



The Quest

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

We aspire to be a loving, religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world.
—UUCSR Vision Statement

June 3, 2020



[See the Program and Event List Here](#)

MINISTRY TEAM ONLINE

Prerecorded Worship Services become available every Sunday and thereafter on uucsr.org, Facebook, and YouTube. Visit uucsr.org/worship any time for gatherings of music, reflection, and prayer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020, 11:00 AM
The UUCSR Ministry Team



Listen Sometimes we look at what's happening around us and we wonder what we can do to build a more just and joyful world—especially now, in the shelter-in-place time of pandemic. There's a first task that offers itself to us no matter where we are or how often we leave home: Listen.

With an open heart, listen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
The Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore and the Ministry Team

Playing by the Rules Human beings learn so much while playing—not just how to have fun, but new skills, cooperation, and collaboration. Play can be serious business.

We can experience our limits and challenge ourselves to move beyond them.

We can ask what is important about knowing the rules?

We can ask what are essential rules for us now?

TOUCHSTONES

The Rev. Jaye Brooks



As if the pandemic isn't enough. As if the "pause" and job losses aren't enough. As if the pre-pandemic illnesses and deaths that continue aren't enough. On top of that, we have yet another senseless death of a black man, in slow motion, despite bystanders who didn't merely stand by, but who pled for humanity, for sanity, for common-sense. Bystanders who witnessed, who videoed, who spoke words of love and truth.

And here we are, in the midst of the other challenges that were already more than enough, struggling even harder than before to cope, to adapt, to help others, and sometimes to deny that any of it is even happening.

Many who are alive in this moment have persisted through terrible times. The 1918 flu pandemic. The depression. The holocaust. Jim Crow. The AIDS epidemic. And the wars of the twentieth century that went from hot, to cold, to "small"—but—deadly. September 11. Surely all of that was enough. And yet, in the words of UU Minister Rev. Theresa Soto, "Everything is still on fire." Despite our best efforts. So now—

"In addition to living, it is clear, that fire or not, you must level up in what it means to thrive. Right now, that means wrestling with the truth in the fact that everything is not all your fault. I am sorry that everything is still on fire."

Despite the flames, not all is lost. What we have, what endures, is the community that resonates at the heart of this congregation—the community we've continued even when we've been forced to remain physically separate. The reaching-out. The kindness. The smiles on the faces of people who gather through the miracle of technology and the persistence of the human spirit.

And in this community is the response this world needs in the face of fear and ignorance and suffering. It rises from the hearts

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and minds of people willing to love, to ask questions, to witness, to demand change. People who can recognize that everything is not their fault and still take action. People who, in computer game terminology, are determined to “level up” if that’s what it takes to thrive—if that’s what it takes to build a world where everyone can thrive.

Level up. Take a deep breath and throw back the covers that block the sight of the news but also keep out the light. Find a way to bring a smidgen more kindness, more humanity, more compassion into the world. Level up.

As Rev. Soto says, “You are here to put out the ravenous flames and heal the world.” Continue the pursuit at [Wednesday Conversations](#) on Zoom, June 3 at 2:00 and 8:00 PM. [Watch here.](#)

MINISTERS’ PROGRAMS

- ♦ Mondays, 2:00 PM: [Meditation and Poetry](#), prerecorded by Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore
- ♦ Tuesdays, 11:00 AM: [Living Alone During Social Distancing](#), Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ♦ [Wednesday Afternoon and Evening Conversations](#), 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM: Zoom live with Rev. Jaye Brooks
- ♦ Thursdays, 11:00 AM: [Living Alone During Social Distancing](#), Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ♦ Fridays, 2:00 PM: [Meditative Moments](#), prerecorded by Rev. Jennifer Brower

