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"A Faith To Change The World: How the Unitarian Universalist Faith Guides and Motivates the Work of the UU UNO at the United Nations and Beyond"

Rev. Eric Cherry & Bruce Knotts

Rev. Eric Cherry has been the Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association's International Office since August 2007. In this position, Eric manages the UUA's relationships with U/U and interfaith partners around the world, provides resources for congregational international engagement, and supervises the staff of the UU Holdeen India Program and UU United Nations Office. Prior to accepting this position Eric served for 12 years as a parish minister with UU congregations in Burlington, Iowa and N. Easton, Massachusetts.

Bruce Knotts has served as the Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office since 2008. Bruce has been chair of the UN NGO Committee on Human Rights since June 2010 and of the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court since April 2010. Prior to his position at UU UNO, Bruce served as a U.S. diplomat for the Department of State. He had diplomatic assignments in Greece, Zambia, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire and The Gambia, where he was Deputy Chief of Mission.

SUN. JANUARY 29, 2012

"Steps to a Compassionate Life: Empathy"

Rev. Dr. Paul S. Johnson

This is the next in a series of sermons drawing on the thought of historian of religion, Karen Armstrong, who believes that the root of genuine religious living is the Golden Rule. She suggests to us practical, understandable steps to take in becoming more compassionate.

TOUCHSTONES

Recently, while making calls at L.I.J. Hospital, I noticed a large poster inviting hospital employees to attend a workshop on hospitality. It included this quote from Maya Angelou: *"I have learned that people will forget what you say and will forget what you do, but they never will forget how you made them feel."*

I am much taken by this quote as it squares with my experience. I remember a stay I had in a hospital a few years back. It was a time of considerable anxiety for me and I will never forget how one nurse helped to allay some of that anxiety by her care. Somehow she gave me confidence that I was on the road to health. I don't remember specifically what she did or said, but I do remember how she made me feel and I remain most appreciative.

As a young adult I was scolded in a demeaning way during an initial meeting with a minister. I heard that minister preach a number of times after that. I remember little of what he said in those sermons but I remember vividly how I felt when first we met.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please note that we will not be publishing the Shelter Rock Center for Spiritual Growth-Adult Programs booklet for Spring, 2012. Please refer to the Fall, 2011 booklet for the continuing programs. Remember to pre-register if you haven't already. /call Sharyn, ext. 160. Programs will be cancelled if a minimum is not reached.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS: *The Necessity of Virtue, Drum & Rhythm Circle, Group Meditation, The Historical Jesus, Dramatic Readings, The Emerson Circle, Spiritual Masters, Mental Health and Medication, Immigration as a Moral Issue, Bridge, Yoga, Coffee & Conversation, Tai Chi Beginners.*

DRUM AND RHYTHM CIRCLE. Series 2 will be Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 28 in the Music Rehearsal Room. The instructor is Glen Fittin, professional percussionist. Participants made a donation of \$120 in advance for the six lessons. There is room for more! Register with Sharyn Esposito, ext. 160, sesposito@uucsr.org.

THE HISTORICAL JESUS. Continues Wednesdays Jan. 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.- Art Gallery. Participants view and discuss DVD's of lectures by an expert, Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D. in which he examines the life of Jesus from a historical perspective. Facilitators are Rev. Paul Johnson and Bob Nuxoll, retired history professor and Shelter Rock member. See booklet for more information.

SPIRITUAL MASTERS, MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICATION. Continues Mondays, Jan. 23, Feb. (continued on pg. 2)

Rev. Dr. Paul S. Johnson

I had the opposite experience with another minister who encouraged my interest in the Unitarian Universalist ministry and engendered sufficient confidence in me to begin and eventually complete the process of becoming a UU minister. I heard a number of his sermons, as well, and remember little specifically about them, but I'll never forget how I felt as a result of our meeting.

Maya Angelou's perception is important to us in all of our relationships, but I believe it is particularly important to us in our congregational life. The feeling tone we establish with each other is extremely important, especially in regard to newcomers. I once heard Roy Oswald, well known Alban Institute consultant to congregations, say that people new to a congregation, pick up this feeling tone immediately and it is a big factor in whether or not they feel enough at-home to return and deepen their relationship with us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Childcare for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers is available every Sunday during the worship service in Rooms 1 and 2 in the RE Wing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

RE classes begin at 11:00 a.m.

