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Theme: Belonging

Beacon on the Hill

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The mission of this church is to create loving community; inspire spiritual growth; and encourage lives of integrity joy, and service.

Ministerial Search Committee

Puttin' On the Search 



Greetings, fellow UUCB congregants, from your Ministerial Search Committee!

This is our first Beacon article, and we already have a lot to share. This is definitely an intense process but is well-thought out

and beautifully supported by the UUA. We look forward to partnering with you as we move forward together.

Our retreat was July 29-30, facilitated by the UUA's Christine Purcell. We selected roles (on page 3), developed a [covenant](#), and familiarized ourselves with the [search timeline](#) (on page 3).

Your first opportunity to engage in the search will be through the congregational survey, targeted to be released September 4, 2022, which provides census information, creates a picture of who we are and aspire to become, and provides a basis for forums on what we feel we need from a new minister. Look for a link in *The Week Ahead*.

Focus groups and cottage meetings are coming in October; more information will appear in next month's Beacon.

Our [Beyond Categorical Thinking](#) (BCT) workshop, presented by the UUA, is November 5. This is an important tool for identifying biases we have around potential ministerial identities including gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disability, mental health, class, age, size, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you at msc@uucb.org with any questions. Also, look for the people with yellow nametag ribbons on Sunday mornings!

Blessings,

Ariel, Deborah, Don, Greg, Ladie, Lorraine, Sandy, and Suzette



September Services

Sundays 11 am

In Person, [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#)

September 4

Yearning to Belong

September 11

Practicing Unitarian Universalism

September 18

Music Sunday

September 25

Being in Right Relationship

Coffee Hour

Sundays at Noon

In person on the Terrace

Sunday Programming

Personal Theology

Sundays at 9:30 am on Zoom

September 18 – Rev. John Young, “What Do You Believe and How Do You Practice It?” Rev. Young has a Ph.D. in political science and in ministry and was a Harvard Fellow. He has served multiple UU churches as minister and has held senior UU offices. Throughout his life, he has been an active advocate for disarmament, civil rights, and an end to racism, poverty, and homelessness. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9137136420>

September 25 – Lenore Ralston, Dick Sherman, and Sylvia Parisotto ‘Small Group Ministry Chalice Circles at UUCB.’ Join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9137136420>

Humanist Connections

Sundays at 1 pm on Zoom

Sept. 4 – How can we best use the time we have? Charles Carey

Sept. 11 – Topic Selection for June and Short Topic Discussion. Ray Westergard.

Sept. 18 – Elector Selection & Gerrymandering. Anne Fitzmaurice

Sept. 25 – “Long-Termism”: Humanity’s Future. Harold Ogren

Good Neighbor in September

[Youth Spirit Artworks \(YSA\)](#) is an interfaith art jobs and job training program committed to empowering homeless and low-income San Francisco Bay Area young people, ages 16-25. YSA is engaged in a ten-year community organizing campaign, responding to the dire youth need for housing, to create “100 Homes for Homeless Youth” in the East Bay, beginning with the Tiny House Village in Oakland.

Special Events

Sept. 3 @ 9 am-2 pm Landscape Work Party. Many hands are needed to spruce up the church grounds for the new church year. Work hard, then party hard. RSVP to jlicahoon@sbcglobal.net.

Sept. 4 @ 1-3 pm LFMDC National Hispanic Heritage Month: Sandy Portillo-Robins will facilitate our discussion of *The Soul of A Woman*, by the brilliant Chilean-American novelist, Isabel Allende. Email Camille for Zoom link: camilleparker@comcast.net

Sept. 10 & 24 @ 11:30 am-2:30 pm Freestone Picnics. Contact Dave Wemmer for more info: david.wemmer12@gmail.com

Sept. 11 @ 9:30-11 am Parents Discussion Group. Email family.ministry@uucb.org for more information.

Sept. 17 @ 10 am-3 pm Session 1 Freestone Problem Solving (in the Atrium)

Sept. 17 @ 7-9 pm Youth Social
Join UUCB youth for fun, social events on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop-in welcome!
family.ministry@uucb.org.