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director

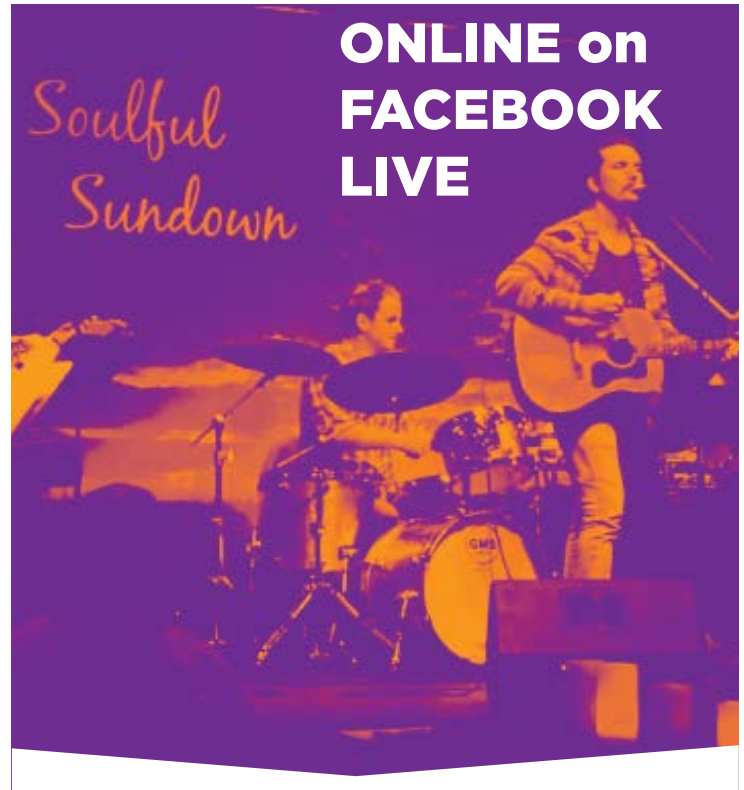


Friday, June 5, 2020
7:00 PM on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/MusicatSR

Stephen Michael Smith chats with professional soprano Meagan Brus about bridging the musical worlds of opera and jazz. Meagan appears regularly at UUCSR.

Live. All are welcome.

SOULFUL SUNDOWN



Contemporary Worship
led by Rev. Jennifer L. Brower
with the Cosmic Orchestra

Friday, June 12, 2020
8:00 PM Facebook Live
at facebook.com/SoulfulSundown
A brief Zoom gathering will follow

**Where music resides
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Soulful Sundown
Second Fridays monthly

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK
Joan Minieri, Executive Director



Our Commitment to Racial Justice Organizing

This past week, in Minneapolis, when George Floyd died at the hands of police, days of protest followed in that region and throughout the country. This incident unfolded, moreover, in the context of a global pandemic that is disproportionately impacting communities of color.

In Minnesota, Black people have contracted at least 29 percent of the known COVID-19 cases, even though they make up just over 6 percent of the state's population. The state's sizable Latinx and Native communities have similarly been impacted at disproportionate rates.

Veatch is a long-time supporter of the vibrant network of community organizations fighting for racial justice in Minnesota. Our grantees include:

- **TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund** has initiatives aimed at advancing racial equity in the state, such as improving access to health care and enacting job benefits such as paid sick leave.
- **OutFront Minnesota Community Services** is working for the equity and inclusion of the state's LGBTQ youth population, many of whom are of color.
- **Somali Action Alliance Education Fund** is a grantee whose presence in Minnesota is critical to organizing one of the largest ethnic groups in the state and is working to increase the civic participation and representation of Minnesota's Somali community.
- **Isaiah Minnesota**, a powerful network of clergy and lay leaders fighting for racial and economic justice, has stated: "No matter the color of our skin or where we come from, we deserve to live in communities where we are safe and our lives are valued."
- **Land Stewardship Project** is a multicultural organizing project that promotes family-run farms over corporate ones, while also advancing sustainable agriculture in the state. In a recent statement, the group proclaimed: "We need change and we need justice now. Getting that justice begins with standing together to express outrage and to push for change."



Several of these organizations collaborate on a statewide initiative called Our Minnesota Future—an alignment of community and labor groups advocating for participatory co-governance between local governments and racial and economic justice organizations in the state.

Veatch funds racial justice work not just in Minnesota, but across the country. Following the police shooting of an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014, Veatch provided funds to longtime grantee, the Deaconess Foundation, for its Forward Through Ferguson project—an effort to redistribute funding to organizations and activists on the frontlines of protests in the city, which may provide a blueprint for the current context in Minnesota. We welcomed Rev. Starksy Wilson from Deaconess, who co-led the Ferguson Commission, to preach at the congregation on Veatch Weekend in January 2019.

