

August 2016 Worship Services

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August Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 AM-1:00 PM

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Summer Schedule: One Sunday Service at 10:00 AM

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 AM

“Compassion: A Thousand Tiny Birds”

Karen Stephenson

An exploration of the necessary relationship between compassion and justice. UUFC member Karen Stephenson grew up on this very block (Circle and Firwood) and spent most of her childhood adventuring in the back yard of the Fellowship. She has a degree in biology from Reed College and a doctorate in pharmacy from Oregon State University. She spends most of her Sundays in the RE wing playing with the youngsters of the congregation.

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 AM

“We Are Not Alone”

Rev. Jill McAllister

A recent meeting of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists was a chance for U-Us from around the world to share perspectives – on immigration and racism, climate change and Brexit, liberal religion and terrorism, secularism and fundamentalism, guns and Trump, ministry in this complicated world, and more. We are not alone in our struggles or our hopes, and that is important to know.

Sunday, August 21, 10:00 AM

“Homelessness in Our Community”

Chris Quaka

Chris Quaka is the Director of Development at Community Outreach, Inc. in Corvallis. COI provides emergency shelter, behavioral health treatment services, medical and dental clinics, child-care and more for members of the community who are mostly homeless, or have difficulty accessing housing. In Corvallis, access to housing is becoming more and more difficult for a growing number of people.

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 AM

“Climate Change: Bearing Witness, Taking Action, Nurturing Hope”

Richard Gammon

Dr. Richard Gammon, a member of University Unitarian Church in Seattle is a retired professor of chemistry, oceanography and atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington, and has worked on global teams to monitor and assess climate change. In retirement, he works very actively to help improve public understanding of climate change, for effective response.

Between Us...

Jill McAllister

The roughly 250 years between 475 to 221 BCE in China are commonly referred to as the Period of Warring States. During this time, independent states and sub-states were nearly constantly at war, for power and hegemony. Social cohesiveness crumbled as self-interest within these factions began to rise. There were different views about the best way to stem the tide of violence. Some (sometimes named Realists) called for more force; the armed power to enforce law and order. Others disagreed: Mohists (after Mo-Tsu) called for love and compassion – to love one another and work to get along. Some thought the answer was to go far away, to other places. Others stayed to try to re-weave the fabric of society by teaching the values of community and right relations. This history has happened many, many times, in many places. Often these days I think that the USA has entered another Period of Warring States. With the recent Republican convention, I think we have gone far beyond culture wars. The options seem much the same as in ancient China. It is indeed unsettling, and some days quite frightening.

Yet, these are the days that are given to us. These are the times in which we live, and try as we might to live instead in realms of the imagination (a function of either privilege or denial or both), we cannot escape to a different reality. A well-known Chinese proverb (perhaps manufactured in an American fortune cookie factory) says: “May you live in interesting times.” Let’s just say that we do. Another bit of wisdom is this: that the Chinese character for the idea of “crisis” is made of the symbols for “danger” and “opportunity.” Our current dangers are highly visible, and becoming more so every day; bombings, killings, hate speech and terrorism, racial tension and violence, Brexit and Donald Trump.

We cannot ignore the opportunities, however. Perhaps seeing opportunities is what matters most. Everyday we have an opportunity to live from courage. We have opportunities to practice what we preach, to give up unnecessary things, to share, to meet people and get to know them better, to speak out when we see or experience injustice. Everyday we have an opportunity to really love what we say we love.

There have always been frightening times, and frightening people, and horrible events. And there have always been those who learn to stand on the side of love, who keep compassion and beauty and justice alive. We are not entitled to any life other than the lives we have been given. We are here to learn, and opportunities to learn about, especially when we help each other, and learn with and from each other. That is the purpose of our religious community. A year of both danger and opportunity awaits us – let us make it a brave year.

See you Sunday! *Jill*

Words for Reflection

In times of change learners inherit the earth; while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

Eric Hoffer

Celebrations of Life

Bill Ferrell and Floyd McFarland

Two long-time members of the Fellowship have died recently – Bill Ferrell on June 19 and Floyd McFarland on June 29. All are invited to share in the celebrations of their lives (memorial services). For Bill: Monday, August 8 at 1:30 PM. For Floyd: Monday, August 15 at 2:00 PM. Sandy Piper will coordinate the receptions for both services. Please let her know if you help provide refreshments for either or both (skaypiper@comcast.net).