Sept. 18 @ 12-2 pm Fall Festival and Potluck. Church-wide party and potluck! Dishes welcome but not required to attend.
family.ministry@uucb.org

Sept. 25 @ 12-3 pm Book Sale
Open to public—invite friends! Can you help? Email ann@annharlow.com.

Announcements

Board Listening Presence

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Freestone

As we embark on a conversation and exploration for determining the future of UUCB's Freestone retreat property, we have the following opportunities for engagement this month. You can find the entire timeline and documents on our website <https://uucb.org/community/freestone-retreat-in-sonoma/>

- **Sept. 10** Picnic Day
 - **Sept. 17 10 am - 3 pm:** Session 1 Freestone Problem Solving (in the Atrium)
 - **Sept. 24** Picnic Day
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Learn Javanese music at UUCB!



Enjoy learning to play Javanese gamelan music on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 pm, starting Sept 1. All ages and skill levels welcome. This opportunity is unique to our congregation as we learn, play, discuss and collaborate while experiencing the meditative and transcendent beauty of Javanese gamelan. Questions? Email or call Daniel danielswinslowschmidt@gmail.com or 510-334-1334; or Tom tripphomas@yahoo.com, 510-495-4879.

Ministerial Search Committee

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Roles:

- Co-conveners: Ladie, Greg
- Communications: Deborah, Suzette
- Negotiating Team: Ladie
- Treasurer: Lorraine, Sandy
- Survey: Lorraine, Don, Greg
- Cottage Meetings: Don, Ladie, Greg
- Beyond Categorical Thinking: Ariel, Don
- Neutral Pulpit: Ariel
- Congregational Record: Deborah, Don, Sandy
- Document Packet: Sandy
- Interview Coordinator: Suzette
- References: Lorraine, Ariel

Announcements

We are launching a Search webpage on uucb.org and will let you know in *The Week Ahead* as soon as it is live.

Key Dates

- **Sept. 4-30:** Congregational Survey
- **Sept-Oct:** Focus groups and Cottage Meetings
- **Nov 5:** Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop
- **Mid Nov-Jan 1:** Congregational record and packet submitted to UUA
- **Jan 2:** Receiving the initial list of applicants for the first offer date
- **Early to Mid-April:** Announcing the Candidate
- **Late April-Early May:** Candidating Week

Family Ministry

Heaven Walker
Director of Family Ministry and Lifelong Learning

Do you think you have what it takes to be a Religious Education (RE) Teacher? If you have the want and the will to do it, I guarantee that you do! It is an exciting time for Religious Education at UUCB! I have just chosen the curriculum for Preschool, K-5, Middle and High School, and Adults from the "Tapestry of Faith" program. The Preschoolers will be doing parts of "Chalice Children." K-5 will be doing "Wonderful Welcome" and "World of Wonder." The Youth and Highschoolers will be doing "Building Bridges – a World Religions Program." Adult RE is still being finalized but will feature Unitarian Universalism 101, World Religion Themes, and Adult OWL (Our Whole Lives) curriculum. The RE dates for 2022-23 are:

September 18, 25; **October** 2, 16, 23; **November** 6, 13; **December** 4, 11; **January** 8, 22, 29; **February** 12, 26; **March** 5, 12, 26; **April** 16; **May** 7, 14, 28.

If you have an interest in teaching RE at any level, please contact me at family.ministry@uucb.org and I will share the curriculum with you. I look forward to hearing from you! Blessings, Heaven.

Chalice Circle Program Is Starting!

The experience of deep connection with others nurtures our sense of self and enriches our lives. Chalice Circles provide a space for reflection and sharing our thoughts on some of life's big questions – uncertainty, trust, identity, faith, adversity. Through the practice of deep listening, we gain a deeper understanding of each other and ourselves. Together we build community! Enrollment for Chalice Circles starts this month. We expect to offer a variety of circles throughout the year – 4-, 8-, and 16-session circles. Circles will continue to be on Zoom, though we hope to offer in-person circles later in the year.

If you are interested or have questions, contact chalicecircles@uucb.org. Look for more Chalice Circle news about signing up in our weekly "The Week Ahead" email newsletter.