Third Graders, their teachers and parents are invited to build the **Chinese Dragon** in Rm. 10 during class time. The dragon will parade through the hallways and into the Worship Room at the end of the adult worship service.

Children's Worship for 3-year-olds through Kindergarten with Rev. Marge Corletti begins at 11:05 a.m. in the Chapel.

The Young People's choir rehearses at 10:00 a.m. in the Music Rehearsal Room.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

RE classes begin at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Worship for grades 4-6 with Susan Antelis-Nykolak begins at 11:05 a.m. in the Chapel.

Parent Sunday 4-year-olds: Parents of 4-year-olds are invited to join the class in Rm. 7 for the entire time, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. During the last half hour the 4-year-olds will be taken to Rm. 9 for a craft activity so the teachers can talk with the parents in the classroom about the curriculum for their children this year.

There is a Congregational Meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the Social Hall.

OTHER RE NEWS

The 7th grade will have a lock-in here overnight Saturday, January 28 through Sunday morning, January 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck lunches - Meet & Eat with RE Families. Program Council Committees are sponsoring potluck lunches with RE families. These informal lunches will offer the opportunity for RE families to meet other families and members of the congregation and share a meal together. The first potluck will be held on Feb. 5 at 12:30 and will include members of the Caring, Membership and Small Group Committees and RE families with children who are in 3 year old through 3rd grade classes. For more info. please contact Linda Katsoulous at lkatsoulous@uucsr.org, ext. 141.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Package Ministry to Young Adults: Stop by the "Mind the Gap" table beginning next Sunday to sponsor a care package, donate used copies of "UU World", submit a personal note or drawing, and update our mailing list for young adults (ages 18-35) who are affiliated with UUCSR. All are welcome to assemble care packages after Soulful Sundown on Friday, Feb. 10. For more info. or to help with tabling (a great project for individuals or committees interested in young adult outreach) contact Betty Jeanne at bruetersward@uucsr.org or 347-850-2579.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in RE Room 18. Learn what the spiritual masters have taught about anxiety and depression. We combine their concepts of the cause and amelioration of mental suffering with our biological knowledge. The facilitator is Shelter Rock member Arthur Rifkin, MD.

IMMIGRATION AS A MORAL ISSUE. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 27, Apr. 24. **Session 3 on Jan. 31: Economics of (Im)migration. Session 4 on Feb. 28: Security, Enforcement and Human Rights.** This six-session study is co-facilitated by Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche and UUCSR Member, Carol McHugh who recently visited the US-Mexican border.

THE NECESSITY OF VIRTUE. Mondays: Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery. How do you clearly articulate your beliefs as a UU to someone completely unfamiliar with the religion? How do you determine what you ought to do? This course of eight sessions helps us to find answers to both questions. The group will view DVDs of the program on virtues presented by The Rev. Dr. Galen Guengerich at GA in 2010. At the remaining four sessions discussions after the viewings will be led by Shelter Rock members: **On Feb. 6, Paul Drezner will lead the discussion on Justice.**

GROUP MEDITATION. New Date: Thursday, Feb. 9, Wed.'s March 14 & April 18. Veatch House Terrace Room, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and monthly after that. Group Meditation is an informal, self-led group, evolving in form and practicing different kinds of meditation. Participants are encouraged to bring spiritual and insightful readings as well as appropriate meditative music to share with the group. For more info. call facilitator Aileen Cox at 516-466-5851.

DRAMATIC READINGS. Saturdays: Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 5, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery. Suggested donation if you bring a food item to share for dinner is \$5.00 or \$10.00 if you don't bring a food item. Please RSVP with Sharyn, ext. 160, sesposito@uucsr.org.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. Meets next on Sunday Feb. 19, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Staff Lunchroom.

THE EMERSON CIRCLE AT SHELTER ROCK. Mondays, Feb. 13, Mar. 12 and once monthly through June, 2012. This is a group devoted to Emerson, his writings, and his relationships and relevance to other thinkers, writers, poets, and scientists of the 19th and 20th Century. **On Feb. 13, Sandra Frank will facilitate the discussion about Emerson's essay *Over Soul*.** See the booklet for more information, or speak to Herb Klitzner at 718-830-0561