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Choir

If you want to sing in the choir before September, we'll be having one more "Drop-in Choir" day this summer: August 21. Show up in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM to learn a song or two to sing in the service. All are welcome.

Regular choir resumes Wednesday evening, September 7 at 7:00 PM. No experience necessary! No auditions. All are welcome.

Early August: This Point on the Wheel of the Year

In the Wheel of the Year we honor eight special points in our Mother Earth's annual dance around the sun: The two solstices, the two equinoxes and the four "cross-quarter" days half-way between. Early August marks one of the cross-quarter days as it comes half-way between the Summer Solstice and the Fall Equinox.

Patricia Montley, in her book *In Nature's Honor*, writes: "At the beginning of August, the ancient Celts celebrated the feast of lughnasadh [*LOO-nab-sab*], honoring their harvest God Lugh. It was adopted by medieval Christians as the feast of Loaf-mass, or Lammas ... This cross-quarter day, the first of three harvest festivals, marks in some climates the first cut of grain and the baking of bread from that new grain...let us be mindful of the many hands and hearts that bring the bread to our tables."

It is indeed a time to celebrate the summer harvest and to be grateful for it. In the Willamette Valley we already have a veritable cornucopia of berries, tree fruits and flowers to savor. It is a time for canning and preserving so we can "taste a little of the summer" in the middle of the winter. It is a good time to bake a pie and see the many baked goods on display at the County Fair.

As the shift is happening between growing to harvesting, it is a good time to consider what we are harvesting in our own lives. What have we sown and reaped? We can take stock, honor and celebrate our achievements. As we are nourished by the summer harvest, we can consider what nourishes our spirit and feed that as well. As we experience the abundant harvest, we can consider how to share with others whatever abundances might be present in our lives.

Fortunately, there are still lots of warm days ahead for us, thanks to the Earth's slow warming and cooling creating the seasonal temperature lag. Nonetheless, as I notice the days becoming shorter, I find it good to be reminded that I had better get going on those projects I planned to complete before the rainy season starts!

The Wheel of the Year is about connections – to the cycles of nature, to the cycles of our own lives, to community, to the world, to ancestors and generations to come.

Happy Lughnasadh! Happy Lammas!

Cliff Pereira

Walking Meditation

Join Rev. Jill McAllister for a walking meditation opportunity, August 12, 7:00-8:00 AM.

Meet up for an early morning walking meditation with chanting. Let Jill know if you are interested and planning to come (minister@uucorvallis.org). Meet on August 12 at the Oak Creek parking lot, McDonald Forest.

GOVERNANCE & SHARED MINISTRY

Board Notes

Carl English-Young

Summer's here and many things slow down, but not your Board! At our July 18th meeting we welcomed new Board members Elona Meyer and Virginia Shapiro, and we all discussed several topics related to ensuring good communication between the congregation and the Board. We will be taking steps to be more visible. Now you can try to capture "Board-san" in Pokémon Go.

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 25, the congregation will have the opportunity to gather and discuss our goals related to such topics as decision-making at the UUFC, our building enhancement plans, and social justice actions. Look for more details to come about our Goal-setting Meeting.

Note that the Board's summer fun continues on August 22nd at 7 pm in the social hall. All are welcome! We'll return to our regular second Monday schedule on September 12th.

Summer Open Discussion

All are invited to this summer's second open discussion, Sunday August 14 at 11:15 AM (after the service). Rev. Jill McAllister will host this gathering for free-flowing conversation on our congregational life, including questions about ministry, religious growth and learning, and how we are living out our values.

Fellowship Care & Support Team: Listening Companions

Can We Be Here For You?