Executive Director Notes

Tess Snook O'Riva

Happy Autumn! For a "slow time," this summer was sure busy! The Good Earth School leases both Religious Education buildings and were on vacation the first two weeks in August. We got many projects done within the classrooms and on the playfield. The most important item was replacing a faucet that had an unacceptable level of lead. The California Licensing Board will return to re-test the water, and we expect to pass. We were unsuccessful at the home-remedies for a gopher infestation, mostly because we actually have ground squirrels, which are much harder to get rid of. We have called in the experts to rehome or naturally discourage them from staying.

The Boiler Room, home of the Tree of Life mosaic, had its roof completely redone over the same period. We had a serious leak and rotted wood, all of which has been repaired/replaced. The boiler itself was removed a few months ago, and the shed is better used for facilities and landscaping needs.

Monday, August 15, saw the culmination of eight months of audit work. Our auditors came onsite to finish the research for the 2021 Financial Audit! Now we wait for their report, but we don't expect any major findings. We can also celebrate that the documentation for our legal status, asset valuations, and financial processes are in one place! Special thanks to Lenore Ralston, Linda Laskowski, Dave Roberts, and our Finance Administrator, Diana Steinbach, for their invaluable help completing the audit process. The report will shortly go to the head of the Audit Committee, Randall Hudson, for the committee's review. Whew!

We finally found an arborist willing to collaborate on completing the re-planting work required by Contra Costa County! Christopher of Trees Company comes from a UU family and wants to help us as much as possible. He has met with the Landscape Team and will be an invaluable resource for our campus plans going forward.

Opening Task Force (OTF) Update

7% vs. 52%. These numbers speak to the efficacy of facemasks, regardless of type, in preventing COVID. In a study soon to be published from Yale University, the probability for getting COVID for mask wearers was 7%, 97 of 1463 persons. For non-mask wearers, the probability was 52%, 158 of 303 persons. The relative risk of getting COVID for mask wearers was extremely low. As COVID is not done with us and is still a health threat and disabling to those at high risk, we wisely continue with our indoor masking requirement at church to be together in a caring manner.

Thank you to the church group leaders who responded to the OTF snap poll about concerns and needs for fall activity, especially at it relates to the church objective of all meetings being hybrid to be inclusive. The OTF will be sharing an information sheet on group leader responsibilities and soft facilitation skills for conducting hybrid meetings. Conversations are underway to identify and make available in-person help with the technical skills needed to conduct a hybrid meeting.

In preparation for the fall fire season, the OTF is developing air quality standards to guide outdoor and indoor activity at the church. Using the EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) and Guide to Air Quality and Your Health, the standards will address how an AQI value will impact church activity indoors and outdoors.

In a recent church service, we were reminded of the Marion Wright Edelman quote that “service is the rent we pay for living.” Even with the expedited self-check-in kiosk (thank you Tess and staff), we still need volunteers to help with Sunday check-in. Let Lisa Maynard know if you can be of service.

Lastly, remember to wear your lanyard and leave your badge on the peg board as you leave the church.

OTF Members: Patrick Cullinane (Chair), Sheldon Jones, Lisa Maynard, Tess Snook O’Riva (Executive Director), and Rev. Michelle Collins.
planning@uucb.org.

Music Matters

Dr. Bryan Baker, Director of Music

The new church year begins with renewed optimism. I hope you can join the choir and section leaders for Music Sunday, September 18. We'll interweave sung and spoken word, and explore how melodies, harmonies, rhythms, and lyrics come together to bring us into community. What music gives us a sense of belonging, of comfort or refreshment? This will be a service to help us know we belong.

Our first concert of the year arrives on October 10, Saturday evening, with Bryan Baker & Friends. This annual fundraiser for the church's general fund features music by Mozart, Alberto Ginastera, Florence Price, Howard Swanson, Debussy, Dvorak, and Schumann. Piano solos, songs, chamber music, the varied delights and joys of beautiful music. As has become our new normal, you are most welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream. Be on the lookout for more information on our website.

