



UU Update

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa

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Sunday Services at 10 a.m.

July 7th

The Hunger Games

Service Leaders: Scott Miller and Susan Panttaja

Who are we, underneath all of our civilization--our smart phones, our cars, our domestic apparatus? Why do we sometimes long to--and sometimes do--deliberately walk away from these comforts and head out to wildernesses, places of exceptional discomfort? What do we find in these places? Who are we when we get there, and why, for some of us at least, do those wilderness selves exert so profound a draw as we go about our daily lives in the everyday world? This service will open up these questions, seeking to understand the personal, human grace and the natural beauty that the wilderness self understands.

July 14th

Pay It Forward

Service Leaders: Susan Bartholome, Andy Levine

Most of us have heard the term pay it forward and/or seen the Pay It Forward movie. Have you, yourself, been a recipient or a practitioner of this concept? Must we adhere to the movie's interpretation? We will lift up and explore "paying it forward" and perhaps throw in a little "random acts of kindness" as well.

July 21st

It's Not Just a Game

Service Leaders: Frances Corman, Lucia Milburn

Maybe there is a reason they call it team "spirit." Is it possible the world of sports gives us a glimpse into more than team spirit, but into Spirit itself? How is it that something can be so flawed yet so wonderful at the same time? What if we cheered each other on at UUCSR as heartily as we cheer on the Giants? Let's examine the intersection of sports and Spirit and we may find that "it's not just a game."

July 28th

The Young Feminist

Service Leader: Michelle Mueller

A child of the 90's, Michelle Mueller was steeped in feminism, and went on to become a student of feminist politics. She will pass along some of the lessons she learned, and didn't, applicable as she sees, to any gender. And she raises questions: "Are women expressing themselves as sexual beings to the disadvantage of other parts of themselves?" "Is the womens' sexual liberation yet another tool of patriarchy?" "Can we have/do it all?"

Michelle Mueller is a career DRE for UUs, and a graduate student affiliated with Starr King School for the Ministry.

August 4th

Cowboys and Coyotes

Service Leaders: Erin Howseman, Linda Proulx

"Coyote" is a Trickster, a wise fool. We will consider why the Trickster endures as part of the human imagination and the human soul. Also, great cowboy ballads!



Postcard from the Edge



Hello, UUCSR! I write to you from the waning moments of our 52nd General Assembly here in Louisville, KY. For a week now, I have been immersed in the governance and vision of our Unitarian Universalist Association, and enjoying the culture and cuisine of Louisville. Shrimp and grits, the “Hot Brown” sandwich and, yes, a couple of bourbons have sustained me through seven sleep-deprived days and nights of UU work and play.

First came Ministry Days, the annual meeting of the national UU Minister’s Association. The most important work we did during our time together there was to change our ethical guidelines to demand a much higher standard around sexual behavior. It had become clear that the old guideline was a little too vague. Our new standard makes it clear that we won’t ever become sexually involved in any way with someone we serve as a minister. That may seem like a no-brainer, but there have been examples of ministers becoming involved with members of their congregations in a non-abusive consensual manner, leading to marriage and happiness-ever-after. Nevertheless, I’m very happy for this change. You might even say a hard-liner on this topic. As some of you know, I was sexually abused by a (non-ministerial) staff member of my childhood church when I was in my teens. I can only imagine how much more confusing and painful that would have been if it had been someone with the authority and moral standing of the minister. While I certainly have sympathy for the young single minister in a small town in the Alabama or Texas who is most likely to meet a compatible person at her or his congregation, I believe that ministry and spirituality require certain sacrifices, and this is one of them. It is easier, and much more morally sound, to simply never become romantically or sexually involved with anyone in the flock. I am greatly pleased with my colleagues for this advance.

Ministry Days also included a worship service celebrating those with 25 and 50 years of service, with a speaker representing each of those groups. Rev. Robert Senghas spoke for the 50-years-in-ministry group. (Which I hope to do so myself, should I live to be 87!) He urged us to become “transparent messengers of the Holy” by putting our whole, real, imperfect selves before our communities. I try to be this way with y’all. I hope that what you see is pretty much what you get: flawed, foolish, faithful and fun-loving.

