Our Principles
We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

* The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

* Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

* Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations;

* A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

* The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

* The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

* Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

June Worship Services
(Sundays at 10 AM)

June 4 -- Spiritual Engineering -- Whatever your views on genetic engineering, we can all endorse the spiritual engineering to which we are called by the beauty and diversity of flowers. Join us for a case in point -- our annual flower communion! Bring a flower to contribute to the communal bouquet -- wild or domestic. And stay for the annual meeting (see below)!

June 11 - I Was Afraid You'd Never Ask -- Rev. Barnaby’s annual adventure in opening our worship service to any question you'd like him to tussle with -- this year he'll be asking for help from the floor!

June 18 -- Music Leads to Holy Places — Choir Director Lucy Tenenbaum leads the CVUUS Choir in our annual worship service reprising the Choir’s favorite anthems from the current church year. Don’t miss this. Hear the Choir again in September!

SAVE THE DATE!
Rhubarb Festival, Sat. June 3, 10 am - 2 pm
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Recital, June 25, 4 pm
Labor Day Weekend Worship & Picnic, Sept 3, 11 am

Join Us!
CVUUS Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 4, 11:30 am, Sanctuary
This is our sacred time to make business and policy decisions needed to keep CVUUS vital. All members are asked and encouraged to attend. All non-member friends are invited and welcome to observe and ask questions but not to vote. Members (and friends on our email list) received the agenda and important documents. Some copies will be available. Childcare and light refreshments will be available.
Words from Rev. Barnaby:

Does the name James Russell Lowell ring a bell? Probably not. Lowell, born in 1819, was the son of a Unitarian minister in Boston. He was an editor, human rights and temperance advocate, Harvard professor, diplomat, and poet.

Two of Lowell’s anti-slavery poems live on as hymns that Unitarians and Universalists have been singing for more than a century: “Once to Every Soul and Nation” (#119 in the gray hymnal) and “All Whose Boast It Is” (#150). The first calls us to courageously defend truth. The second is a demand for radical empathy, asking who can call themselves free while others are slaves?

Having sung these hymns since childhood, I had always thought of Lowell as a “fiery radical.” I was a little surprised to learn he also authored these lines in the prelude of a long, quickly forgotten work from 1848 called The Vision of Sir Launfal:

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days; ...
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Every clod feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers;

Later, Lowell asserts:

Everything is happy now,
Everything is upward striving;
’Tis as easy now for the heart to be true
As for grass to be green or skies to be blue,...

We’re tempted to forget by the gap between the first and last lines that the ease with which the heart is “true” is rare. But Lowell knew. His infant daughter died shortly before the poem was published. His beloved wife, the poet Maria White Lowell, was sick and would die within a decade (along with two more infants). He had been battling depression and suicidal thoughts. And yet he wrote this joyful praise of June.

Grateful for the Spirit that seized him, I pray that this June brings each of you moments like the day Lowell envisioned. And I pray that, together, we bring this kind of June soulfulness into a wider world that desperately needs it.

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

Join Us! All Welcome to Share Memories
Celebrate the Life of Robert W. Kellogg
Sat July 15, 10 AM, Sanctuary

How would you like to assist or be assisted?
Contact a leader or the Office. Follow us at cvuus.org.
June Greetings from Your Membership Ministry

Our team has continued to greet and welcome all who enter our space, to nurture connections among us, and to support paths to meaningful membership. Last month CVUUS had the joy of receiving nine people into membership. Others have elected to continue as Friends, and potential members, after participation in the New UU course, as they deepen their connections with our congregation. We are blessed by the presence of all these former new-comers, and should aspire to be a blessing to them in turn. This summer we will have some brief biographies of new members in the newsletter, that should make it easier for all of us to make good connections with them.

Soon I will be attending UUA General Assembly in New Orleans, and I hope to expand my knowledge and appreciation of the important issues now facing our faith, as well as improving my understanding of ways to support healthy growth in our congregation. I want to represent CVUUS well, so if you have ideas about how I can do so, I hope you will let me know. A meeting of our Membership Ministry Team has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 8th, and anyone with interest in this process is welcome to attend.