Do you just need someone to listen? Someone to hear your pain about what's going on in the world? Someone to sit with you while you recount the tragic news you just heard, and be with you while you process it? While we don't have an app for that, we do have trained people who can do that. And a real person is who you want and need at such a time. The Fellowship Care & Support Team has over twenty people, fellow congregants, who have been trained in shared ministry for these situations. We are here for you, to hear you and be with you. Please allow us to share our ministry with you as listening companions. Contact Diana Vezmar-Bailey (541-740-9006, dianavb@inbox.com) to request a listener.

An Introduction – Elizabeth Sollie, Student Minister for UUFC

Hello,

My name is Elizabeth Sollie. I will be starting an internship with your congregation during the second week of September. I am a student at Meadville Lombard Theological School, the Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago. Meadville Lombard is a low-residency program—which means I can live anywhere, but several times a year I travel to Chicago to attend the intensive part of my classes. My home is Colorado, but I will live in Corvallis for the next two years while I do a two-year, half-time student ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis. I was born into a Unitarian Universalist family, but as an adult I lived too rurally to have a brick-and-mortar church until my family moved to Denver. I have two grown sons who have embarked on their own adventures. This summer I am doing my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the University of Colorado Hospital in the role of chaplain. I will have a weekend in Chicago when CPE ends and then I will be heading to Oregon. I expect you all have so much to teach me and am excited to meet you!

-Elizabeth

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Michael Molk

RE Guides are still needed for the coming year!

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Want to spend time getting to know our children and teens? We still need some more adults to volunteer to be guides, primarily for the elementary-grade children. Volunteers work on teams, with rotating schedules, so you can still attend worship services and take time off when needed. If you'd like to sign up or learn more about it, write your name and contact information on the easel in the foyer. DRE Michael Molk will get in touch with you. It's fun! Come join us!

August Raft Trip on the Willamette River

Sunday, August 28th, raft trip on the Willamette for 9th-12th grade youth and their advisors. Call DRE Michael Molk for more information: 541-908-5456.

General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio – Michael's Highlights

Here are my highlights from General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio this past June.

- Reverend Bill Sinkford's sermon at the Service of the Living Tradition. He spoke about meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. over 50 years ago, and the racial problems still facing us today. Skip ahead in the video to 1:31 for his half-hour sermon: <http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2016/worship/slt>
- Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout's 6-minute meditation during the Sunday morning worship service. Skip ahead in the video to 34:45: <http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2016/worship/slt>
- Krista Tippet's Ware Lecture. She spoke eloquently about the need for us to exercise a 'muscular love' in our public dialogue, in order to coexist with people we disagree with: <http://www.uua.org/action/ga/ware>
- Michael Dowd, self-described 'evolutionary evangelist', presented a workshop on how religion can be a force for good or evil, depending on whether we acknowledge current scientific understandings in relation to climate change and our environmental challenges. Here's an 18-minute TED talk by him on YouTube. Skip the ad at the beginning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QeTWVw9Fm4&feature=youtu.be>. You can also view more of his videos at his website: <http://www.michaeldowd.org/>

ADULT RELIGIOUS GROWTH AND LEARNING

Ann Mbacke

Over the past few months, we have shared the seven principles and a brief description of what they mean; now let's consider what they mean in action. Given the continued violence in the world around us – and, at times, within us – I have been going back to those who came before me in the struggle to maintain and advocate for peace when so much seems daunting. This looking back caused me to step back and be humble, and to find out what it means to truly have respect for the interdependent web of all, including those I have not the kindest words for. The past couple of weeks I have been drawn to take a look at the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I came across a book written by L.D. Reddick, *A Biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Crusader Without Violence*. One particular section that stood out for me was the discussion of the Victory with Humility. I wanted to find some quote from Dr. King that would easily sum what I have been feeling about the issues of police brutality, black lives matter, and violence

around us in many forms and the question of how faith fits in with all of this. On November 14, 1956, the headlines read “Supreme Court Outlaws Bus Segregation.” It was during this time, with such a victory after a long boycott campaign, that one would think everyone would be shouting loudly about how glorious it is; however, Dr. King is described as maintaining the essence of moderation. This is his statement from December 20, 1956, following the news:

“Now our faith seems to be vindicated. This morning the long awaited mandate from the United States Supreme Court concerning bus segregation came to Montgomery. This mandate expresses in terms that are crystal clear that segregation in public transportation is both legally and sociologically invalid. In the light of this mandate and the unanimous vote rendered by the Montgomery Improvement Association about a month ago, the year-old protest against city buses is officially called off, and the Negro citizens of Montgomery are urged to return to the buses tomorrow morning on a non-segregated basis.