NEW PROGRAMS FOR WINTER/SPRING 2012: Please refer to future Quests for descriptions of programs and dates. Please register with Sharyn at ext. 160. Programs will be cancelled if a minimum number do not pre-register: **Multigenerational Class on Wisdom for the Hebrew Scriptures** with Marge Corletti & Dana Gumb begins Feb. 19, **Book Discussion with Dan McKanan** on Mar. 31, **History of the English Language** with Barry Nobel starts Jan 25, **Jesus Seminar** with Martha & Vince Chimienti on April 27-28, **Great Conversations 5** with Paul Johnson begins Feb. 12, **Book Discussion "How God Changes Your Brain"** with Paul Johnson on Feb. 19, **Living Simply, Thriftily, and Greenly** with

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PRESIDENT'S VIEW *Barbara Grosmark*

A new year and new beginnings, how quickly the year has passed since Barry announced his retirement. His ministry has been in the capable hands of Rev. Marge Corletti since August. She is busy guiding us through the transition from one ministry and to another, coming to terms with the loss of a beloved minister and preparing us to welcome a new minister to continue with the ministry in new and different ways. Finding the new is the trick. It is a long and carefully crafted process that starts with the invitation of the district Ministerial Settlement Representative addressing the Board of Trustees.

There is much to do before a committee is formed. A rough recommended timetable is that between March and June the following events will occur: District executive and Ministerial Settlement representatives will address the Board, the district compensation consultant will address the Board, the Board plans the search committee process, the Board adopts the search committee budget, and the Board conducts the Congregation's selection of a search committee.

According to our bylaws section 7.3 A., Calling of a Minister, the Congregation will vote a search committee of 8 members. The Board will encourage members wishing to serve on the committee to submit their names. The Board will seek to have the widest representation of membership possible on the Search Committee. Serving on a search committee is very intense and it is generally recommended that service on other committees be seriously discouraged. No minister or member of the Board of Trustees may serve on the committee, and only invited guests attend search committee meetings. Once formed the committee works with the UUA settlement representative.

The work requires frequent meetings, lots of bonding with your fellow searchers, reading of the Settlement Handbook and a Resource Guide, attendance at an over night facilitated retreat, information gathering via surveys, small groups, and interview, all in preparation for an exchange of ideas and information with prospective candidates. Technology will help, with gathering information and interviewing. Some travel may be involved to hear candidates preach, or videos may be used. Searches usually take about a year, and ends with the selection of a minister to participate in a flurry of activities called Candidating week, culminating in a vote to call the minister.

It is my hope to have the Search Committee in place this spring. We have two scheduled congregational meetings where a proposed committee could be presented for approval, March and early May. I am working on an application form for interested members who wish to apply to serve on the search committee. I will be attending the February RE Committee meeting to engage in conversation re the search process. The RE community is eager to start the process.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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Paul Johnson on Feb. 26, and **Tai Chi Beginners** and **Tai Chi Intermediate** with Fern Cameron both begin Feb. 10.

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in RE Room 15: Jan 25, Feb. 21 and Mar. 20. Classes will be led by Shelter Rock member Barry Nobel, who has a degree in linguistics. The subjects of the three sessions are: **Session I, Indo-European roots through Old English. Session II: Middle English. Session III: Modern English.**

GREAT BOOKS – GREAT CONVERSATIONS 5: Books are available now in the office for \$27.00. Call Sharyn, ext. 160 to arrange pick-up. The first reading, for Feb. 12, will be *Hekabe*.

MULTIGENERATIONAL CLASS ON WISDOM FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Sundays, 1:00 -2:30 p.m. in RE Room 15: THE FIRST SESSION POSTPONED from Jan. 22 to Feb. 19, Mar. 11 and Apr. 15. Rev. Margaret Corletti and Dana Gumb and are offering the perfect opportunity for families to attend workshops together. This multigenerational class is available for anyone 6 years of age or older to experience stories from the Hebrew Scriptures they may know from Sunday school. Some are not well known but fit well with contemporary UU values and some are challenging in both theology and values expressed. All the stories offer wisdom that can help people of all ages grow in spiritual depth and understanding.

BRIDGE, BRIDGE, BRIDGE. There will now be three Bridge groups at UUCSR, only one of them a class. The class, for Beginners and Intermediate players continues on Wednesday mornings, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with instructor Paul Drezner. Friday afternoon recreational bridge continues from 1:00-3:00 p.m. And a new evening recreational bridge group begins Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. The groups will meet in the Gallery, Social

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS (from pg. 2)

Young Adult (ages 18-35) Winter Retreat: From Feb. 17-20, join UU young adults from throughout the Metro NY area for a weekend in the Catskill mountains. Activities include cross-country skiing, hiking, crafts, worship, and more – all in a private, eco-friendly lodge. Visit www.uumetrony.org and click "Events" for complete info and registration.