What we've witnessed in Minnesota is the result of deep structural racial inequalities—bolstered through decades of choices our country has made, and continues to make. The choices we make now—in our communities, our states, and our country—will shape the world we will live in in the future. Veatch grantees, and our 60-year legacy of funding racial justice in this country, has never been more important as we build the better world we so desperately need—and that we know, through our values, to be possible.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Hartman, President of the Congregation



COVID-19 Emergency Fund

I am pleased to report that as of last Friday's deadline for members to submit recommendations of organizations to receive \$5,000 from the COVID-19 Emergency Fund created by the Board of Trustees in May, over 20 members of the Congregation recommended more than 45 organizations.

The next step in the process is for a Task Force created by the Board to review the names submitted and present its recommendations to the full Board of Trustees for action at one of the Board's June meetings. I anticipate being able to report the Board's decision to the Congregation on June 21. The members of the Task Force are Jana North, Terry Bain, Iliza Bartels, Barry Nobel and the Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore. Claire Deroche will serve as staff.

June 21 Anticipated Annual Meeting

Speaking of June 21, thanks to the efforts of Brian Muellers who has been in touch with our State representatives in Albany, the New York State Senate and Assembly have each passed identical bills that will permit the Congregation to hold its Annual Meeting and vote via Zoom. The bills have to be sent to the Governor's Office. The Governor will then have 10 days to act on them. Brian is optimistic of a favorable response.

While I know many of us are becoming exhausted by Zoom meetings, please mark June 21, at 1:00 PM, on your calendars.

Re-Opening Task Force

The Re-Opening Task Force met for the first time earlier this week. They have a difficult and daunting task. While I am sure that many members and staff would like to know that the building is open and activities and programs have restarted, perhaps just as many are concerned about identifying and putting into place the changes that have to be made to address legitimate concerns and safety issues. I have heard from a number of people that the last three months have made them apprehensive about coming together in groups any time soon, regardless of pronouncements from political leaders or qualified scientists.

Nevertheless, we need to plan for the day that our community will come together, at least partially, in-person and not entirely virtual. The Re-Opening Task Force is the first step on that journey.

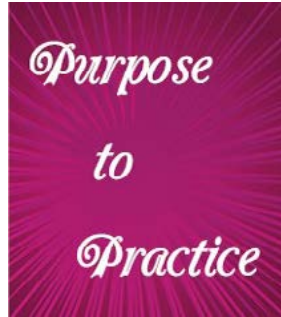
Until next time, stay tuned and be safe.

Mark

Questions or concerns may be sent to president@uucsr.org.

DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Rev. Jaye Brooks



At the March 8 Conversation Café (so not that long ago), our members spoke eagerly about ways to make Shelter Rock programs and activities more accessible. Then the pandemic led to our state-wide "pause" with no in-person gatherings.

Religious communities have been gathering for millennia. Gathering in person. Gathering for song and word and smiles and hugs. Then like a hairpin bend in a mountain road, we're not.

Despite the pandemic, we have found ways to gather as a loving religious community. Our Shelter Rock congregation is not the building. Our community is the people who—in a remarkable and rapid feat of resilience—gather online for worship, stories, song, fellowship, and even congregational business.

On May 3, we had a congregational "gathering"—technically not a meeting because we could not meet in person, as required by New York law and our own Bylaws. More than 100 people attended. Via Zoom.

And now, it's likely that the Governor will sign legislation to allow our Board of Trustees to call a congregational meeting at a "place" that can be a virtual meeting platform. Via Zoom.

I am still trying to get my head around the idea that the Zoom platform is a "place." But I have to laugh. In a new era a word can take on a new meaning. For example, in the fourteenth century the word "quest" meant a knight's search (as for the Holy Grail) and it's now readily understood as a search for truth and meaning (as in the name of this newsletter).

But usually we don't enter new eras in the space of a couple of months. In March, I was wondering when it would become commonplace to add a video component to our meetings so that home-bound members could participate (accessibility). Now most of us are home-bound and video has become the primary way to participate.

Which means that our next congregational exploration of values and vision in Conversation Café format won't occur in the Social Hall but in an entirely different "place"—via Zoom.

Stay in touch. And, if you can, help others to connect in this era when virtual is as real as we get.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC)

Robin Finnan-Jones, Chair

On Long Island

The Sophia Fahs Camp scheduled for Aug. 23-29 in Bloomingburg, NY is still on pending Gov. Andrew Cuomo's announcement expected in early June about the state's summer camps.