Almost immediately after Ministry Days ended, waves of lay leaders and delegates arrived and we held the Opening Ceremonies for the General Assembly itself. The theme of this year’s G.A. was *From Promise to Commitment* and centered around our covenantal relationships, which was a nice convergence with our UUCSR worship theme for June. Throughout the week there were spirited worship services and rousing speeches from our outgoing moderator Gini Courter and such notable guests as Wendall Berry and

Eboo Patel. Many of these are available online at www.uua.org and I urge you to check them out.

My main duties here have been with the Appointments Committee of the UUA, to which I was named by the Board of Trustees last summer. Our job is to find volunteers for the many unpaid leadership roles of the denomination, on such committees as the Audit Committee, the Commission on Social Witness, , the Presidential Search Committee, the General Assembly Planning Committee, and many more. Related to this role, over the next two days I will attend an anti-racism/multi-culturalism training with all of the other newly appointed and elected leaders of the UUA.

The most significant event of G.A. was the election of our new moderator, Jim Key. He defeated Tamara Payne-Alex, a member of the San Jose Church, by the narrowest of margins. Only 40 votes separated the winner from the loser! It was a very good-spirited campaign on both sides. I’ve met Mr. Key and communicated with him in his capacity as chair of the UUA Audit Committee, and I think we are in good hands. That’s a good thing, because there are a lot of issues facing the UUA right now, including some real tension between the Board of Trustees (now shrunk from 23 to 11 members, thank God) and the Administration of UUA president Rev. Peter Morales, newly re-elected for another four years. Some have seen it as a personality struggle between the moderator and the president, others as the result of the Carver policy governance model that the denomination uses, which demands that the executive be held accountable to making progress toward the stated ends of the organization. The “Global Ends” of the UUA are, as recently voted on by the UUA Board: “A healthy network of covenanted Unitarian Universalist congregations and covenanted communities, in accountable relationships and alive with transforming power, moving our local communities and the world towards more love, justice, and peace at a justifiable cost that does not undermine long term sustainability.”

I think we’re doing our part at UUCSR to help with that project, don’t you?

Beyond all the business, the absolute highlight of my G.A. was an all-night jam session with the members of Emma’s Revolution, a great folk-rock duo from Washington, D.C., who I’ve come to know and love through a mutual friend. It’s been a long time since I greeted the dawn by staying up for it (as opposed to getting up for it, which happens all the time...) but gospel songs and Beatles tunes kept the music flowing all night long. Sometimes caution must be set aside for the sake of ecstasy, as Rumi would surely remind us. To that end, I hope you won’t don’t have any UUCSR committee meetings in July if you can help it. Just worship and sing and play and have a great summer!

Greetings from the Board President

As I begin my term as President of the Board of Trustees I am filled with many thoughts, hopes and appreciations. I am privileged to have served on the Board with Laura Jean as president. I have learned more than I ever knew there was to know about the workings of a congregation. In addition to having an excellent teacher and role model in Laura Jean I have had the pleasure of working with Board members who are thoughtful, knowledgeable and good natured. They have learned well how to work and play with others.....not a cranky one in the bunch. I look forward to a good year with two new board members, Marge Wright and Linda Stabler, and Linda Balabanian as Treasurer and Sibyl Day as Corporate Secretary. They join Cathie Wiese, Lois Bell, Alan Proulx, John Farison, Peter Wilson, Joe Como, Susan Bartholome and Laura Jean Hageman as Vice-President. Add Chris and Bryan and I think that we all can agree that this is a grand team.