Interested in a Young Adult Small Group Ministry? There is interest in a facilitated small group ministry for young adults (age 18-35) specifically to get to know and support one another, and explore spiritual topics of discussion. We would meet at UUCSR or nearby, to offer a complement/alternative to the young adult ministry happening at CW Post. Are you, or someone you know, curious to learn more? Contact Betty Gold at elizkgold@gmail.com.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee is pleased to sponsor another workshop with Cindy Bell of Hofstra University for an inter-generational music workshop using our **Orff Instrumentarium**. An Orff instrumentarium includes xylophones, metalophones, glockenspiels, drums and other percussion instruments.

No musical background or experience is necessary to be part of this experience, and the workshop is open to participants of all ages. The only requirement is enthusiasm and the desire to make music. Families are encouraged to attend!

Sunday, January 29 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Music Rehearsal Room.
Cost: \$4 per session; maximum \$8 per family

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE by calling Linda Katsoulos at ext. 141.
-Ken Hughes for the Music Committee.

CARING COMMITTEE



Our committee tries to coordinate Caring within our religious institution -- we send cards, flowers, visit the sick, provide food.

Our goal is to touch any member who needs a helping hand or, perhaps, just a reminder that he or she is part of a larger community who cares about them. But we can't do this without you -- (yes, you!). If you know of someone who needs a loving touch, let us know.

E-mail caring@uucsr.org or call Betty Gold at 718.805. 6929. Yes, we are a Caring Community -- but it only happens if we work at it!

THANK YOU'S

The thoughtfulness of the Caring Committee made the unpleasantness of my recent accident a lot more bearable! The plant you sent thrives and gives me no end of pleasure. I also greatly enjoyed receiving your cards. But to top it all I know received a beautiful bag made by the Quilting group. My appreciation and thanks go out to all "Caring members." -*Ilse Meckauer*

Midnight Run was a Great Success – Thank You! Senior Seminar (our high school youth group) would like to thank our volunteers of all ages who donated used clothing, prepared meals, sorted supplies, and delivered our offerings to homeless communities in Manhattan. This beloved multigenerational service project will be back in the summer.

UU VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK

Dear Ned: Veatch Sunday was so inspiring and there so many big ideas discussed. How can UUCSR members be involved with the struggles for economic fairness the grantees were talking about? - Energized in Queens



Our preacher on Veatch Sunday, George Goehl, Executive Director of National People's Action, spoke about his own experience learning about the power of citizen activism through involvement with a soup kitchen and later with community organizing groups. In his sermon, "Thinking Big, Taking Risks for a Just Economy," he urged us all to be clear about our values and to be bold and persistent in defending, protecting and advancing those values. As members and friends of UUCSR, our UU values spur us to be bolder in advancing these values in 2012. Here are some possible actions we can take:

Read, watch and learn about the origins of our current economic crisis, how it has come about, how efforts to hold banks and financial leaders accountable have fared to date, and what new initiatives might be in the offing.

Attend community forums here at the congregation or elsewhere that focus on economic justice challenges and opportunities. On **Wednesday, April 4, 2012**, for example, Public Campaign and the League of Women Voters (two Large Grants recipients) will hold a public forum on money in politics. Please plan to attend.

Write letters and sign petitions to your legislators about specific policy proposals. We need to write--and call--our political leaders to let them know we oppose draconian budget cuts that disproportionately injure poor people as well as the middle class. Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche is good at keeping us up to date about economic justice issues where letters and petitions can have impact.

Join with other citizens who share our values in opposing bad policies and supporting good ones. This means supporting our own congregation's efforts to speak out on issues we care about through projects of the Social Justice Committee. It means becoming active in citizen-driven organizations like National People's Action here in our own neighborhood--groups like the Workplace Project or Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives or the Interfaith Alliance or Long Island Progressive Coalition.

Participate in street demonstrations and other public actions where citizens come together to show how strongly they feel about equity and justice. We need to respond enthusiastically to appeals from our Social Justice Committee and Coordinator to participate in demonstrations for greater economic, social and racial justice here in Metro NY. Occupy Wall Street continues to provide avenues for street activism, particularly around the anniversary of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, which unleashed unlimited corporate spending for political advertising.

