to it and look forward to working with you on this transformative path ahead . . . A sense of mission draws out the best in people."

A key voice in the fight against Arizona's notorious anti-immigrant law, SB 1070, and a longtime activist for migrant rights, Frederick-Gray was instrumental in envisioning GA 2012 as the UUA's first "Justice GA." When SB 1070 was passed in 2010, UUs considered boycotting Phoenix, which had been designated as the site for GA 2012. But Frederick-Gray saw an opportunity to mobilize UUs to fight for justice for migrant workers. She helped convince the UUA leadership and GA delegates not to boycott, but instead to embrace the Phoenix GA as a means for prophetic witness.

Frederick-Gray graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 2001 and was ordained in 2002. She has been part of congregations in all five UUA regions, including in her childhood congregation of Eliot Chapel in Kirkwood, Missouri, where she organized youth conferences and served on the Young Adult Committee.

--This excerpt by Elaine McArdle, *UU World* Senior Editor

Bill Abduehl	Chris Gruner & Jeanne Young	Ellen Nielsen
Marion Ahlstedt	Ann & Charles Hall	Enda Nolan
Patty & Dennis Alsobrook	Jaci Hanson	Robert Palmer
Amanda & Ashni Attri	Debbie & Tom Hanson	Bill Patterson
Ann Awdey	Michelle Hanson	Roger Patterson
Rhonilee Bachschmidt	Betsey & Dale Harmon	Dick Peppers
Beverly Berger	Marge & Jim Hendra	Mike Priano
Brian Bielick	Julie & Tom Hilburn	Heather Ragsdale
Janet Boes	John Horner & Jean Scott	Val Rellstab
Meg Bower	Cathy & Cliff Jackson	Lorell & Peter Remington
Kaye Boyer Ryan	Pierre Jacoebee	Evan & Sara Rivers
G. Kyra Brokoph	Linda Kalaydjian	Barbara & Jon Sandberg
Carole Cappalli	Dan & Joanne Kennedy	Linda Sanders & Renny Roker
Denise Carter & Natalie Miller	Don Kennedy	Sue Sanghi
Rebecca Caschette	Rosemary Burns & Dan Kerr	Marilyn Sapsford
Helen Casoli	John & Marti King	Rita Scheeler
Marjorie Dash	Neil Koch	Reinhold Schlieper
Gaia & Kurtland Davies	Terri Kolaska	Yvonne Seiwel
Dorothy & Walter Dobbins	Kay Kummerow	Patricia Snyder
Arden & Marilyn Dockter	Mike List	Janet & Panos Stroumpis
Phil Elliott	Scott MacPherson	Aman & Leslie Sukhija
Shirley Ellsworth	Pat Maden	Brenda Tart
Barbara Eveleigh	Sam Magarelli	Bill & Jan Ternent
Betsey Fales	Ann Matteson	Terry Terranera
Joel Fears Jr.	Marilou McKemie	Joan Thate
Martin Feigenbaum	Sheila McMahan	Gretel Timan
Charlie Ferguson	Ron Melvin	Patty Tugas
Felix Fernandez	Jofre Miller	Teresa & Roy Webb
Susan & Preston Garrison	Jack Moeller	Mary Wentzel
Judy & Travis Gordon	Leigh Montgomery	Carolyn West
Betty & Phil Green	Jenny Nazak	Harry White
Nancy Greenleaf	Kathryn Neel	Tim Wixted
Dan Gribbin & Martha Brandt	Bruce & Joyce Nelson	Rosa Zidelis

Thanks to all our members and friends who have pledged their financial support for our congregation for the coming 2017-2018 year!

July/August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JULY 16 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>18 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>21 Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm</p>	<p>22 Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
<p>23 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24 Soul Matters: 10 am-noon Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>25 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Woman’s Group 1-2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>26 Soul Matters: 2-3:30 pm</p>	<p>27 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Work Day: 9 am-noon </p>
<p>30 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>31 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>AUGUST 1 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2 Worship Mtg. 11 am -noon (Nature) Soul Matters: 12:30 -2 pm G. Meditation: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>3 Caring Mtg. 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>4 Pot Luck: 6 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>5 (Nature) Soul Matters: 2:30 -4 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
July 16:	"Near Life Experiences" Share-the-Plate Offering with Alliance Against Human Trafficking	--Cliff Jackson	--Linda Kalaydjian
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July Birthdays

Mike List -1 st	Jan Ternent - 13 th	★
Felix Fernandez-2 nd	Bill Patterson-16 th	★
Natalie Miller -2 nd	Ashley Moore -20 th	★
Carolyn West-2 nd	Jim Rothweiler -21 st	★
Bill Abbuehl - 4 th	Rita Scheeler-25 th	★
Kay Boyer Ryan -5 th	Marti King-26 th	★
Terri Kolaska-10 th	Shannon McLeish-26 th	★
Laurie Sherer-11 th	Enda Nolan-30 th	★
Charlie Ferguson-11 th	Denise Carter-31 st	★

August Birthdays

Michelle Hansen-2 nd	Jean Scott-9 th
Joel Van Fears, Jr. 5 th	Neil Koch-11 th
Gretel Timan-5 th	Linda Kalaydjian-14 th
Sheila McMahon-6 th	Marion Ahlstedt-19 th
Joyce Nelson-7 th	Rosa Zidelis -22 nd
Dennis Alsobrook-8 th	Tom Hilburn-23 rd
Arden Dockter-8 th	Walter Dobbins-25 th



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