

February 19, 2021



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

[Click here to join our Worship Services at 10:00 AM](#)

**February 21, 2021**

***Sacred The Body Part 1***

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast

**Worship Associate:** Sarah Gonzales

We will welcome our newest members and generously share this month's Sunday Offertory with Planned Parenthood.

**February 28, 2021**

***Sacred The Body Part 2***

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast

**Worship Associate:** Derek Moore

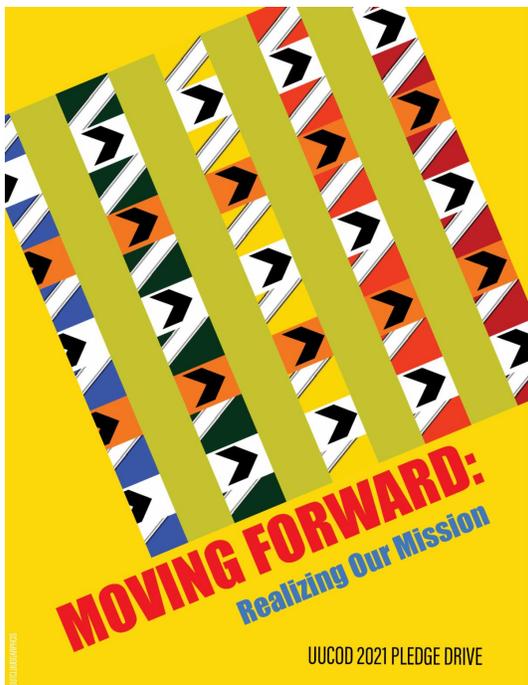
I like to say, all theology is grounded in autobiography. This is a sermon of remembrance. I share it as a spiritual affirmation to remind and encourage us – at every age and ability- to honor our bodies, our selves, and our incarnational lifetimes.

[COLLECTIONS BASKET](#)

### "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I believe that the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century.  
-Hillary Clinton

**ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE REPORT**



Our 2021-22 Annual Pledge Drive is in full swing and we need your help! Your financial assistance to our beloved community is vital so that together we are **MOVING FORWARD TO REALIZE OUR MISSION**. You can help by sending in your pledge form as soon as possible. If you've lost your pledge form you can download it here by pressing the button below and mailing it to our treasurer at:

PO Box 2853  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Or if you're technically savvy, you can scan your pledge form and email it to our treasurer at: [treasurer@uucod.org](mailto:treasurer@uucod.org)

**PROGRESS TO DATE:**  
79 Pledges Received  
**\$131,500** Amount Pledged  
71% of Goal (\$185,000)

[Download & Print a Pledge Form](#)

## CALENDAR

**Chalice Circle:** Friday, Feb. 19 @ 1:00 pm

**Sunday Worship:** Sunday, Feb. 21 @ 10:00 am

**Chalice Circle:** Sunday, Feb. 21 @ 2:00 pm

**Super Seniors:** Monday, Feb. 22 @ 2:00 pm

**Art Talk:** Monday, Feb. 22 @ 5:00 pm

**Worship Committee:** Tuesday, Feb. 23 @ 4:30 pm

**Let's Get Together:** *Exploring Southeast Asia and Putting Compassion Into Action:* Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 10:00 am

**Afternoon Book Club:** Friday, Feb. 26 @ 1:30 pm

### Staying Connected

**Sunday Together:** Sunday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Loving Kindness Meditation:** Thursday @ 12:00 - 12:30 pm

**Coffee & Conversation:** Friday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Social BUUterflies Happy Hour:** Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

### To Dial in by Phone

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, February 14, 2021: \$205**

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## Exploring Southeast Asia and Putting Compassion Into Action

LET'S GET TOGETHER to Explore Southeast Asia and Putting Compassion Into Action

Please join Peter and Hiroshi on their exploration of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand via zoom, Wednesday, February 24 at 10:00 am. They will share about the work they are doing in Cambodia with schools, children and their families to help girls and boys stay in school and in some cases to pursue post secondary education.

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Our next LET'S GET TOGETHER will replace Sunday Together, at 11:00 am, March 7. We will celebrate our successful Pledge Drive by playing a rousing game of "Two Truths & a Lie", hosted by Linda Savard. It's a fun game & you will learn how much you DON'T know about your fellow UUCODers.

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Coming in April, Chris Eager will share some of his exotic travels & In May, Jim Swanson will surprise us with his presentation.

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If you would like to share your travels, an online game or an interesting hobby (& maybe teach us how to), please contact Sheryl Eaton

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## There is still time to register for the UUA New Day Rising Conference National 2021

Is your congregation ready to take a new step in changing white supremacy culture? Want to learn what your fellow congregations are working on, and how you might apply it at home?