The UUCSR Veatch Program provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Congregation where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Supervision of the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

MIND THE GAP

I'm thrilled that it's time again for our annual care package ministry to young adults (18-35). Some background about the project:

A primary goal of the care packages is to connect with graduates of our RE program, local and long-distance college students, sons and daughters of our members, and other young adults whom we want to reach out to. Many young adults are in transition, and not formally involved with a congregation – this is a way to let them know we care about them, and wish them spiritual/social support wherever they are.

Another goal is to invite our entire community to join in the collective work of young adult ministry. This multigenerational project is officially sponsored by the RE Committee, but is shared by leaders throughout the congregation. Last year, we had members of the Membership, Caring, and Social Justice Committees participate – to name just a few! It's also a cherished way for parents of adult children to get engaged in the congregation.

Betty Jeanne Rueters-Ward

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to contribute in the following ways:

- Hosting our "Mind the Gap" table in the lobby on January 22, 29, or February 5
- Updating contact information for young adults you know--mailing addresses, especially, change often
- Writing a personal note or drawing a picture (great way for children to participate) for a young adult.
- Donating used copies of "UU World magazine" or other goodies (i.e. non-perishable snack foods, chalice jewelry, etc.)
- Assembling care packages after Soulful Sundown on Friday, Feb. 10

Feedback on this project, both from care package contributors and their recipients, is overwhelmingly positive. Don't miss your chance to participate. Contact bruetersward@uucsr.org or 347-850-2579 or stop by the table on an upcoming Sunday!

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support Family Promise of Nassau County: On Friday, Jan. 27 from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m., at Westbury Manor, friends and supporters of Family Promise of Nassau County will gather for an evening of great food, live music by LI's Vista Hill Band, and a silent auction to beat the mid-winter blues and raise money for FPNC. Tickets are \$90/person for members of Family Promise Congregations and \$150/person for non-members. To buy tickets go to www.distinguishedsocietyevents.com.

Immigration as a Moral Issue: Session 3: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7:30 pm in the Art Gallery, "Economics of (Im)migration". Although this is the 3rd in a 6 session program, newcomers are welcome. Each session stands alone, and we welcome the participation of everyone, especially those going to GA. This program will be co-facilitated by Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche and UUCSR member, Carol McHugh. For this program, please call Sharyn Esposito at ext. 160 to register and receive required reading materials.

Support Our Local Food Pantries: Recently, Natash Pernicka, Executive Director of The Food Pantries in New York, stated, "In our 33 years as an organization, this is the most difficult time our pantries have ever faced. We need help to keep up with our communities' increasing emergent needs." When you shop, remember those in need and purchase some non-perishable food items for our donation bin.

For further information, contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at 516-627-6560, ext. 177 or cderoche@uucsr.org.

BOT MEETING AGENDAS

January, 24, 2012

- I. Opening Words
- II. *Approval of Meeting Minutes for 12/22
- III. *DAC – Latifa Woodhouse, Chair. Approve delegate selection committee
- IV. Search Process - Guest
- V. Discharge the COA Search Committee
- VI. VIPER – Adam Barshak, COA
- VII. *Transportation Policy
- VIII. MRC
- IX. Nominating Committee
- X. Executive Session

January, 26 2012

- I. Opening Words
- II. Auditors Report-McGladrey & Pullen LLP
- III. Senior Housing Task Group – Klaus Masuch, Chair
- IV. Covenant
- V. Reports
- VI. MRC
- VII. Nominating Committee
- VIII. Executive Session

* Action Required

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR *Claire Deroche*

Justice GA. For me, General Assembly is Unitarian Universalism writ large. Thousands of us gather from all over the US and Canada for 4 days of worship, learning, and witness. I'm grateful that my position as Social Justice Coordinator makes it possible for me to attend every year. If you've never been, this would be a terrific time to go. Justice GA 2012 will be the best of the best!

At General Assembly 2010 the delegates, with input from groups within our denomination representing people with historically marginalized identities, decided to go forward with Phoenix, Arizona as the venue for GA 2012. The location was in question because of anti-immigrant legislation enacted by the Arizona Senate and subsequent boycotts of the state. After much debate and deliberation the delegates voted on a resolution "calling on the UUA Board to gather Unitarian Universalists for the purposes of witnessing on immigration, racial and economic justice—a 'Justice' General Assembly, in which business is limited to the minimum required by our bylaws—in June 2012, to be held in Phoenix, Arizona." (To read the complete resolution, go to www.uua.org/statements/statements/169115.shtml.)

