

To: Board of Trustees
From: Coordinating Team
Date: 2/4/15
Re: Bequest of Gertrude Hall — Decision to declare Peace Committee defunct

Request

This memo is to request the Board's concurrence with a decision by the CT declaring 1) the Peace Committee defunct, and 2) expending the balance of member Gertrude Hall's bequest to the Peace Committee (currently \$13,652) in peace-making efforts of the CT's choosing. Initially we propose to spend approximately \$7,000-10,000 in support of the Afterpastor program planned for this spring.

The CT believes that peace-making, like charity, begins at home. This congregation needs to heal, and we believe spending Gertrude's bequest in this effort will have the greatest impact and is the best way to honor her gift.

Under policy governance the Coordinating Team does not need the Board's ratification but we want the committee members to understand that the Board has been consulted and that church leadership is united in this. The church's current Gift Acceptance policy does not speak to the issue of what happens when a gift is made to an entity that no longer exists or to one that ceases to exist after a gift has been received.

Background

In November 2000 UUCB received the attached letter from Gertrude Hall's lawyers notifying us that Gertrude had made significant bequests to the church, including \$33,810 to the Peace Committee. From then until last June, committee chair Ingeborg Neinholt made sporadic disbursements totaling \$17,652 to the UN and other organizations involved in peace-making — roughly more than 50% of the bequest.

Over the years the church's auditors have repeatedly expressed concern at the irregular and slow disbursement of the bequest. Church staff and leaders have had many conversations with Ingeborg about this. Last June, Jane Middleton called Ingeborg and got her to agree to send \$3000 to the UN for Syrian refugees, and \$500 each to Mount Diablo Peace & Justice Center and Richmond Ceasefire-Lifelines to Healing.

At that time Ingeborg stated that the reason she had been doling out the money so slowly was to keep Gertrude's name alive. We plan to include language in all materials advertising the Afterpastor program to the effect that the program is made possible through the generosity of past member Gertrude Hall and as a legacy of the World Peace Committee.

In her conversation with Jane, Ingeborg agreed the committee was inactive and the only way it would be reignited would be if someone else were to lead it. She no longer has the energy to do this.

In addition to herself, Ingeborg named Read Heath, Michael Heath, Mary Lee Trampleasure, and Rolly Mulvey as members. Rolly recently died. Roberta Shaw is also a member, but states that her participation has been minimal. Health issues prevent Mary Lee and Ingeborg from attending.

According to Roberta, there have been no regular meetings and very little activity for quite a while. She and Read conducted a letter-writing campaign last summer. Roberta was unaware of the existence of Gertrude's bequest.

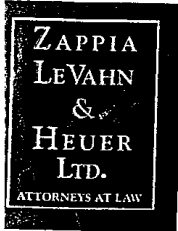
Despite repeated requests, Ingeborg has submitted no information for the annual report since the 2011/12. At that time, she submitted the following mission statement: *It is the mission of the Peace Committee to work with our congregation toward peace among the nations by supporting the UN development goals of human rights and environmental sustainability and by providing the congregation with critical information on international conflicts and crises that endanger peace.*

Ingeborg listed herself as contact person but listed no meeting times.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Pollard, Anne Greenwood, Ellen Fisher, Mary Ellen Morgan, Rev. Greg Ward, and Jane Middleton

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TO THE PERSONS INTERESTED IN
 THE GERTRUDE H. HALL IRREVOCABLE TRUST:

Re: Our File No. 19308

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Copy of the Gertrude H. Hall Revocable Trust;
2. Inventory of Assets;
3. Final Account;
4. Consent to Account, Discharge and Release; and
5. Beneficiary Information Sheet.

As you can see from the Final Account, there are gross cash assets in the amount of \$676,214.15. Following is a breakdown of the distribution of these assets, pursuant to the percentages set out in the Gertrude H. Hall Revocable Trust:

John J. Hall	5%	33,810.70
Thomas Hall	10%	67,621.42
Stephen M. Hall	10%	67,621.42
Nickola Jeglosky	10%	67,621.42
Jennifer McKeever	10%	67,621.42
Scott Gesner	10%	67,621.42
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley	15%	101,432.13 ✓
Freestone Retreat	5%	33,810.70 ✓
Peace Committee	5%	33,810.70 ✓
Sierra Club	5%	33,810.70
Yosemite Fund	5%	33,810.70

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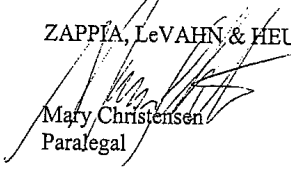
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University of Southern California School of Social Work	2.5%	16,905.36
East Bay Habitat	2.5%	16,905.36
Save the Bay	5%	33,810.70
TOTAL	100%	676,214.15

Please review the enclosed documents. If they meet with your approval, sign the enclosed Consent to Account, Discharge and Release, complete the Beneficiary Information Sheet confirming your address, Social Security Number (or Federal Tax Identification Number), and return them to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Once I have received all Consents and Beneficiary Information Sheets in this office, checks will be issued to you in the amounts set forth above. No checks will be issued until all requested forms are returned to this office. If you have any questions, please call me at 763-571-7721.

Sincerely yours,

ZAPPIA, LeVAHN, & HEUER, LTD.


Mary Christensen
Paralegal

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cc: John J. Hall
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