Also, it is easy to imagine myself describing the warmth, enthusiasm, and creativity of this congregation with pride while there. After my return in July, I look forward to sharing new ideas and the inspiration that GA provides.

Warm blessings, Marjorie Carsen, for Membership Ministry

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

We’ll be off for June and the summer. Join us, starting again in September, after worship service each third Sunday of the month for a conversation about a topic of interest to you. Catch up on what we’ve discussed at cvuus.org. Let Council of Ministries’ Colleen Brown or Steve Maier know if there are future topics you would like to explore.

Meet Your Right Relations Team

Have you run into a situation with a congregant or staff member at CVUUS where you are having trouble making your concerns known to them, or feel you are not being treated with respect? Members of the CVUUS Right Relations Team are ready to hear your feelings and needs, help you get them addressed, and keep our connections healthy.

John Barstow  Anne Christie  Joanna Colwell

Who do I talk to about my Annual Pledge? Inquiries regarding your Pledge go to our bookkeeper Heather Seeley. Call the office on Mondays 388-8080 when she’s in or email fm@cvuus.org to contact her anytime.
JUNE for Children and Youth  

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE: check email blast**

**JUNE 4:**  
MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICE - FLOWER COMMUNION – for all ages  
Kids stay in service entire time. Come for this uniquely UU annual celebration of beauty and diversity (please bring a flower or two to exchange). **UU Youth Choir to sing – kids can still join this,** just email Poppy or Lucy and come early at 9:15 to rehearse. // Followed by our entertaining and informative **ANNUAL MEETING.** **CHILDCARE provided.** Light refreshments.

**SUMMER RE STARTS - Kids start in service, then leave for special all-age activity**

**JUNE 11:**  
**KIDS FOR KIDS with Bobbi Loney** – make toys for animals at Homeward Bound – **DRE Sub is Jess Rouse**

**JUNE 18:**  
**CHALICE-IN-A-BOX with Mary Conlon** – **DRE Sub is Kas Singh**

**JUNE 25:**  
**WIFFLE BALL with JP Rees** – **DRE Sub is Brett Millier**

Poppy at UU General Assembly in New Orleans: June 19-25! // The RE Council runs the Summer RE program, even when Poppy is not on vacation. **Brett Millier** is the person to contact (millierb@gmail.com). She could still use help. // There will be a **DRE Sub every Sunday in the summer,** even if you see Poppy at church. You can check the bulletin board for this and blasts.

**Religious Exploration Help Roses to…**

THE RE LEADERS:  
Jay Harrington, Hannah Sessions and Natali West for **Spirit Play;**  
Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Gerry Loney, Elaine Orozco Hammond, and Abi Sessions for **Harry & UU;**  
Ted Scheu and Heidi Sulis for **OWL 5-6;**  
Rev. Barnaby for **Coming of Age;**  
R.J. Adler and Heidi Sulis for **Youth Group.**

Coming of Age Mentors:  
Morris Earle, Nita Hanson, Carol Harden, Chris Murphy and Hope Tilton and  
Coming of Age Boston Trip chaperone Margy Levine Young

Bobbi Loney for the big-hearted and well-organized **Kids for Kids** social action group work – and for being a sounding-board, brain-stormer, helper and assistant to many of Poppy’s RE ideas

Johanna Nichols for being the **Spirit Play** Doorkeeper the entire year and Jess Rouse for assisting her

Jackie Derse, Nursery Caretaker, and Peter Orzech, Nursery Assistant, for the incredible love and dedication they bring. We will miss Peter next year during his year abroad!