“I cannot close without giving just a word of caution. Our experience and growth during this past year of united non-violent protest has been of such that we cannot be satisfied with a court ‘victory’ over our white brothers. We must respond to the decision with an understanding of those who have oppressed us and with an appreciation of the new adjustments that the court order poses for them. We must be able to face up honestly to our own shortcomings. We must act in such a way as to make possible a coming together of white people and colored people on the basis of a real harmony of interests and understanding. We seek an integration based on mutual respect.”

I believe that just as times were challenging and injustice was strong during that time, today is challenging and we of faith and of the human race must work on ourselves. We must be honest about the violence that can come when we forget that we are all connected in Shared Humanity. Get ready for more turbulence because the world is what it is, but put our principles in action and find a way to understand one another – especially those we see as the “other.” I challenge myself with this and ask you all to consider what it would be like if we each took a step back from the name-calling and blaming we do and see everyone as a part of the human race. Believing that we can do that and change – real change can happen when we unite for good and do it peacefully.

Yours in Peace,
Ann Mbacke

Chalice Circles: Introduction and Orientation for Newcomers

Join us for an introduction on September 11. Chalice Circles are part of the small-group ministry program, which recognizes that in a faith community we each minister to each other. Six to ten people meet twice a month to reflect on a chosen topic to share their own feelings and experience, to listen deeply and respectfully, to share the time equitably, and to focus on what is truly most important. They are a great way for people to connect on a deeper level and we especially encourage newcomers to enroll as a way to develop lasting ties in the Fellowship and their own spirituality. For more information contact Marcia Olsen (541-661-0889 or marcia.olsen29@gmail.com).

Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 PM in Room 7: Introduction for all who would like to know more. Rev. Jill and Marcia Olsen will describe the process and answer your questions.

Saturday, September 24, 9:00-11:00 AM in Room 7: Training session for facilitators. Anyone who is interested is welcome to be trained—it is a skill anyone can learn and we need facilitators!

October: New participants will join existing groups or form a new one, as needed. All who are interested are asked to commit to attending a group for a four-session initial term.

PROGRAM COUNCIL

Art Exhibit in the Sanctuary

Karen Wysopal has been an artist since childhood and has explored many and varied mediums throughout her life. After a two-decade detour into software development she now enjoys working in art full time. Her current work includes Alcohol Inks on Yupo paper, where she enjoys the lack of predictability and control.

She shares, “No brushwork is used in my process. Inks are applied directly from bottle to paper, then blended and moved using plastic straws, paper towels, breeze, and gravity. My goal is to allow the ink to move and blend organically, while finding the right moment to impose myself upon it. I experience the work as a dance, and a meditation, the desired balance of give and take with the medium being a metaphor for life. ... I enjoy not knowing what the outcome will be. Whether abstract or representational, a piece is complete for me when it speaks of something beyond the materials that make it up. It may evoke a place, time, memory, or simply the joy of looking at something complex and beautiful.” We will be able to enjoy her beautiful work in the Sanctuary from July 12 to August 21.

UUFC Camp Out

Join the UUFC all ages camp-out at Cascadia State Park, September 2nd and 3rd, Friday and Saturday nights, in a beautiful forest, along a section of the Santiam River with great swimming in late August and early September, hiking trails and a large grassy field for games. Cascadia is located on the South Santiam River, just past Sweet Home on Highway 20, about an hour (50 miles) from the UUFC. One group site is reserved – limit 25 people. (If we get a great response, next year we will reserve both of the group sites.) Camping is basic – toilets and running cold water. Cost for camping will be \$6 per person plus a small parking fee to be shared amongst all of us if the number of vehicle exceeds the limit for our site. Food costs will be shared if the group decides to cook any communal meals. There will definitely be at least one potluck.