Fahs Board Member David Sussman said more than 50 campers had registered as of Memorial Day and that Camp Echo (www.campecho.com), where Fahs is held, expects to be open. Sussman said Sophia Fahs is weighted heavily toward the older campers in terms of loyalty and that the Board especially did not want to disappoint high school seniors who would be attending for the last time. He said the staff of volunteers will work without a stipend for the second straight year.

"Our goal is to have camp," Sussman said. "As soon as we hear from Gov. Cuomo, we can make specific plans and make a big [recruiting] push." He added that the Coming of Age program expects to have its Boston trip "when conditions become viable." To register for Sophia Fahs Camp, click on <https://www.liacuu.org/fahs.html#/>

Meanwhile, UUCSR members currently on the Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC) have recommended that 14 different organizations be considered by the UUCSR Board of Trustees for \$5,000 awards from the COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Recommendations from DAC members include*:

1. The Long Island Area Council, a not-for-profit coordinating organization of 11 UU congregations (LIACUU), would regift to several Long Island congregations suffering financial hardship.
2. Choice for All
3. Community Action Southold Town, Inc. (CAST)
4. Community Solidarity, Inc.
5. Housing Help, Inc.
6. Littig House Community Center
7. Long Island Jobs With Justice
8. New Hour for Women and Children LI
9. Rapid Response Network
10. Rural and Migrant Ministry, which has delivered 6,000 masks around the state
11. South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation
12. S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, Inc., a gang violence-prevention group
13. Sepa Mujer, which helps protect migrant women from domestic violence
14. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook

* Note: Above suggestions for funding are by members of DAC only. Additional organizations have been suggested to the Board of Trustees by other UUCSR members.

Jim Smith for the Denominational Affairs Committee



Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!

Virtual GA – Real World Justice

WitnessThis! Webinar with the Commission on Social Witness:

All are invited to join the UUA's [Commission on Social Witness](#) for a webinar to get ready for our first ever fully online GA. Come discuss GA's Social Witness opportunities, the Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) process for this year, and get excited about ways to Witness This at GA! This webinar will be offered via Zoom Friday, June 5, 2 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern (11 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific).

[Click here to register for the CSW webinar.](#)

Alert: New Deadline for AIW Proposals:

Proposers are encouraged to submit ideas and draft Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs) starting now and by Sunday 6/21 to socialwitness@uua.org.

Highly recommended reading: [Planning for AIWs at GA](#), collaborate with others to develop an Actions of Immediate Witness before GA begins. The final submission deadline will follow the GA opening session Wednesday, June 24, at 10 PM Eastern (7 PM Pacific), in order to allow for proposers' prepared remarks in Saturday's General Session.

Remember to Register

Rooted, Inspired, and Ready!

The 2020 Program Book is coming soon. There are scores of great offerings this year! Interactive programs, featured speakers, and online chat participation for General Sessions are available to registrants only. Make sure you have registered to secure access to the most content and conversations!

This year the five-day General Assembly schedule has two versions, [Eastern/Central](#) and [Mountain/Pacific](#), to make it easier to reference what's happening throughout each day.

We hope you will join us! Highly recommended reading: [Planning for AIWs at GA](#), collaborate with others to develop an Actions of Immediate Witness before GA begins. The final submission deadline will follow the GA opening session Wednesday, June 24, at 10 PM Eastern (7 PM Pacific), in order to allow for proposers' prepared remarks in Saturday's General Session.

[Register for GA](#)

[Read about this year's
Featured Speakers](#)

Virtual Exhibit Hall:

Located within the Virtual GA Participation Portal, the Virtual Exhibit Hall will feature exhibits and sales by social justice organizations, UU-related organizations, individual UU artisans, and a variety of other organizations and vendors. The list of exhibitors will be found in the Program Book.

In the Virtual Exhibit Hall, you will also find the Virtual Learning Stage which is a great opportunity to learn about many of our exhibitors by listening to their short presentations. The Learning Stage schedule will be in the Program Book. The Virtual Exhibit Hall will also be home to the Virtual Poster Fair where you can peruse posters on diverse topics of interest to UUs.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education (RE) Coordinator



Talent Show for All Ages

Sunday, June 7, 1:00 PM,
Live on Zoom!
<https://zoom.us/j/94635793167>

All are invited to come celebrate all the wonderfully talented people in our community! Carson Jones and George Weisman are thrilled to host a magical afternoon of dance, live drawing, vocal, and instrumental performances featuring a cast of UUCSR children, youth and adults sharing their love of making art and bringing joy.