Parents and grandparents who assisted:  
Emily Hoyler, Colleen Brown, Russ Patton, Ian Ross, Amy Mason, Caitlin Gildrien, Piper Harrell, Chris Hammond, Gavin Flanagan, Nicole Carter, Chris Morris, Catherine Goldsmith, Becky Zelis, Nita Hanson, Gail Borden, Bill Sessions, Greg Bernhardt, Mary Conlon, Mary Hadley, Carrie Mol

People who assisted and didn’t have kids in the program:  
Izzie Cass, Ron Hallman

Youth that helped in RE:  
Livia Bernhardt, Hayden Bernhardt, Elizabeth Bright, Wren Colwell, Zora Duquette-Hoffman, Journey LaRose and Sydney Singh

RE Council members:  
Kas Singh (head), Tracey Harrington, Brett Millier, Heidi Sulis and Natali West – for being RE Greeters, DRE subbing, assisting with groups, and doing so many helpful and loving things

Brett Millier, Tracey Harrington and Natali West for organizing the upcoming Summer RE program - and all the upcoming summer leaders and assistants

Gail Borden for chaperoning the upcoming Youth Group service trip to NYC … and anyone else we may have forgotten who helped in some way!
RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION NEEDS YOU NEXT YEAR!

Infant-3 years  NURSERY
NEED: Substitutes: adults for Jackie (volunteer), youth for Journey (paid)
Our Nursery is staffed by a paid experienced childcare supervisor and a high school assistant. Unstructured play in a safe and nurturing environment next to the Sanctuary.

PreK-grade 1  SPIRIT PLAY
NEED: Assistant “Doorkeepers” – and maybe Leader “Storytellers”
Circle with story told with basket of miniature figures/props, followed by wondering questions and art/other responses, freedom to use room materials as kids wish. Based on Montessori educational philosophy.

PreK-grade 1  OWLETS (OWL for K-1) - STILL DECIDING ABOUT THIS ONE -
NEED (maybe): 2 Co-leaders – weekend training required – we pay travel, room, food, training
8 sessions about birth, babies, bodies, and families. Includes stories, activities and at-home projects that promote family dialogue.

Grades 2-4  HARRY and UU
NEED: Assistant “Wizards/Witches” – and maybe Lead “Wizards/Witches"
Based on the Harry Potter books. Includes fun wizarding activities with main purpose of social action. The group fights against “Horcruxes”: real-world problems like hunger, poverty, and homelessness.

Grades 5-6  NEIGHBORING FAITHS
NEED: Coordinator and Faith unit leaders or Team of people who coordinate and lead together
World faith units taught by various people from in and outside our congregation. Explore the origins of Unitarian Universalism, what others believe, and what it feels like to worship in other places. Through class activities and discussions, guest presenters, art, rituals, field trips, and worship, many religions and spiritual traditions are explored. Many field trips – Sunday mornings and other days/times.

Grades 7-8  OWL 7-8 (OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION)
NEED: Male-identifying co-leader – weekend training required – we pay travel, room, food, etc.
20-25 Sessions including Sexuality and Values, Gender Identity and Expression, Sexual Orientation, Healthy Relationships, Social Media, Bullying, Consent Education, Safer Sex, Pregnancy, Communicating about Sexuality, and Self Care.

Grades 9-12  YOUTH GROUP
NEED: 1-2 co-advisors
Members of the Youth Group drive the activities. They often include service projects, fundraisers, games, recreational activities and going on field trips. Frequently they have issues they want to discuss. Youth Group members take part in a spring overnight Youth Con with other Vermont UU Youth Groups. Usually every other Sunday 4-6.

All Ages  KIDS FOR KIDS
Kids doing social justice and community service for other kids. Projects include CROP Walk to End Hunger, making & selling holiday ornaments as a UUSC Guest at Your Table fundraiser, and others.
Social Action Updates

June “Share the Plate” Donee

Playing For Change

Playing For Change arose from a common belief that music has the power to connect people regardless of their differences. In 2005, a small group of filmmakers set out with a dream to create a film rooted in the music of the streets. Not only has that dream been realized, it has grown into a global sensation that has touched the lives of millions of people around the world.