Spaces are still available, but please register soon. To reserve your tent site please put your name, phone, email address and whom will share your tent on a piece of paper and enclose in an envelope along with your check for \$6 per person. Make the check out to UUFC, write “Cascadia Camping” in the “for” line. Put the paper with your contact info and the check in an envelope with “Cascadia Camping” on the outside and put in the wooden “UUFC Pledge donation” box in the Foyer. Looking forward to fun in the woods with you!

RV and extra camping sites are available in the Cascadia campground. Cascadia is 5 miles from RiverBend Linn County Park which has camping and cabins. With questions, contact Jacob Tennessen (jacob.tennessen@gmail.com), Virginia Shapiro (virginia@virginiashapiro.com) or Roberta Smith (robertasmith2@peak.org).

Labor Day Tuna Roast *Monday, September 5, 3:00-8:00 PM*

Put this on your calendar. For the 20th time UUFC has reserved the Lion’s Shelter at Avery Park for a Labor Day party for its members and friends old and new. Instituted in 1997 as a birthday celebration for 12 UUFC members who turned 50 that year, it quickly became a Labor Day tradition, typically feeding over 200 people. The suggested cost is \$5.00 per adult and whatever you think is appropriate for your kids, (but no one turned away for lack of funds). The cost is mainly in the site rental and the tuna. We provide barbecued tuna, hot dogs, and garden burgers; plus sweet corn, baked potatoes, lemonade, and a sheet cake. You please bring potluck food to supplement this, such as salads, breads, chips, dips, veggies, fruit, pickles, desserts, etc. Help will be needed in the set-up, clean-up, barbecuing, corn shucking and cooking, lemonade, etc. Please volunteer to help. Questions? Contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).

Women's Retreat

It seems like September is a good time to get away. After many requests to move the UU Women's Retreat to the weekend before Fall Festival, we were finally able to get the weekend of September 16-18 and are looking forward to some great weather. If you have been thinking about attending this year's Women's Retreat, now is the time. We are about 14 slots short of being able to fill this year's Retreat. If cost is an issue, we have scholarship money available. Register online at <http://uucorvallis.org/?page=2237> or contact Dianne Roth (541-740-9540, dkayr@cmug.com).

Men's Retreat

Save the date for the UUFC Men's Retreat! Friday-Sunday, October 21-23, at the Menucha Conference Center in Corbett, OR. We will explore the idea of courage in our personal lives and actions in a beautiful setting overlooking the Columbia Gorge. We will also have fun and get to know each other by sharing experiences and insights. You can learn more on the UU website (http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2660) or by contacting Lloyd Wagenschutz (541-753-9071 or lpwz124@comcast.net) or any other members of the planning committee (Gary Barnes, Jim Good, Alan Kirk, Al Ross, and Steve Strauss).

UUFC Annual Rummage Sale – Reduce, Re-use, Recycle!

This is a major fundraiser for the Fellowship which takes the efforts of many to be successful. It's also a way we live our values, recycling and reducing our consumption of resources. We make a great effort to get the sale leftovers to local charities and community groups. Donations help fund church activities and support community partners such as the library, Habitat for Humanity, Heartland Humane Society, South Corvallis Food Bank, CARDV, and others. This year's sale is August 27.

Right now, the need is for donations! More! More! More! Recycling Mania! Get that recycling going! We need more of your precious, but no longer used, items for the Rummage Sale. Keep the wheel spinning. Reduce by bringing in two items, and buying only one item at the sale! Remember, your items are tax-deductible. And when you buy, it's donating to the Fellowship. It's win-win!