The stories we tell are communicated in a variety of ways, not only through words both spoken and sung, but through movement, through musical notes, through pictures, and even through silence. We all have stories to tell and we're so grateful to hold this space in which to shine a light on your stories across the generations.

We look forward to welcoming you into this hour of original compositions and classic favorites, into a time of laughter and tears, into a time of healing and wholeness.

Online RE Events include:

Bedtime Stories, Live on Zoom at 7:00 PM
<https://zoom.us/j/5102580374>

Teacher Appreciation Week:

- ♦ Wednesday, June 3: *Chrysanthemum*, by Kevin Henkes
- ♦ Friday, June 5: *Lizzie and the Last Day of School*, written by Trinka Hakes Noble, illustrated by Kris Aro McLeod

Friendship Week:

- ♦ Monday, June 8: *Best Friends for Frances*, written by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
- ♦ Wednesday, June 10: *Hondo & Fabian*, by Peter McCarty
- ♦ Friday, June 12: *Amos & Boris*, by William Steig

Children's Worship for All Ages: Liberation in June
Sunday, June 14, 1:00pm <https://zoom.us/j/441297739>

All are welcome!

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

WinterFlower Robinson, Chair

Transcendentalist Conversations, a new Zoom series

Every two weeks through September (may reduce to monthly depending on how schedules develop in the fall), 2–3:30 PM. Two weeks between sessions gives time for reading, reflection before discussion. Leadership will rotate.

- June 10–Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore:
Transcendentalism and Eastern Religions
- June 17 (June 24 is UUA General Assembly week)
- July 1
- July 15
- July 29
- August 12
- August 26
- September 2

Proposed Sessions:

- Transcendentalism and Civil Disobedience
- Transcendentalism and Utopian Communities
- Transcendentalism and American Literature
- Transcendentalism and Women
- Transcendentalism and Nature

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91807011633>
Or call +1.646.558.8656, meeting ID: 918 0701 1633

Soulful Songs & Stories

Soulful Song Lovers & Story Tellers



The idea behind Soulful Songs and Stories is that a song speaks to us and we speak to the song—and each other—about what we know best: ourselves and our experience.

Until we meet again, we're still offering a song, but with other people's stories in the hope that they may encourage us to further share our own stories, and to put them in a new light.

On June 5, we're offering a song, "Lonesome Valley" ("You gotta walk it by yourself"), and some stories (from singer-songwriter Tift Merritt, Khalil Gibran, Abraham Maslow, Ann Patchett, Lao Tzu, and others) about "The Way" via pdf. The following week, look for "The Water is Wide" and stories based on William Blake's "Minute Particulars and Scoundrels." If you need perking up or calming down, we have additional musical selections for you to consider. Get the PDF on the webpage, www.j.mp/uucsr-sss, or have it emailed to you by registering with Jessica Pond, jpond@uucsr.org.

Namasté,
Alice Giordano and Steve Marston

MILESTONES

We mourn with... UUCSR member Paul Carbone as he grieves the death of his father, Ralph J. Carbone, Sr., who died from cancer on Monday, May 25, 2020. He was 79 years of age. Ralph is survived by his wife, RoseAnn, and children Ralph Jr., Jennifer, and Paul.

Although the family is not ready to receive telephone calls, they welcome care through cards, notes, and email messages. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Paul Carbone and Family
229-11 67th Ave
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364-2725

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moirá Murphy, Chair

The 2019–2020 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce Marsha Stone as a candidate for Term Trustee for the upcoming election in June.

Marsha Stone

Marsha has been a Unitarian Universalist for 13 years. She joined the Flushing Congregation in 2007. In 2012, she and her wife, Susan Roberts, moved their membership to UUCSR where they were married. In addition to Sunday Services, Marsha has attended the OWL classes for adults, played euphonium with the Jazz Ensemble, and helped to reorganize the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Social Justice Committee. Marsha's mother, Ruth Storti, was also a member of UUCSR and her family was very grateful to have the Rev. Jennifer Brower with them at her passing and her burial Service.

Marsha has owned her own business for more than 30 years. She started with a courier service in Manhattan. In 2000, she started a small accounting services business which currently specializes in production accounting for small film companies.