When the crew set out, they created a mobile recording studio and went around the world filming musicians in the places where they lived. The crew got to know the music and people of each community they visited. Those involved wanted to give something back to the musicians who had shared so much with them. In 2007, the Playing for Change Foundation was established to create positive change through music and arts education. As one of our students in Nepal stated, “Music is an indispensable part of life -- you cannot live without music.” For more, visit playingforchange.org.

July—writing inside VT (for women in prison)

Please speak with anyone on Donation Ministry to suggest an organization you would like CVUUS to support: Jason Duquette-Hoffman, Parker (Monty) Montgomery, Bob Johnson, Ashleigh Hickey, or Rev Barnaby. Ask Bobbi Loney about Kids for Kids service projects.

Clean out your closets and raise funds for CVUUS!

Bring your used clothing to Neat Repeats and give them the CVUUS account number (108) or Buy Again Alley and give them account number (504). It’s easy way to raise funds for the CVUUS budget and Youth Group while also helping people who are in need of reasonably priced, good clothing. Donations are tax-deductible.

Donate items to HOPE and WomenSafe!

Look for HOPE shopping cart to donate food and the WomenSafe heart-wrapped box in our sanctuary lobby near the welcome table. WomenSafe is especially in need of large bars of soap, deodorant, tampax with applicators, Pampers, hairbrushes and combs. They can also use toothbrushes and toothpaste, face cloths and towels, shampoo and conditioner, baby dolls and stuffed animals, gift cards and gift certificates to local laundromats, restaurants, hair salons, etc.

Thanks so much!!

GLEANING
A CVUUS Green Sanctuary
Environmental Justice Project

Plant and glean at local farms, and process fresh produce, to donate to H.O.P.E. Local gleaning opportunities are organized by The VT Gleaning Collective, an initiative of Salvation Farms, a network of professionally organized community-based gleaning programs.

There are a few ways you can get notices and participate. One way is through the Weekly Blast. Another is by getting notices directly by registering at http://salvationfarms.org/getinvolved.html. You can take home some gleaned items if there’s enough. Lily Bradburn (pictured above) coordinates gleaning for HOPE and also works in the MNFC deli. You can ask her more. Contact her at 388-3608 ext.225 or email: lbradburn@hope-vt.org. She needs help with:

- In-field harvesting of surplus produce
- Collecting unsold produce at Midd Farmers' Market
- Delivering produce to HOPE’s food shelf
- Processing produce for winter use

Gleans are usually 1 1/2- 2 hrs. Please feel free to stay for whatever amount of time works for you. See the handout in our lobby coat rack area for more.
How Would You Like to Stand for Justice?

**Black Lives Matter Ally Group:** CVUUS Black Lives Matter Ally Group organized last fall and is led by Piper Harrell and Judith Lashof. They’re focusing their work on understanding and responding to the African American experience of racism, on white privilege and on institutional racism in coordination with other local justice groups such as Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). They encourage you to:

2) Watch *13th* documentary (online) about racism in the criminal justice system since the passage of the 13th Amendment to Constitution and *I Am Not Your Negro* (Alex Baldwin).
3) Review the *Class & Race Workshop materials* online at cvuus.org.
4) Read *The New Jim Crow* and discuss it over the summer on Mon, June 19, July 17 and Aug 22, 5:30 pm in Fenn Chapel. To get directly involved in action, visit BLM online (cvuus.org/justice/black-lives-matter-ally-group or on Facebook).

**Migrant Support:** Do you wish to understand and assist our migrant farmworkers? The Addison County Migrants Ally Group invites you to their next check-in *Wed, June 21, 4:30 pm* in Fenn to coordinate other ally trainings, migrant help, such as with grocery shopping, future speaker events, and screenings of related documentaries. Catch up on all this at cvuus.org/news. Attend *Know Your Rights training* on *Thur, June 22, 5:30 pm* at Middlebury’s Ilsley Library. *Middlebury’s Indivisible group* has been meeting at CVUUS and welcomes allies to their get-to-know-each-other and what-you’re-doing potluck picnic starting at *noon, Sun June 11* at Kingsland Bay State Park.