UUCSR is a forward looking, generous, appreciative community. I was reminded of this at the Congregational Meeting on June 9. We decided to commit to becoming a Teaching Site for Ministerial Interns and to join the North Bay Organizing Project and deepen our commitment to working for social justice with community partners. We celebrated our successful pledge drive which has resulted in our ability to reach our stated goals. We acknowledged the contributions of many folks who have given exceptional service to the

congregation. Judy Taylor was acknowledged for her work as chair of the recent canvass, Nancy Hayashibara for her consistently stirring music, Linda Balabanian for her financial acumen, Cori Hall, Irene Martin, Carol Weisker and Nancy Steinbock for their work as the Hospitality Crew, providing us with a warm atmosphere for visiting and yummys for our tummies. We also expressed our deep appreciation for our retiring board members, Lois Nagle and Mary Louise Jaffray, as well as for Laura Jean Hageman who has served as President of the Board so ably for the past two years. Quite a meeting, quite a congregation!

I am a relative newcomer to Unitarian Universalism. I continue to be impressed with the profoundly aspirational stance taken by the faith, generally, and by the manifestation of that faith here, at UUCSR. We strive to live our principles, covenant and mission ever more fully in our closest relationships, our congregational community and the greater world. We, as Board members, do our work within this context. The Board develops goals and provides stewardship of the congregation based on our best understanding of the needs of the community. We arrive at this understanding through our connections with all of you. We will be asking you for input often. I look forward to this collaborative process and expect continued growth for UUCSR as an outcome of our work together.

Jeanie Bates, Board President

UUCAN*/NBOP**

Now that we have joined NBOP, everyone is invited to participate on a Task force. There are 3: Education; Immigrants' Rights; and Transportation Justice.

For information on what we're doing on the Education Task Force, see Deborah Mason or Sibyl Day; on the Immigrants' Rights Task Force see Linda Harlow; and the Transportation Justice Task force is just getting underway so you can get in on the ground floor.

These Task Forces meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7 pm at United Church of Christ, 2000 Humboldt Street, Santa Rosa, from 6-7:30 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 22nd - mark your calendars!

Join the movers and shakers of Sonoma County in a festive Fundraiser Dance Party on Saturday, August 3rd from 5 to 10 pm. For more information, see the flyers at the Advocates for Social Justice table and posted on the Social Justice Bulletin Board.

*UUCAN (Unitarian Universalist Conversation and Action Network) is the NBOP Core Team at UUCSR. Anyone interested in participating in planning our internal and external conversations and actions is heartily invited to join us!

**to learn more about NBOP (North Bay Organizing Project) go to their website, northbayop.org



**New Price for our Fall 2013*

West Coast Tour

Visit and learn about several

IARF Member Groups in CA, OR, and WA

***\$1195 Member/ \$1235 Non-member, until July 2**

IARF, the oldest international inter-religious organization, has been engaging in interfaith dialogue and social justice projects from its beginning in 1900. Founded by Unitarians, we now have 75 member groups of different faiths from around the world. Visit www.iarf.net.

Trip Organizers: Betsy Darr and Judy Young

Groups and Locales:

San Francisco: Unitarian Universalist Church
 Fo Guang Shan, Taiwanese Buddhist group
 Konko-kyo Church, a new religion (1859) founded in Japan
 Pacifica, CA: Rissho Kosei Kai, a large lay Buddhist organization based in Japan
 Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland
 Portland, OR: Unitarian Universalist Church with home bed and breakfast
 Granite Falls, WA: Tsubaki Grand Shrine, a branch of the ancient Shinto shrine in Japan

***Price good until July 2:** \$1195 for IARF US Chapter members; \$1235 for non-members, payable to IARF-US. Single supplement \$300. Covers transportation from San Francisco to Seattle, 7 nights' accommodations, breakfasts, welcome dinner, and admissions/tickets. Lunches and 5 dinners will be additional.

Itinerary: (subject to change due to member groups' availability) 8 days, 7nights.

We will gather in San Francisco on Saturday, September 14, and depart by 15-passenger van on Monday after visiting several Bay Area faith groups. We will arrive in Seattle on Saturday, September 21. Those who wish to make a round-trip with us will be able to ride back to San Francisco in the van, leaving on September 22. Price is lower for those not needing a room in San Francisco.