As a native New Yorker, who attended public schools and Queens College, Marsha began her political activism with the LGBTQ community in the early 1970s, working with various groups. In 1979, she helped found the Lesbian and Gay Big Apple Corps Marching and Concert Band, which celebrated their 40-year anniversary last year.

Marsha would like to participate on the UUCSR Board. She has a particular interest in seeing Unitarian Universalism survive and thrive, especially after attending GA in Spokane, WA last summer. Marsha hopes to work with UUCSR to contribute to our denomination's mission at local and national levels.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Bill Carmody, Chair



UUCSR Worship Services
are now
Broadcast on North Shore TV
(formerly Public Access TV)

Tuesdays | 3:00 PM
Saturdays | 9:00 PM
Sundays | 9:00 PM

Channel 20 (Altice) and Channel 37 (Verizon)

NSTV is available in the incorporated villages of Great Neck and parts of the North Shore:

Flower Hill, Great Neck, Great Neck Estates, Great Neck Plaza, Kensington, Kings Point, Lake Success, Munsey Park, North Hills, Plandome, Plandome Manor, Plandome Heights, Russell Gardens, Saddle Rock, and Thomaston, and FOR EVERYONE: streaming on Facebook page: NSTV-Long Island.

North Shore TV-Long Island (NSTV) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization providing services to their communities and to other not-for-profit organizations serving their communities.

If you know of anyone interested in viewing UUCSR Worship Services, especially those without internet access, please share this broadcast information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator



We Must Protect the Elders

At the request of a UUCSR member, I began to research the situation of COVID-19 among the Navajo Nation.

The native people who came to be known as Navajo are descended from the Athabascan peoples from what is now Alaska. Between 825 and 1000 CE, these people

migrated south into the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest. Those who went to the Southwest became two distinct groups, the Navajo and the Apache.

With the arrival of the Spanish in the Southwest in the 1600s, the Navajo people succumbed in great numbers to European diseases for which they had no immunities. They also faced enslavement by the Spanish, a condition that continued into the 1900s.

The 1700s were characterized “by war, removal, slavery, disease, economic deprivation, and missionary excesses” (*Native American History*, by Judith Nies, p. 163) for Native Americans throughout the United States. In the 1800s, as settler colonization began to expand across the continent, native peoples were forced off their lands and confined to reservations. Today, the largest of these is the Navajo Nation.

Extending into Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, the Nation covers 27,000 square miles. Today 250,000 Navajo people occupy this land. They face seemingly insurmountable challenges: high rates of poverty, lack of adequate health care, little to no internet access, and not enough funding for basic services. According to the National Congress of American Indians, the Navajo Nation has suffered decades of neglect and is owed billions of dollars for basic infrastructure projects and health services by the US government.

This was the situation when COVID-19 struck the Nation in mid-March, at a “super spreader” Church rally, attended by people from across the reservation. The virus has ravaged the Navajo people to the extent that by the end of May, the reservation had a higher infection rate than even New York City.

The Navajo people have sprung into action, fundraising and forming teams of volunteers to bring food and medicine to all corners of the vast reservation. Uppermost on the list of their concerns is the well-being of their elders. In the words of the 30-year-old Navajo, Allie Young, “What’s sacred to us is our elders, and tied to our elders are our language and our traditional practices, stories, and culture. This virus, there’s a threat to that. Because when our elders are dying, that knowledge goes with them that we’re still learning.”

To learn more or to help, visit www.nndoh.org/donate.html

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For further information about any of these announcements, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org or 516.472.2977.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Racial Justice Task Force Virtual Meeting, 3:00 PM. You are welcome to join us as we explore how to accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/94695390117> Or call 1.646.558.8656, meeting ID: 94695390117.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The Eighth Principle: A Pathway to the Beloved Community– Follow Up Meeting via Zoom, 3:00 PM. What are the next steps for UUCSR in promoting The Eighth Principle? Join us to share your thoughts. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98776122171>, or call 1.646.558.8656, meeting ID: 98776122171.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Social Justice Committee Virtual Meeting, 3:00 PM. Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98947901727>, or call 1.646.558.8656 meeting ID: 98947901727.

Friday, June 12, 2020

Raynham Hall: Exploring Slavery on Long Island, 1:00 PM, Virtual Tour. Owned by the Townsend Family, historic Raynham Hall in Oyster Bay played a role in the American Revolution. As was true of many wealthy New York families at the time, they owned numerous slaves who labored to maintain the house and grounds. We will be guided on this virtual tour by Claire Bellerjeau, Education and Public Programs Director. There is no charge for this tour but the museum welcomes donations at <https://raynhamhallmuseum.org/how-to-help/>. To join the tour, go to <https://zoom.us/j/92764898829>; or call 1.646.558.8656, meeting ID 92764898829. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force.