Join a continent of UUs as we explore next steps in creating Beloved UU Communities  
Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:00am--6:00pm PT  
Registration is individual. Follow the link for full Information.  
Youth may attend with written permission.

[New Day Rising Conference National 2021 | LeaderLab | UUA.org](https://www.uua.org/leaderlab)

Contact Jane Zaun, [jnzaun@yahoo.com](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com), for questions and/or concerns.

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## News from the Care Team:

Friends,  
Looks like we'll be sheltering in place and being extra careful for a while longer.

PLEASE reach out if you're not well, need a meal or just want someone on the other end of the phone to listen with a caring heart.

Don't be shy. We are YOUR Care Team. Your well-being is important to us.

Bryna Blum

**WHO ARE WE CONNECTED TO?**

We are part of a larger organization. The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert is a member of the Pacific South West District, which is part of the Pacific Western Region which in turn is part of the part of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUA is made up of 5 regions across the United States. Our region, the Pacific Western Region(PWR), is geographically the largest. We cover the 11 western states as well as Alaska and Hawaii. Our region, which consists of 4 districts, is the only region that still functions with a district model. Each district has its own board of directors and governance. Over time it has become difficult to find enough volunteers to staff 4 boards of directors.

Currently regional and district staff have been talking about disbanding the districts and moving all the governance to the regional level. In preparation for this there will be forums held via zoom to share information with congregants and to get our feedback. Those forums will be held the first and/or third Mondays of the month in March, April and May from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Some of the topics to be covered are:

- **Chalice Lighters and Finance** – Chalice Lighters is a special fund that congregants donate small amounts to throughout the year. If 20% of a congregation donates to the fund, the congregation can apply for funds for special programs at the church. Currently each district manages its own Chalice Lighters fund. How the Chalice Lighters funds will be organized under the region will be discussed in this session.
- **Covenanting Communities** - “Covenanting communities” are alternative Unitarian Universalist spiritual communities that take many forms and maintain formal ties to the Unitarian Universalist Association. They include artist collectives, small meeting groups, campus ministries, housing cooperatives, community centers, and more. How these communities are organized within the Region will be discussed.
- **Widening the Circle**
- **Youth and Emerging Adults**
- **Topics to be Determined**

These forums are open to everyone. If you are interested in attending one or more of the forums you can register at

Forums: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/PacificWesternRegionUUA/LoveRightThroughForums>

If you would like to provide written feedback about particular topics or have questions you would like to be answered you can do that at this website.

Feedback: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/PacificWesternRegionUUA/LoveRightThroughFeedback>

If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to our PWR staff at <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western>.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### February’s Share the Plate: Planned Parenthood

With 600 Health Care Centers across the U.S, Planned Parenthood is the nation’s leading provider of sex education and high quality health care for all people regardless of financial circumstances. Within the local branch of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest there are 19 health centers in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties, serving over 130,000 people. Within our Coachella Valley, there are two Planned Parenthood Family Planning Centers - one in Coachella and the other in Rancho Mirage - together serving over 15,000 men and women.

Planned Parenthood’s mission is to ensure broad public access to sexual and reproductive health care through three approaches:

- Direct Health Care Services
- Educational Services
- Political Advocacy

Regardless of COVID 19, Planned Parenthood has not closed its doors. They have improved upon their already-pristine protocols to make their Health Care Centers even safer for those who choose to visit their healthcare provider in person. They have also implemented Telehealth so those who wish to be seen and treated virtually, talking with healthcare providers from their homes via a secure internet link.

Planned Parenthood needs our help and support to continue these essential programs. It is important to know that all money goes to help local and regional Centers, helping our neighbors.

Please donate as generously as you are willing and able. Thank you.

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**New Climate & Environment Committee:**

Starting next month, we will have a new **Climate & Environmental Justice** committee. Chaired by Mack Rogers, we will discuss the problems, possible solutions, and activities that we want to be involved with concerning ground, water, and air pollution in the Coachella Valley. The marginalized communities right here in our valley have been hit the hardest. We will discuss the Salton Sea and its contaminated water and other sources of methane and ozone air pollution that have brought us to this place. The time is NOW to get involved and find out what you can do.

Come join us!!! Date and time for the first meeting is TBD, but will be announced shortly. Keep watching! Let me know if you are interested and I will inform you of our first meeting date and time so that you can join in!

Thanks, Mack Rogers

## Be Safe and Well!

**Newsletter Deadlines:** The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning. If you are going to be late, call or email the Administrator at [admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org) asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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