Registration and \$500 deposit needed by July 2. For forms and more information, please contact Betsy Darr, betdarr@gmail.com.

This trip was originally planned as a fund-raiser for the IARF chapter. We would now prefer to fill our van and keep costs down.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Do what you love to do. It is summertime and there are so many simple pleasures just waiting for us. We hear the well rehearsed line from children, "There's nothing to do." Or, "I'm bored." Well, we all know there is plenty to do, it just takes some imagination and motivation to find the thing that will bring us to life in the quiet moments of summer. This is sometimes difficult for kids. When they are used to the passive stimulation of television or mesmerizing action of video games, it can be hard for them to come up with something to do on their own. This is where parents and grandparents can help.

Before you say "Turn off the computer" take some time with your child(ren) to make a list of things that they enjoy doing. Then help them to make things happen. Here are some simple ideas:

- If it is art they love, take them out to get the art supplies they need so they are on hand and easy to access all summer long. Perhaps they could make a nature collage using material from their own neighborhood.
- Maybe they love to camp, pitch the tent or sleep under the stars in the backyard and have a family camp out at home.
- Call a local appliance store and see if you could get a huge box from them – this can provide hours of imaginary play.

- Plan a weekly trip to the Library. Some great books are always beckoning.
- Have a weeknight picnic supper at a local park and have the kids help in the preparation.
- Play dates are important to organize for kids in the summer because they don't have the daily contact with friends from school. Invite your kids' friends over to play.
- Kids love dress-ups and dramatic play. Thrift stores are a great source of costumes. Encourage the kids to put on a play or a talent show.
- Water play is always a hit. Run through the sprinklers, help wash the car, make water balloons, transform plastic water bottles into water guns. And there is always the Russian River or Spring Lake nearby for a wonderful day of sun and water.
- And, oh yes! Come to Sunday School – we have lots of fun each week.

There really are endless ways kids and families can have fun together. These moments when children are young are so precious, I hope you will take the time, and find the energy to help your kids make the most of summer and do the things you all love.

In Faith,
Deborah

Here's What's Happening in RE Classes

Here's What's Happening In RE Classes this Month:

Summer Program is in full swing. We have religious education every Sunday.

Grades K-8 will gather together for Children's Chapel every Sunday at 10:00 am during our Summer Program through August 25th.

We provide loving childcare for children from infancy though age 4 in our preschool room during both the 10:00 service. Fiona Mackenzie, Shawna Hoxsie and Maddie Elizondo are our child care providers.

Sr. High Youth Group will be on hiatus in the month of July. We will reconvene on August 1st. Youth Group meets on Thursday from 4-6pm. Deborah Mason, Rev Chris and Eric Fischer serve as Youth Advisors. Contact Deborah (debmasonuu@gmail.com) for more information.

June 2013 R.E. Children's Chapel Schedule:

7/7/13	One Thousand Paper Cranes: Children will make origami peace cranes	Teachers: Linda Farison, Chloe Farison and Robyn Hidas
7/14/13	Are You Sure? – <u>The Blind Man and the Elephant</u> —children will take part in reader's theater.	Teachers: Jennifer Freese and Deborah Mason
7/21/13	Affirmation –Children will make affirmation books	Teachers: Cathie Wiese and Denielle Medynski
7/28/13	The Truth Will Set You Free –The importance of truth telling will be explored through story and games.	Teachers: Kendra Rossing and Susan Dickey



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SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

Newsletter@uusantarosa.org

E-mail Submissions

Greatly Appreciated!

Newsletter Assembly

10 a.m.— July 24, 2013

All Congregation Retreat



Get Ready for our ALL CONGREGATION RETREAT

Friday, August 9th through
Sunday, August 11th, 2013!