Some think that naming this a Justice GA with an emphasis on reforming immigration policies is too narrow a focus. I've heard others say that Phoenix is just too hot, and they'd never go for that reason.

Before you decide that GA 2012 isn't for you, I'd ask you to consider this information from the most recent Justice GA 2012 Bulletin: "There will be something for everyone at this GA, no matter where you may be in the spectrum of social justice work... there will be programming and opportunities for you to have meaningful involvement.... General Assembly is a multi-generational experience, where many different talents and abilities come together in community; families are welcome."

There will be community events outside as well as work done indoors. Phoenix will be hot, but the housing is nearby, and there are a lot of food options in the convention center. There will be an exhibit hall, the Justice GA Expo, with concessions and social justice exhibitors. GA programming will be focused on justice issues, including topics such as the spiritual foundations of justice work, the theology of social justice, as well as a more tactical focus on organizing. There will be regular Plenary sessions for governance, as well as programming and worship such as the Ware Lecture and Service of the Living Tradition. The convention center is a modern facility with efficient climate control systems." (For more inf. on all aspects of Justice GA 2012 go to www.uua.org/ga/2012/index.shtml.)

We have many members of our congregation who have gone to GA year after year, whether or not they were delegates, paying their own way. That's how good GA is! So if you're considering attending GA 2012 as a participant or a delegate, mark off June 20-24 on your calendar. See you in Phoenix!

If you are interested in attending GA this year, please complete the application that is located on the Welcome Area desk. Please complete the application and slip it in the box marked 'GA applications'. The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. - Latifa Woodhouse, Chair of DAC

INTERWEAVE IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS



The Interweave Committee is looking for some new members. People that put their UU values front and center in their lives. In this age of kids being bullied relentlessly; double standards between federal & state governments, UU's have a voice that needs to be heard. The Committee is open to everyone! -Stephanie Selix Kellerman, Chair

WOMEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN? MORE THAN HALF THE US POPULATION, YET ONLY 22% OF THE VOICES YOU HEAR & READ IN THE NEWS

Inter Press Service (IPS), for 50 years one of the world's leading news agencies, decries the huge imbalance in news coverage and asks the forgotten question: What does this mean to women and girls? Men are overwhelmingly featured on Sunday morning news programs and in night-time current events productions. Part of the reason is that the current 112th Congress is composed of only 79 women in the House of 435 members, and a paltry 17 women in the Senate of 100 members. Let's make 2012 the year of change and opportunity for women. Step up, make your voices heard, run for office, and help change the world! Women will back you. -Pat Luciano, Women's Issues Chair of UUCSR Women's Group

WOMEN'S GROUP BOOK SERIES - *Pink Brain, Blue Brain* by Lise Eliot. Lise Eliot addresses the difference between little boys and little girls, to explain how modest differences at birth between the brains of boys and girls are amplified by social factors. Join discussion leader, Pat Luciano, in the Veatch House Library, on Jan. 20th at 7:30 as we discuss this book. The next book will be *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay with discussion leader Jo Rymer.

WOMEN TALK DAYTIME – Wed. February 1. 12 Noon – Art Gallery. Join us for a lively discussion of World and National Current events. Bring lunch. Beverage and cookies provided. **Wed. February 15.** 12 Noon – Art Gallery. Love is in the air! Share a touching story or romantic poem to keep the mood going! Bring lunch. Beverage and cookies provided. - Annette Mc Mahon & Doris Miller, Co-chairs.

T.G.I.F - LOVE SONGS, POETRY & CHOCOLATE VOLUME III WITH FRANK DOYLE. Friday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. See pg. 8 for more information.

MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME TO THE MEN'S GROUP PLANNING MEETING – Be a part of the planning committee for the rest of the year's Men's Group events. Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22 in the Veatch Conference Room at 12:30 – Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Sharyn at ext. 160.

Men's Group Presents

Super Bowl Sunday Feast



FEBRUARY 5, 2012 - 5:30 p.m. Social Hall

Watch the game on the HUGE HD 25' x 25' screen.

\$15.00 for Members /\$20.00 for Non-Members. **Raffles & Prizes.** Proceeds after expenses will benefit United Veterans Beacon House. RSVP to Sharyn at ext. 160.