Deliver goods to UUFC Room 8. Store larger items in Room 6C. Need someone to haul larger items? Call Virgil Agnew at 541-758-3658. *(Sorry, we do not sell big exercise machines, old software, older computers/monitors/TVs, paint, poisons, tires, halogen lamps, or broken items – those must be recycled elsewhere. Save adult clothing for the Women's Retreat fundraiser.)*

Environmental Reading Circle

The Environmental Reading Circle is currently discussing *99 to 1, How Wealth Inequality is Wrecking the World and What We Can Do About It*, by Chuck Collins. The author gave a talk years ago at the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City. On August 28th, we begin *I'm a Stranger Here Myself*, a national bestseller by Bill Bryson. Bill has written some fine books including *A Short History of Nearly Everything*. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us at 3840 NW Lincoln Ave in Corvallis. We meet the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-5:00 PM. For more information contact Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

Connect Up

The Connect Up committee offers opportunities for us to gather in a variety of interest based small groups to better get to know one another. Sign up on August 28th to participate in or to host an activity in September! Connect Up opportunities have included sharing meals, playing games, walking, painting, origami, drumming, and the monthly book club. What are your interests? Contact Wendy Sutton to get connected (connect@uucorvallis.org).

THE BACK PAGE: What is Black Lives Matter?*Monica Jacobson Tennesen*

At its most basic, the Black Lives Matter movement is a way of saying “Black lives matter – even though they are often treated like they don’t.” #BlackLivesMatter was created by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi after Trayvon Martin was killed by George Zimmerman. A number of things come together in the Black Lives Matter movement: the concepts of intersectional oppression, state violence/systemic violence, activism in the age of social media, and racism.

Black Lives Matter is a response to the dehumanization of black people – a pushback on the implicit message that a black person is less human than a white person, and therefore killing a black person is a less serious, more excusable crime. A pushback on the assumption that black people are so frightening to white people, and to police officers of all racial identities, that it’s reasonable to escalate swiftly to deadly force. And a pushback on the way the systems of society are rigged, making life harder for black people than for white people in many small ways as well as large ones.

To say, “Black Lives Matter” is to say “Black Lives Matter Too,” or “Black Lives Matter Just As Much As All Other Lives.”

In the words of its founders, “Black Lives Matter is an ideological and political intervention in a world where Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise. It is an affirmation of Black folks’ contributions to this society, our humanity, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.” (Read more here: <http://blacklivesmatter.com/herstory/>)

#BlackLivesMatter, with a hashtag (#) in front and no spaces, is a way of coordinating the expression of this movement. The # makes it a searchable, clickable way to organize the chaotic world of social media content, helping it to show up in online spaces as a topic of importance.

What are UUs doing? Unitarian Universalists at the 2015 General Assembly adopted an Action of Immediate Witness in support of Black Lives Matter (read it here: <http://www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement>). A team of black UUs has formed the Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective, a group doing work from articulating the 7 Principles of Black Lives (<http://www.blacklivesuu.com/7-principles/>) to supporting and lifting up the presence of black UUs at the 2016 General Assembly. The UUA Worship Web team has collected a rich set of writings about Black Lives Matter; authors are both people of color and white allies. (<http://www.uua.org/worship/collections/black-lives-matter>)

What can we do? We begin to undertake this work, or continue undertaking this work, in a few ways. One element is educating ourselves: learning what systemic violence is, or coming to understand racism as prejudice+power, or reading about intersectional oppression, or experimenting with social media (especially Twitter, site of organizing and idea-sharing).

Another element is taking a public position: as UUs have attended Pride parades and hung rainbow flags and demonstrated for marriage equality, we can attend protests and vigils, hang a Black Lives Matter banner outside our building where all can see it, and ask questions about policing in our communities.

A third element, for those of us who are white, is becoming allies: white people have a particular role to play in challenging and educating other white people about racism and oppression. And white people also need to practice waiting to be called upon. Part of being an ally is recognizing that the Black Lives Matter movement is guided by black voices and does not need to be taken over by white voices. It’s easy for white people to get so caught up in striving for justice that we forget to yield to those who have the central perspective and the most at stake: the black people whose lives are most affected.

The religious life is often paradoxical, and so is the quest for justice. In affirming that Black Lives Matter, we know we must educate ourselves and act. Yet part of our education and our action is learning to wait, to voluntarily give our power over to others even as we burn to use it righteously. Education alone is not enough. Action without education is hollow. And even well-informed action that tramples the agency of black people is part of the problem rather than a step toward a better world for all.



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We gather as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning, build deep connections, and inspire action toward a better world for all.



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