**Refugee Resettlement Support:** Middlebury Area Refugee Resettlement Committee supports the VT Refugee Resettlement Program (VRRP) and Rutland Welcomes in meeting the needs of recent refugees from Chittenden & Rutland Counties. Contact Abi Sessions if you wish to be added to their listserv to stay posted on ways to help. Abi reports that VRRP welcomes all to a volunteer potluck *Sun June 7, 6-8 pm* at 462 Hegeman Ave Suite 101 Colchester to meet Stacie Black, director of Gov’t and Community Relations and founder of National Partnership for Community Training. RSVP’s appreciated at volunteer@uscrivt.org.

**Addison County ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network):** ICAN meets the third Thurs of each month at 8:30 am, at Weybridge Congregational Church. All welcome. Join the *Standing for the Earth Vigil* the first Saturday of each month from 10:30-11:30 am at the Middlebury Town Green (fountain). All welcome. Bring signs as you see fit.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Bob House seeks volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays to help build the next home in Cornwall.

Visit cvuus.org/justice for the many ways that CVUUS participates in advancing justice through action and monthly donations and cvuus.org/news for latest developments.
From the Board:

As I look back on the last year I see many accomplishments- the successful capital campaign is high on the list- as is the first year of the Growing Edge Fund. The Growing Edge Fund, despite some confusion over the name, has sponsored several events over the last year that exemplify it's purpose of encouraging new programs and activities that span across ministries and provide ways for deeper connection to each other and our community. $2500 was allotted for the fund from the 2015/16 budget surplus. The board kick-started use of the fund by sponsoring the daylong workshop exploring our complex relationship with class, open to both UU's and the wider Middlebury community. The fund also assisted with member and staff attendance at several conferences which will benefit the whole congregation in the next year, as new ideas work their way into music, worship, and social action.

My hope for the next year is that committees (or individuals) dream up ideas early in the year and present their ideas to the Council of Ministries for formal consideration. While we may not have as much Growing Edge funding in the budget for the coming year, I have already heard of one potential program that didn't fit in this year's busy schedule and know there are many more great ideas to come.

With gratitude-
Jean Terwilliger

Openings for Deeper Connection

“The highest priority is that people of all ages are opened to deeper connection with themselves, others, and the spirit of life.”
CVUUS Purpose Statement

The following CVUUS groups have openings.

Religious Exploration (RE) Council (one opening)
- support RE Director Poppy Rees’ planning and implementation of programs and recruitment of teachers and assistant;
- help with fall RE leaders/assistants orientation brunch, the Christmas Pageant, and May RE Appreciation; rotate greeting and directing families at start of worship services
  - contact Kas Singh (kathying@yahoo.com) Brett Millier, Tracey Harrington, Natali West, Heidi Sulis - meeting time (usually) one Sunday a month 11:45-1:30

Leadership Development team (2 openings)
- help various CVUUS groups find and recruit people...if you enjoy meeting people and talking with them, this is for you!
- contact Colleen Brown (cbrownesq56@gmail.com) Mike Greenwood, Bobbi Loney - meetings set by group as needed

Worship Ministry (2 openings)
- we work closely with Rev. Barnaby to provide all aspects of weekly services, serve as worship associates, develop and lead services when the minister or a guest is not scheduled, and spend time educating ourselves and debating the purpose of worship, our role in the process, and how best to meet the needs of congregation
  - contact Ann Webster (webster.afw@gmail.com), Terri Arnold, Piper Harrell, Silas Conlon, Karl Lindholm
  - meetings one Wednesday a month after choir practice

Hospitality (2 openings)
- help solicit contributions, set things out, and clean up for coffee-hour- contact Sylviane Acker (sykacker@yahoo.com)

You’re invited!