Social Justice Committee, The Mental Health Sub-Committee & Shelter Rock Forum Committee Present

KINGS PARK

A film documentary of psychiatric treatment, past and present in the United States

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Social Hall. Suggested donation - \$5.00

Film to be followed by a discussion & reception with Producer and Director of the film Lucy Winer and Long Island Community Activists.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING & PROJECT ENTERPRISE

Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) has been allocating 1% of UUCSR's total portfolio, on a three-year rolling average, to make investments specifically to advance UU values. The current amount is \$2,250,000, with \$1,880,000 committed since June. SRI represents an important but less known and less appreciated aspect of our congregation's overall philanthropic mission.

One of our most successful and significant investments has been in advancing individual entrepreneurship through the organization **Project Enterprise** which brings together groups of people to advance their small businesses. They make small loans plus provide networking, technical support, mentoring, and educational opportunities to its members. Since its inception in 1997, PE has lent almost \$2 million to more than 3700 entrepreneurs, leading to an average 42% increase in business profits and generating nearly \$5 million in local wages each year.

In July 2009, after careful vetting by our members, we recommended to the Investment Committee, a 5 year loan of \$50,000 at a rate of 2% per annum, which was approved by the BOT. Last spring, a group of committee members went to their headquarters for a site visit, during which they requested an additional loan of \$100,000, which is being matched with a 1% loan from the Empire State Economic Development Corporation. This summer, Paul's daughter Kristin Johnson worked three days a week at PE as an intern working on fund-raising. She was supported by our own Veatch grantee the Student Activity Fund.

The SRI committee is searching for new members. If you are interested in checking us out, please contact our chair Michael Brenner.

Your SRI Sub-Committee: Michael Brenner (chair), Claire Deroche (staff liaison), Richard Guilbert, Barry Nobel, Ron Roel, Jim Smith, John Ryan, Colin Woodhouse & Latifa Woodhouse

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are reporting an error in the Nominating Committee packet mailed to the congregation in December. On the nominating form, titled "Suggested Candidates for Election at Annual Meeting -- June, 2012," under Check Positions, President and Vice President are listed instead of Treasurer and Secretary.

To help you with your recommendations for these positions, we suggest the following:

1. Pick up corrected forms in the lobby, on the table next to the Nominations box
2. Download and print corrected forms on the UUCSR website, www.uucsr.org, in the Members Only section
3. Use the mailed forms; cross out President and Secretary

We regret the inconvenience and thank you for your help in preparing the UUCSR slate of candidates.

BI-WEEKLY PLANNER

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 10:15 AM Beginning Bridge Class
 12:00 PM Women Talk Daytime
 6:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM The Historical Jesus
 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 2:00 PM Financial Development Committee
 6:30 PM BOT & Investment Meeting
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 20, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 1:00 PM Bridge
 7:30 PM Shelter Rock Singles Meeting
 7:30 PM Book Series

Saturday, January 21, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM Quilting
 11:00 AM Yoga
 11:30 AM EOC Martin Luther King Brunch

Sunday, January 22, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM Interweave Committee Meeting
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
 11:00 AM RE Classes
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM UU Cafe
 12:30 PM Men's Group Planning Meeting
 1:00 PM Art Committee Meeting
 1:00 PM UU United Nations Office Presentation
 1:00 PM Large Grants Q & A Session

Monday, January 23, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 12:00 PM Memory Training
 7:30 PM Spiritual Masters

7:30 PM MRC Meeting
 7:30 PM Shelter Rock Forum Meeting
 7:30 PM Large Grants Advisory Group

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM Memory Training
 7:30 PM Drum Circle - Session #2
 7:30 PM History of English Language
 7:30 PM BOT Meeting
 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry Session

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 10:15 AM Beginning Bridge Class
 6:00 PM Auditions for Forbidden Broadway
 7:30 PM The Historical Jesus

Thursday, January 26, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 6:00 PM Auditions for Forbidden Broadway
 7:30 PM BOT Meeting
 7:30 PM Truth about Fracking in NY
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 27, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 1:00 PM Bridge

Saturday, January 28, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM Quilting
 9:30 AM Inn Cooking - Saturday
 10:30 AM Voice of the Faithful
 11:00 AM Yoga
 6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, January 29, 2012

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
 11:00 AM RE Classes
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM UU Cafe

12:45 PM Congregational Meeting
 1:00 PM Orff Workshop
Monday, January 30, 2012
 12:00 PM Memory Training
 7:30 PM Nominating Committee & BOT Meeting

HAPPENINGS E-NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving UUCSR's *Happenings e-Newsletter*? What are you waiting for! *Happenings*, sent out every Thursday, features upcoming programs, worship services, vital news, links to events, past sermons and more!