Luminescence, our choir of adults, joins to sing on Thursday nights at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. New singers are most welcome! You don't need choral experience, nor do you need to read music –though both help in learning the new music. The choir folk are a wonderfully welcoming and supportive group, so feel free to come give it a try any Thursday evening you feel like dropping by for a bit of song. You can contact Bryan Baker (at bryan.baker@uucb.org) or ask anyone in the choir for more information. The Youth and Children's Choir, directed by Katie Lipka, meets Sunday morning at 10am in the Meditation Room. If you're interested, please check with Bryan or Katie.

Yours in harmony,
Bryan

From the Board of Trustees

Happy September!

As this month's contributing board member, I want to encourage the growth of lay leadership throughout UUCB. Lay leadership is important to the health and wellbeing of our church. Specifically, I would like to shamelessly urge those of you who have the bandwidth, to consider stepping up and becoming a Worship Associate for UUCB. I have been a Worship Associate for over a year, and it gives me the opportunity to share my stories, my values, and my love of shorts with the whole congregation. If I can do it, YOU can do it!

Worship Associates (WA's) meet once a month on Zoom and can lead a Sunday service every 6-8 weeks once you are ready to do so. We won't throw you into the deep end, I promise! You can shadow a current WA, dip your toes in the water by presenting a Reading provided by our minister. Or, if you're ready, present a personal reflection (500 words) to our congregation. If I can do it, YOU can do it!

The official roles of the WA:

The work involves focused attention and preparation for the week before "your" Sunday and then a key role in the worship service Sunday morning. UUCB is now offering a hybrid worship service — in-person plus livestream. During the week preceding the service, you coordinate communication among members of your week's worship team, including the audio/visual team, and prepare your own 5-6 Service Elements, such as the Welcome/Chalice Lighting. You may also opt to do a Reading provided by the Minister or prepare a personal 3-5-minute Reflection, known as Sources of Our Faith, which shares with the congregation an aspect of your own journey that ties in with the worship theme of your Sunday. On Sunday mornings, your work includes a kind of stage-manager/M.C. role, where you help to prepare the Chancel and Sanctuary for hybrid worship, coordinate and support the various participants, and present your prepared Service Elements.

If you are interested in becoming a Worship Associate, please reach out to Rev. Michelle at minister@uucb.org. If you know of anyone who would be a good WA, please let them know and

encourage them to join our WA team! If I can do it, THEY can do it too!

Thank you!

Bill Brown

Board of Trustees August 2022 Actions

- **Freestone:** Encouraged visits to the Freestone property and participation in upcoming small-group sessions, brainstorming, and deliberations.
- **Board Self-Evaluation:** Approved changes to the Board Governance Manual to clarify and modify expectations, including: Annual Board Committee updates with the Board; summary updates from the Program Council; defining ends, environmental analysis, putting the interests of the congregation first, and other minor wording changes. Encouraged congregants to offer feedback to the Board about its performance.
- **Board Committees and Liaisons:** Finalized [Board Member assignments](#) to Board Committees and Liaison roles.

Curious about UUCB and Membership?

Would you like more information about UUCB and its people? Or learn about how you can help guide this church's mission? On **Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 12:30 to 2:00** please come and share your spiritual journey while you hear the journeys of others (including a minister and other members). All your questions will be answered about how UUCB works and the mission of its various programs. You'll also hear about the benefits and responsibilities of being a member and how UUCB lives out its commitment to your spiritual and humanistic growth. And most importantly, how this church actively lives its commitment to taking care of the wider community. Please join us on September 18. Lunch will be provided. Contact Lonnie and Victoria via email: membership@uucb.org.

Partner Church

As summer draws to a close, we have received another report via the International Women's Convocation (IWC) on Ukrainian relief that is being coordinated by the IWC and Gondviselés (in English: Providence) Organization of the Hungarian Unitarian Church:

Sadly, the war in Ukraine approaches the six-month mark, without a clear end in sight. More than 12 million people have left their homes — some 6.2 million now living in other parts of Europe and another 6.3 million internally displaced — roughly 30 percent of Ukraine's prewar population. Since our last update in May, Providence has organized a summer camp for 21 Ukrainian children and a fourth humanitarian aid shipment was delivered to Transcarpathia, the southwest region of Ukraine. On August 5, 2022, Gondviselés volunteer (himself a Ukrainian refugee) Vladimir Skalski left with a transport of various medicines, medical supplies, and an electric generator to Odessa. The supplies will be transferred from Odessa to the Mykolaiv hospital hit by Russian missile strikes on August 1, 2022.