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Singing Recital
Sunday June 25, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Francois S. Clemmons, Diva Man, shares his journey from American Negro spirituals to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood!

Kate Gridley will accompany him on piano. Free-will donations ($10-$20) welcome in recognition of Francois' time and talent and to benefit the work of CVUUS Black Lives Matter and Middlebury Showing Up for Racial Justice.

Catch Francois’ interview on Fran Stoddard’s Profile Tues, June 13, 9 to 9:30 PM (Vermont PBS Plus channel 33.2, not the usual 33.1). You can also listen to his interview on StoryCorp at cvuus.org/news.
CVUUS CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IN ITS MANY FORMS
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

Service Auction Fun We’re learning new skills and getting to know one another. Send us pictures

Rhubarb cutting

Coming of Age

Planning, planting, blasting.

Painting

Youth Group
(Open Door Clinic Memorial Day float)
CHOIR NOTES

Hello to CVUUS congregants, friends, choir members and future choir members! The final month of the choir season is upon us, and what a month of choir music we have for you!

June 4 is an exciting Flower Communion Service. We have the UUYouth Choir singing Des Colores. We hope all you young singers will join in with us that day. Rehearsal is before the service, so come in at 9:15 and we’ll make sure everyone who wants to sing can learn the piece and sing out.

Adult choir is mellowing out with a Peter Amidon arrangement of Libby Roderick’s song, How Could Anyone? It is familiar to UU congregations as Teal #1053, but this Amidon arrangement is especially poignant with more complex rhythms and 3 part harmony.

June 11 our anthem, Now That I Know, by Joann Hammil, who is a well-known composer, performer and children’s choral conductor in the Boston area, will be accompanied by Neil Chippendale on Clarinet. It is the last Sunday of regular choir music. What, you say, only 2 Sundays in June?? Oh No! Well, read on, there is indeed another Choir Sunday in June!

The third Sunday that the choir is singing in June is the last Choir Sunday of the Sept-June school year. Our tradition at CVUUS Choir is to choose, re-learn, and present to you in a cohesive meaningful service, Choir Favorite Anthems. We have chosen 8 of the best anthems (the choir picked them, I weighed in on ties!) to sing for you in the June 18 Choir Favorites Service. This is one of the most beloved services of the year, and I encourage all CVUUS members and friends to attend. There is music for everyone’s taste, and with Kate Gridley’s masterful accompaniment on piano, the music will be spiritual and uplifting.

Choir starts back up in the fall for Water Communion (stay tuned to September Newsletter for details)

All interested singers are welcome to join the choir at anytime, but first thing in September is a great time, because we start the season with a pot-luck and a rehearsal that gives an overview of the anthems for the fall season.

Amen, and Blessed Be! With Love, Lucy, Choir Director.

Writers’ Group

CVUUS Writers’ Group meets third Monday of the month.

We’ve taken the summer and Dec off this year so next one is Sept 18, 3 PM, in the Fenn House chapel. All are welcome!

Bring something to read (with a few copies): fiction, nonfiction, poems. Questions? Contact Nancy Wright (443-8028 or nancymeanswright@gmail.com).

Please use the new Reimbursement Request Form to get paid for expenses in the clear pouch on the Fenn office door. You can leave completed forms and receipts there.
Night Sky Wonders for June

Saturn takes center stage this month reaching opposition on the night of June 14th. That means Earth and Saturn will be perfectly lined up on the same side of the Sun. Its rings are at near maximum possible tilt, so the views in any decent telescope should be great. Saturn can be found low in the southeast. Looking there, the center of our galaxy lies just below it. Look for the moon to be near Saturn on the 9th of month.

Jupiter is past opposition, but you’d never know it since it’s still a brilliant evening object (brighter than Saturn). On June 3rd you’ll see the Moon once again snuggle up to Jupiter with the bright star Spica below and to the left of them. Look southwest. Venus still appears in our morning sky. On June 20th and 21st the Moon will be next to it. You’ll see them about 45 minutes before sunrise low in the east.