Mark your calendars and plan ahead for the event of the summer. We are very excited to announce that this year's All Congregation Summer Retreat will be held at beautiful and nearby (1/2 hour drive from Santa Rosa) Westminster Woods Retreat Center. Registration for this weekend full of fun and fellowship for all ages will begin Sunday, June 30th, in the Social Hall after service and end on Sunday, July 21st. You won't want to miss out! Opportunities for adventure and relaxation abound this year. Enjoy the lovely shaded canopy of redwoods and the unspoiled creek running through our camp. Join in the Saturday Softball Game, a game of Frisbee Golf, or take a hike into the forest. Walk the creek side labyrinth or join the kids at the amazing adventure playground. Challenge yourself and Rev. Chris with the Ropes Course...YES! A Ropes Course will be offered (it will be an extra charge, but, hey! How often do you get to try death defying feats of daring do with complete assurance of your own personal safety?) Get your talent together for our annual Talent Spectacular on Saturday night in our spacious meeting room. Comfortable, clean cabins...yes! Good food...yes! Quiet spaces...yes! Kid's crafts...yes! Teen cabin and fun...yes! Campfire...yes! Sunday Service under the redwoods...yes!

Questions...call Leslie Norinsky at 373-7944 or Carol Kraemer at 838-3738.

IT'S SUMMERTIME!!

WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT OUR UPCOMING SERVICE AUCTION
ON NOVEMBER 2, 2013

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE

SET ASIDE THE DATE NOW!!!

A Men's Gathering

The Men's Groups of UUCSR are having a lunch gathering on July 13, 2013 at UUCSR. If you are a member of a UUCSR men's group or would like to find out more about men's groups or just want to hang out with some UU Men, come join us for lunch on July 13 from 1PM to 3PM.

Besides information on Men's groups; we will also have information about the 5th Annual UUCSR Men's Retreat Weekend which is being held October 4, 5 & 6.

Save the date of July 13th. There will be more information to follow in the next week or so.

Any questions please contact Andy Levine @ 887-9810 or bartlev@sonic.net



Glaser Center Events

Friday, July 19, 8:00 pm

Singer-songwriter showcase

Roy Zimmerman

the 'wake up call' concert experience

Admission \$15

Saturday, July 27, 7:30 pm

A lively Readers Theater performance featuring vibrant,
vividly-crafted works by Sonoma County writers

Off the Page

'Lessons'

Admission \$15

Friday, August 4, 7:30 pm

Master Musician Showcase

Mark Taylor & Aaron Haas

Flamenco and Classical Guitar

Admission \$15

Saturday, August 24, 7:30 pm

Showcase Concert Series

Amy Wigton & Craig Corona

Performing the music of Joni Mitchell and Jim Croce

Admission \$15

Saturday, September 28, 7:30 pm

Showcase Concert Series

Art of the Protest Song

Admission \$15

Hot Topics

There will be no Hot Topic in July, but mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 18th** at 11:45 am with Reverend Chris. We will explore and, we hope, come up with some solutions for the problems that have arisen concerning uninvited folk coming into our

facility for food or bathrooms, or using the outside electrical outlets to charge their cell phones and lap-tops. We want to be welcoming, but not taken advantage of! Bring your experiences and ideas. Refreshments will be available for a donation.

Advocates for Social Justice

On Sunday, **July, 14th**, half the collection will go to **The Family Support Center**, the only shelter in Santa Rosa for families, and where many of us volunteer on Friday Family Fun Nights. On Sunday, **July 28th**, half

the collection will again go to support our Saturday Breakfast Program. Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to our community!

Adrienne Swenson Award

It was wonderful to meet and get to know a little about this year's recipient, Cynthia Anguiano, graduate of Elsie Allen High School and now enrolled at Sacramento State. The funds for this Award come from the generosity of our members and I want to

thank Tom Bond and Alan Bell's TIE Group for providing such a delicious breakfast before the June Congregational Meeting and raising over \$270 to start replenishing the ASA account!

Women Together

End of Summer Garden Party

Save the Date: Saturday, August 17th, noon to 3 pm.
This year we'll be at Linda Balabanian's home nestled

in the farmland of west Santa Rosa. Bring a lunch dish to share. Details in the August Newsletter.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group is on summer vacation for July and August. We resume meeting in September. Meetings are held on the second Thursdays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at 547 Mendocino. We welcome new members as well as visitors.