You can see a detailed report of the latest humanitarian efforts from Providence at: <https://intl womens convo.org/page/summer-camp-aid-shipment-latest-from-providence/>

If you follow the link above you'll see pictures from the Torda Gorge (where we hiked in 2016). It's literally close to the heart of Transylvania, both geographically and spiritually. Our partners in Homoródújfaló might be at some physical distance from Torda, but Transylvania has a very big heart. Stephanie Ann Blythe at steph62850@yahoo.com or Anne Greenwood at annegt1@sbcglobal.net want to share that heart with you. We're going to be learning about conducting hybrid meetings at UUCB, so stay tuned for more information.

Social Justice

Carol Carlisle, Chairperson

Since I became Chairperson of the Social Justice Council, I am acutely aware of how committed to Social Justice many members of UUCB are. I want to highlight how involved our congregation is: in climate action, Get Out The Vote, art for Social Justice, and more. As I write, an email from the UUCB Discuss list popped up inviting and informing us about an art program in Richmond for Artists of Conscience. I really appreciate everyone keeping us informed and updated. If you are involved in programs outside the church, please share them. Who knows who else might be interested in helping!

A Special Thank You to:

- **Summer Forum:** Kept us informed about social justice issues in our community. Thank you, Dorothy Herzberg.
- **Honoring Indigenous Peoples (HIP):** The group stepped up to offer a book-reading of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Twenty-five people were in attendance. Thank You Helen Tinsley-Jones and all the HIP group members.
- **Climate Justice Committee:** Thank you for your tireless efforts to get our church set with an effective Composting and Recycling Program.
- To Lonnie Mosley for her efforts, when the Social Justice Council hosted **Congrats to Grads**, sending UUCB's graduating seniors off with money, as well as blessings and well-wishes. We watched over Zoom as proud parents held their children tight, cuddled on couches or around dinner tables. The words of the song by Crosby, Stills & Nash, *Teach Your Children Well*, ran through my head. Yes, they did! In fact, I looked it up on YouTube. There is a newish animated video of that 1960's anthem that goes from Vietnam to Black Lives Matter: [Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young - Teach Your Children \(Official Music Video\)](#) Enjoy! **Note:** The post of Social Justice Chair was to be shared, and I'd sure like someone to step up and join me as Co-Chair!

New Name for Climate and Environmental Justice

By popular vote we are now the Climate Justice Committee. We're now focused on 1) recycling and composting, and 2) recruiting more members to advocate for climate justice.

We ask for your continued support of recycling and composting to reduce landfill waste in compliance with California's new law mandating composting and recycling. Church bins are now labeled for recyclables, compost, and landfill, along with pictorial instructions. We're still finding many recyclables and food waste in landfill bins and vice versa. By mindfully sorting your waste, you'll help us do our part to counter the climate crises.

The Climate Action Now (CAN) app is an easy, effective way to take actions to fight the climate crisis. You can send emails to your US, state, and local legislators; governmental agencies; corporations. Or you can call them from the app. UUCB's invitation code is 310. For more info, email Deb Lloyd debbl@aol.com. Join us and help CAN users all over the country reach the audacious goal of sending One MILLION messages by the end of this year. We're already halfway there! Contact Sheila Tarbet (starbet99@gmail.com) with questions, or to join us.