Solidarity with Those in Need

Among the groups hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation of the Navajo Nation stands out. As of May 25, 2020, the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center reported 4,794 positive cases, with 157 deaths and 1,491 recovered. The Nation’s stay-in-place order remains in effect as well as the daily curfew. Testing of members of the Nation is taking place at a rapid pace. Even in “normal” times, indigenous peoples in our country struggle with the basics that we take for granted. During this time of pandemic, these needs are even greater. For more information about their situation and their needs, and to make a donation, go to www.nndoh.org/donate.html.

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China's Crimes Against Humanity and the Enslavement of the Uyghur People

Tuesday, June 16 at 1:00pm



Join us for a virtual program on the ethnic cleansing of the Uyghur Muslim minority population currently taking place in western China, which the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China has labeled as "**Crimes against Humanity.**"

With special guest speakers:
Dr. Adrian Zenz, a Senior Fellow in China Studies at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and **Rushan Abbas**, the founder and executive director of the Campaign for Uyghurs.

Contact programshmtcli.org or click the link to register!
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WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues



Reopening

Since COVID-19, my daily walks have been mostly uneventful. No cars were parked in the lots of the stores I passed on Northern Blvd. I rarely saw anyone. A few bicyclists might pass me by. Today, there were cars in the lots. The lights were on, and doors were open at the three businesses. A person was actually entering a store.

As I walked, I thought about reopening and how we can earn the description, "New York Smart." We are opening in phases, like using gears that can be opened further or turned back. We'll be better for it, we're told. We'll be wiser. We'll rebuild. The social safety net that unraveled and laid bare many of the profound inequities that plague the poor will be rebuilt and strengthened.

Listening to National Public Radio is automatic when I get in my car. There was an interview on "On Being" with Jacqueline Novogratz, Founder and CEO of Acumen. In 2001, it created a blueprint for alleviating poverty using market oriented approaches. Ms. Novogratz is an American businesswoman entrepreneur and author. She helped bring electricity to 300 million people in developing countries. She also helped found Rwanda's first microfinance institution. Her first book, *The Blue Sweater*, came out in 2009. It was about a boy wearing a blue sweater that she recognized as her own—the sweater was given to Goodwill a decade earlier. How did she know it was hers? Her name was on the tag. This was an epiphany for her on the interconnectedness of all. The current interview was precipitated by her new book, *Manifesto for a Moral Revolution: Practices to Build a Better World*. I was so impressed that, after the interview, I listened to her TED Talk and a podcast.

There were so many of her ideas that can be used for reopening, or beginning again. Ms. Novogratz stressed bottom up solutions from within communities. It was many years ago that our Women's Group asked for donations of used gowns to give to women who would repurpose and sell them for a profit using a sewing machine they got through microfinance. Ms. Novogratz mentioned the success of that program. She believes there needs to be a new moral reckoning. Her Catholic upbringing gave her values to live by. She quoted, "Too much is given, much is expected." We need to move away from money, power and fame as our measures of success. Capitalism needs to be human centered, with patience, generosity and accountability. This new book is a love letter to the next generation.

For Ms. Novogratz, the future is about choosing hope every time. As we embark on phased reopening, we can hope that her ideas will be valued, and put into practice. We can hope that the safety net that unraveled so catastrophically will be stronger than ever. Then all can have dignity and individual agency. As she suggests, we need to give back more than we take from our world.

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Ellen Councill, Chair

This article reflects our stewardship of the earth and our commitment to the Seventh Principle.

A New Opportunity

The coronavirus has opened a new opportunity for all of us. Although it is devastating and many of us are scared, there are benefits: spring is unfolding and the future before us. Today the problem is a new sheltered lifestyle at home and limited choices. However, there are aspects to it that can brighten the future as we fight the pandemic and its twin disaster, climate change.



Many of us who are still staying at home and are not starting to go crazy are listening to our inner selves. We are learning to be less compulsive about the things we think we need and instead find value in our surrounding environment and people we are connecting with. For example, we are so lucky here on Long Island that most of us live in houses rather than apartments or nursing homes where more people are getting this virus. We are so lucky there are so many hospitals and services available. However, in other places in the country, there is no care; there are hospitals that are unfunded, going broke and have no Medicaid because their state governments have not helped them. These hospitals are gone.