Here are the selection for the next year:

September: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larson

October: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

November: *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa

December: *When Women Were Birds* by Terry Tempest Williams

January: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

February: *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro

March: *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra

April: *The Round House or Life after Life* by Louise Erdich or Kate Atkinson

May: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

June: Potluck

Questions? Call or email Linda Lampson

Linda

UUCSR Writers

The UUCSR Writers requests the pleasure of your company at one or all of our monthly meetings. Please see date, time, and place of gathering in the "Schedule" below.

N.B. Conflict in dates? No problem. Writers, Screenwriters, etc. are welcome to present a "work in progress" at Poets meetings and Poets at Writers, Screenwriters meetings. **The Film meeting is for anyone who likes to watch movies.** First, we show a DVD full feature film on TV. Then, we have a group discussion about it.

Schedule

Writers, Screenwriters • meet on the First Monday of the month from 4 -6 pm. Free

July 1, Aug 5, Oct 7, Nov 4.

No Meetings in Sept, Dec and Jan.

Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa.

4 - 6 pm, "Work in Progress" Presentations.

Note: Please see "Agreements" in our Brochure.

Poets • meet on the Second Monday of Monday of the month from 4 -6 pm. Free

July 8, Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14.

No Meetings in Nov, Dec and Jan.

Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa..

4 - 4:25 pm, "A Poet's Style" Group Discussion.

4:30 - 6 pm, "Poetry Readings" Read a poem you've written or one from a favorite author. Time may vary depending on number of Readings.

Film • meet on the Third Monday of the month from 3 -6 pm. Free

July 15, Aug 19, Sep 16, and Oct 21.

No meetings in Nov, Dec and Jan.

Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa.

3 - 5 pm, "Afternoon at the Movies" Watch a full feature DVD movie.

5 - 6 pm, "Group Discussion"

Authors/Film Titles/Collections may include: Agatha Christie, Jane Austen, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*, Masterpiece Classics, Criterion Collection, Acorn Media, Cartoons, etc.

Thursday Morning Coffee, 10 am - 12 noon • at Whole Foods in Coddington, Santa Rosa. Buy the beverage/food of your choice. We meet once a week for lighthearted conversation about who's doing what in our literary community. Table is not reserved. Look for us.

Parking is free.

Join our UUCSR Writers E-mail list. Always In Progress...

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OFF THE PAGE

presents

LESSONS

(Learned or Not, Willingly or Unwillingly)

A lively readers theater performance of local writers' work.

July 27 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation/Glaser Center in the Social Hall.

Proceeds to benefit UUCSR. Show starts at 7:30 pm.

Six local actors will interpret pieces by fifteen Sonoma County writers. The performance, in two acts, includes poems, short plays, memoir segments, satire and music.

TICKETS: \$15 at brownpapertickets.com and at the door.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa 18 April 2013

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting: (Rev Chris)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Susan Barthome, Jeanie Bates (Vice President), Lois Bell, Joe Como, John Farison, Laura Jean Hageman (President), Mary Louise Jaffray, Lois Nagle, Alan Proulx, Cathie Wiese (Secretary), Peter Wilson

Non-Members Present: Bryan Plude (Intern Minister), Art Rosenblum (Treasurer), Linda Balabanian, Linda Stabler, Jan Prater (Recording Secretary)

Minutes from April Meeting: Approved as amended: Under Authorization to Sign...after "grant application" add "and related documents." Under Intern Planning... strike extra "for" and move "2014/15" to end of sentence and also change "2015" to "2016."

Open Mic: (Rev Chris) Will be going to Hong Kong for his sister's wedding - he will be unavailable for a few days.

Treasurer's Report: Art provided Alan with a 5 year history of UU financials month by month, as requested.