Report from the Literature, Film, Drama & Music Contingent

Our last meeting with Cordell Sloan's knowledge and facilitation was exceptional! Please see below for a very important message! camilleparker@comcast.net

Hi Everyone,

I encourage those of you who use an internet search engine to use alternatives to Google, which collects information about you as you search and does not protect your privacy. The one I use is called DuckDuckGo and although at first I wasn't sure if it would be as thorough as the Google search engine, I've found it to be just as thorough, without invading my privacy. If you'd like to try it, here's a link:

<https://duckduckgo.com/>. You can set it as your default search engine through your browser preferences. I use Firefox on a Mac and so I used the dropdown menu under "Firefox" and chose Preferences. When I was asked to write this brief description of alternatives to Google, I searched (using DuckDuckGo!) for any information on alternatives and found numerous articles. Here's one from PCMag:

<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/go-beyond-google-best-alternative-search-engines>. I also don't accept that "google" is a verb and would like to officially start a campaign to convince people, including broadcast journalists, to stop using it as one. For me, although saying "do an internet search" is longer, it's more accurate and isn't about selling a product, but instead about performing an action. A movement away from conflating a business with an everyday activity would be great. Just as we no longer say "Xerox," but instead say "photocopy," or say "tissue" instead of "Kleenex" (and ideally "hook-and-loop" instead of "Velcro," but I'm still working on that one), the same would apply for "google." I hope this is helpful!

Julie Ann Winkelstein, PhD, MLIS

Librarian, writer, teacher, activist

Author: Libraries and Homelessness: An Action Guide <https://bit.ly/3KvKV51>

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Greater Richmond Interfaith Program

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, volunteers from UUCB prepare and serve lunch to disadvantaged people living in the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) residence and to people who walk in from the street. Interested? please contact Ray Westergard at raywest2@sbcglobal.net.

Hispanic/Latin Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries. It's important to understand that "Hispanic" and "Latino/a/e/x" are used in the United States to identify a segment of the population for census, and even marketing, purposes. Within them lie a multitude of nationalities, cultures, and beliefs that can be very distinct from each other and sometimes directly contradict each other. [Click here to learn more about the history of these terms.](#)

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21 respectively. Also, Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period. [Click here to learn about the creation and evolution of Hispanic Heritage Month.](#)

Recipe for Venezuelan Arepas

The Beacon editor (Connections Coordinator, Charis Domador) is from Venezuela, and has a deep love for Venezuelan arepas. In the spirit of celebrating Hispanic/Latin Heritage Month, she wanted to share this recipe for you to try at home (if you wish!)

Ingredients

- 2.5 cups of water
- 1 tsp of salt
- 2 cups of fine cornmeal (brand Harina P.A.N. can be found in most Hispanic markets)

How to Prepare

- Preheat oven at 400°.
- Mix the ingredients in a bowl and knead for two (2) minutes.
- Let it rest for five (5) minutes.
- Divide the dough into 10 equal portions.
- Form small balls and flatten with your hands into thin discs, about 10 cm (3.5 in.) in diameter.
- Cook on a griddle or frying pan over medium heat for 5 minutes on each side.
- Bake in preheated oven for five (5) minutes.

How to Eat

- Slice open the arepa lengthwise to create a pocket.
- Fill with your choice of filling (butter and white cheese are a classic)
- Filling options: chicken, beef, pork, beans, avocado, cheese, veggies, or anything you like!

Enjoy!

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley Covenant of Right Relations

Love guides this church.

The quest for truth and justice is its common purpose.

To give thanks, listen deeply, speak with care, honor our differences, and seek and grant forgiveness –

These things we covenant with one another.

MEMBERSHIP in this Unitarian Universalist congregation is open to all who see this church as their religious home and the principles for which the church stands as their own. People who wish to join participate in an “introduction to membership” session, sign the membership book, and commit to supporting this church through participation and financially. To become a member, please contact membership@uucb.org.

NEWSLETTER ITEM SUBMISSIONS: Submit announcements and articles by email to beacon@uucb.org. Due to limited space, we do not publish announcements for events occurring outside the church community. **The deadline for submissions** is the 15th of the month. **Questions?** Please email beacon@uucb.org. (Beacon is compiled and edited by Charis Domador.)

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UUCB general discussion list:

http://groups.google.com/group/uucb_discuss/about

Email list for families: Email family.ministry@uucb.org

Our Board of Trustees Widening the Circle Vision Statement:

We, the trustees of UUCB, commit ourselves to championing racial justice, embodying anti-racist practices, and confronting and dismantling white supremacy culture and all forms of oppression (including but not limited to racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, ageism, xenophobia and religious oppression, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia) in everything we do.

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