We know that our healthcare system needs mending, but not at the expense of its constituents. We need to raise taxes on the rich and stop giving away money and relief to the corporations and funding walls and prisons. Our priorities need to be looked at in terms of what we value: nine out of ten natural disasters, for example, are linked to climate change and are water related: too much water, too little water or water that is polluted. The scientific evidence points to our continued support of fossil fuels and overuse of pesticides and chemicals. The coronavirus has opened doors for us. The sky is bluer and the birds songs louder. It is quieter as the flowers, buds of trees, and grasses grow. Driving less equals less pollution. so the air we breathe is cleaner.

But what is sad is that humanity keeps on wanting the same old stuff and ignoring bad habits; we can see discarded gloves and masks on the streets and walkways. These precious items are the protections for our first responders. We keep on buying single-use plastic items rather than by bulk. The new law changed to reusable bags, but is now two steps backward. Hopefully, it can be implemented when this pandemic is gone. Otherwise, we continue trashing this planet. We are leaving our children and grandchildren nothing but pollution and garbage if we, the adults, fail to change our ways. This is the time to take the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of the past versus the present. Do we want a future that endangers all the species and beautiful life that surrounds us? Or do we want a future that will have more pandemics and climate disasters?

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

Publicity and Promotions Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Choir Gathering, 7:30 PM
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
LGBTQ+ Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Facebook Live: A Chat with Soprano Meagan Brus, 7:00 PM
RE Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Hour, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

Caring Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Talent Show for All Ages, 1:00 PM
Small Group Ministry First Sunday, weekly Zoom meeting, 1:15 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC) Meeting, 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

Introducing Keith Fivson and the Center for Wellbeing, 11:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 11:00 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Eighth Principle Planning Meeting, 3:00 PM
Adult Programs Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM
Veatch BOG June Grants Meeting, 7:00 PM
Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together, 11:00 AM
Wednesday Afternoon Conversations, 2:00 PM
Transcendentalist Conversations, 2:00 PM
Social Justice Committee Zoom Meeting, 3:00 PM
Ukulele Class, 6:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

Small Group Ministry Second Wednesday PM Meeting, 7:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
LIAC Meeting-Bay Shore, 3:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Freedom School Virtual Tour of Raynham Hall Museum, 1:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
LGBTQ+ Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Soulful Sundown, 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

Small Group Ministry Second Sunday AM Meeting, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Men's Group Zoom Meeting, 12:45 PM
Children's Worship, 1:00 PM
Worship Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM
Small Group Ministry First Sunday, weekly Zoom Meeting, 1:15 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 11:00 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
China's Crimes Against Humanity and the Enslavement of the Uyghur People, 1:00 PM
NAMI Criminal Justice Committee Zoom Meeting, 3:15 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together, 11:00 AM
Women Talk Daytime Zoom Meeting, 12:30 PM
Wednesday Afternoon Conversations, 2:00 PM
Transcendentalist Conversations, 2:00 PM
Green Sanctuary Committee Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM
Choir Gathering, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
LGBTQ+ Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Stephen Michael Smith Chats with Musicians, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

Caring Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 10:00 AM
Summer Solstice Celebration, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Annual Congregational Meeting, 1:00 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 11:00 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Together to End Solitary Confinement Zoom, 6:30 PM
Small Group Ministry Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM
Veatch (VBOG) Meeting, 7:00 PM
Committee on Ministry-Zoom meeting, 7:30 PM

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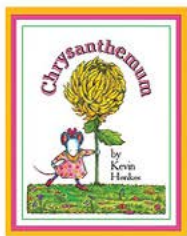
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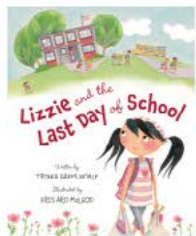
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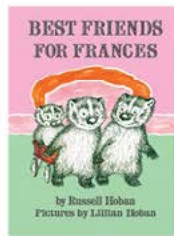


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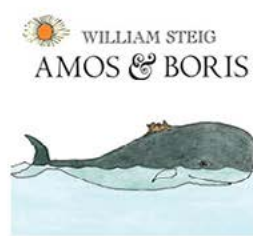
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