Approval of Preliminary 2013-2014 Budget: (Linda Stabler) Expenses have increased by 7.6%: salaries, building and landscape costs and PCD dues have gone up \$4 per person. Needed to have pledges increase by 7.6% to have a balanced budget. Hope to have a \$10,000 surplus for next year. We are expecting to bring over a contribution from the Endowment Fund of \$5,500 - for the Intern Minister. The Board reviewed Budget documents regarding staff salary increases - small increases are planned. UUA guidelines don't recommend 100% benefits be paid by the Congregation, however they do mention possible inclusion of benefits for children of employees. Retirement benefits beyond just the Minister are another consideration. This Budget does include everything that we had as goals for this Pledge Drive. Cathie made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2013/2014, 2nd (Jeanie) -motion passed.

Appointment of UUCSR Delegates to GA: (Laura Jean) We have learned that we can have absentee ballots for non-attending delegates this year. We are allowed 7 delegates plus our Minister. We have a list of people who are interested: Paul Marking, Peter Wilson, Dorris Lee, Ellen Skagerberg, Carol Kraemer, Andy Levine and Susan Bartholome. The delegates will meet with Rev Chris this Sunday afternoon. Alan moved the Board approve this list of delegates, 2nd (Jeanie). Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Sabbatical Planning Committee: (Rev Chris) The committee met with 3 candidates and chose a top candidate, and have met with him again. There are details to be worked out but the name will be announced as possible.

Board Retreat Planning: (Jeanie) A proposed schedule of events was distributed to the group. Facilitation will be shared by board members. Core goals are: bonding of board members, governance, ministry, empowering the community. Service on Sunday morning.

Agenda for Spring Congregational Meeting: (Laura Jean) Board members along with Corporate Secretary and Treasurer to sit on stage. Agenda items include: Approval of Revised Emergency Fund, Approval of Endowment Fund Distribution (\$5,500), Presentation of Preliminary Budget, Approval to be a Teaching Congregation (2014-2016).

Board Goal Group Reports: Infrastructure (John), Community Within and Without (Alan), Spiritual Life (Lois Bell). Peter will prepare power point pages - input needed by June 2nd if possible. It will be a "Breakfast Meeting" with breakfast at 8:15 provided by a TIE group, benefitting the Adrienne Swenson Award.

Jeanie will do Appreciations: Nancy Hayashibara, Judy Taylor, Linda Balabanian, and the Coffee Hour Team (Corey Hall, Irene Martin, Nancy Steinbock, and Carol Weisker.

Report from Infrastructure Goal Group: (John) We had 3 qualified bidders on the heat pump on the rental unit -we chose Banner at \$9,895. Only one unit is required. It is a 2 day job with a crane. Do we take it out of the Obsolescence Fund? A vote is not required because the amount is under \$10,000. However, another heat pump needs to be rebuilt as well. (Linda Balabanian) financial Stewardship feels it should just be paid for out of Available Cash - this one project. (Lois Bell) Numbers will be needed for any increase in service charge for negotiating lease contract with the Islamic Society. Lois moved that we proceed with this project with Banner Enterprises and that we have a check drawn up [for one third of full amount] , 2nd (Susan) - motion passed.

Final Reflections and Appreciations: Thanks to Peter for a delicious and healthy meal.

Closing Words: (Laura Jean)

Meeting adjourned: 8:53 p.m.
submitted by Jan Prater

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Roy Zimmerman's

"Wake Up Call"



Roy Zimmerman's "Wake Up Call" is ninety minutes of hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs that are also incisive calls to action, smart, savvy and undeniable. Funny songs like "Abstain With Me" and "I Want a Marriage Like They Had In the Bible," heartfelt songs like "Hope, Struggle and Change" and "I Approve This Message," and impassioned comic commentary.

In 2012, Roy and his wife and co-writer Melanie Harby traveled 47,000 miles to complete a 50-state tour of all 49 states. (Hawaii was "Omission Accomplished," he says.) "Wake Up Call" is a funny, tuneful and unabashedly progressive look at what they saw and heard across America in the Obama Era. **WARNING:** Zimmerman has been profiled by NPR.

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