SIGN UP NOW AND GET CONNECTED! It's simple - just send your e-mail to Communications Director, Kim Losack at klosack@uucsr.org.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin

When the United Nations formed in 1945, the Unitarians and Universalists were among the first religious denominations to offer their endorsements of the new organization. The most destructive war in human history had just occurred, and the UN embodied our cherished hope and dream of peaceful resolution of future conflicts, the safeguarding of human rights, and the providing of food, clothing, and shelter for all.

Amid all the criticisms the UN has received over the years, many, even of a progressive bent, do not realize the magnitude of the UN's contributions to the world.

Just to mention a few... In 1979, the World Health Organization wiped smallpox off the face of the earth. Not long thereafter, polio was eliminated from the western hemisphere. The World Food Programme delivers one third of the world's emergency food assistance. More than four hundred economic programs for women of low income have been founded by the UN since 1951. These, and a massive list of other achievements, have been managed on an annual budget one three hundredths of the Pentagon's.

As many of you know, we have a UU United Nations Office, and youth of this congregation have served there, impressively, as interns. Currently, happily, *Cynthia Barbey* is this congregation's Youth Envoy. *Dotty Prunhuber* is the UU UNO envoy; other members have served on the board, and UUCSR has been financially generous to the office.

You are welcome to be part of a new UU UN Office committee! (It's a sub-committee of the Social Justice Committee.) And consider attending the Inter-Generational Seminar, April 12-14, on immigration and racism.

Happily, there is an impending visit to the pulpit by the UU UNO Executive Director, *Bruce Knotts*, this Sunday, January 22d. He has, in my view, performed in stellar fashion in his position, already making a significant contribution to the UN, facilitating, for the first time, UN recognition of Gay rights as a moral imperative.

Bruce is joined by *Rev. Eric Cherry*, Director of International Programming at the UUA, and the son of UUCSR member, *Arlene Cherry*.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS - As I write this notice, winter has definitely arrived. But there is still time to enjoy each other's warm company. Join us for some great and abundant American food at a familiar restaurant that we know and enjoy: Harbor Q, 84 Old Shore Road, Port Washington (883-4227). **Thursday, January 26** - 12:30 p.m. \$15.00 inclusive.

The sign-up sheet is in the lobby with a summary of the menu. All are welcome to come - UUsers, Non-UUsers, friends, relatives, etc. For information or, if you need a ride, call Arnold or Faye Babel at 679-1103 or Ben Bortin at 627-6560 ext. 134.

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Calling all aspiring Actors & Actresses, Singers & Dancers
Children, Youth and Adults of all ages

**a production team that brought you Pippin and A-MY
Name is Alice is now casting for the
UUCSR production of**

**FORBIDDEN
BROADWAY**

Performance dates:
Fri. May 4 & Sat.
May 5

Auditions to be held on:

Wed. January 25 & Thurs. January 26
6:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information please contact: *Debbie Perina* at
917.749.4709 or *Bobby Perina* at 718.413.8318

Women's Group T.G.I.F.

Love Songs, Poetry & Chocolate
Volume III with Frank Doyle

Friday, February 3 - 7:30 p.m. Art Gallery

Donations requested of a bridesmaid, prom, wedding or
other fancy dresses for a Kenyan dressmaker in need in
Nairobi. She will refashion them into children's clothes.

The Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees at
UUCSR invite you to a presentation on

THE TRUTH ABOUT FRACKING IN NEW YORK

Thursday, January 26, 2012
7:30-9:30 p.m. Art Gallery

Guest Speaker
ADRIENNE ESPOSITO
Executive Director
Citizens Campaign for the Environment



There will be an informative discussion on:

- **The process of hydro-fracking**
- **The inherent risks involved**
- **The rush to implement hydro-fracking**
- **The current oil and gas rules**

Friends and neighbors throughout Long Island are
welcome to this FREE presentation, which is part of
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter
Rock's community outreach.



The Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) has 6 offices, conducts research, lobbying and public education on diverse environmental campaigns. In 2010-2011, Adrienne was part of Gov. Cuomo's transition team for Energy and the Environment and currently is an Executive Board member of the Brookhaven Community Coalition.

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