I’ve just returned from my fourth ship-crossing of the Atlantic where I gave eight astronomy lectures on Royal Caribbean’s Rhapsody of the Seas. Once again I also attempted a star gazing, and once again results were disappointing. Cruise ships are a small city at sea and put out way too much light. The full moon didn’t help either.

Here’s wishing you (and me) clear skies. If you have astronomy questions, or would like to visit the observatory, drop me an e-mail at astromanvt@gmavt.net
2017 CVUUS Annual Meeting Agenda

I. Special Recognition

II. Vote: Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

III. Year Review: Highlights (Barnaby & Jean)

IV. Report: Finance Committee- Mary Conlon,

V. Vote: Approval of Revised Budget for FY 2017-2018

VI. Election: Nominations for the CVUUS Board of Trustees

- Donna LaRose (Second 3-year term, 2017-2020)
- Mary Hadley (First 3-year term, 2017-2020)

VII. Nominations of Officers

- President: Mike Greenwood (2-year term, 2017-2019) Serving as Co-presidents
- Vice-President: Laurie Borden (2-year term, 2017-2019) Serving as Co-presidents
- Treasurer: Mary Conlon (3-year term)
- Clerk: Mark Spritzer (2017-2018 to fill remainder of Laurie Borden’s term)

VIII. Election: Board Nominating Committee

- Colleen Brown (One year term)
- Hannah Sessions (Second 2-year term, 2017-19)
- Board VP also serves on nominating committee

IX. Vote: Approval of Membership and By-law changes as included in warning

X. Report: Ground Floor Planning and Capital Campaign team- Steve Maier and Barbara Drapelick

XI. Discussion: 2017 UUA Presidential election and other issues- direction to delegates

UUA General Assembly 2017
June 21-25, New Orleans

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). GA is a unique opportunity to worship, participate in governance of our national denomination, and learn among and socialize with thousands of UU’s from all over the world. For more information, see: http://www.uua.org/ga or Board Chair Jean Terwilliger.

Technology has re-shaped the meetings landscape in recent years—providing new opportunities to connect General Assembly (GA) on-site participants with those who cannot attend in person. GA is transforming from an event at which one needs be present to experience into a hybrid meeting—incorporating off-site delegate participation, live-streaming of events, and social media to create an interactive experience for on-site and remote attendees.

General Assembly in New Orleans will awaken and deepen the commitment of Unitarian Universalists to the power and possibility of working in solidarity with those on the margins. Visit uua.org/ga to view and share resources to help delegates prepare to enter fully into the experience. You can follow them online and in doing suggested activities in each of five categories. For instance, in the Race category read The Third Reconstruction, by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber and The Criminal Justice System is Not Broken: It’s Doing Exactly What It’s Meant to Do from the Kennedy School Review.

Delegates will also be electing a new president.
Building More Love!

We’re indeed Building More Love! The first round of the Ground Floor Capital Campaign is done, and we are delighted to say that we met our goal of 100% participation by members and friends of CVUUS and raised more than $670,000, enough to finish out the ground floor. Come to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 4, hear a complete report on the campaign, and (if you are a member) vote on the future of the project. You can find all the campaign information at http://www.cvuus.org/connection/ground-floor including a couple of cool videos and all of the campaign documents. Thanks to all who Participated! Want to make a pledge now? Contact Barbara Drapelick.

CVUUS Seasons of Life Fund

Our Seasons of Life Fund is a way to share your joy or concern with the CVUUS community. Members and friends can commemorate personal milestones and passages through financial gifts to CVUUS that provide extra money for us to fulfill our mission statement. The names of the donors and the occasions of the gifts are noted in our monthly newsletter. There is no minimum amount and the size of your donation will not be made public. Please consider the Seasons of Life Fund the next time you—or someone you know—want to honor a birthday, marriage, retirement, anniversary, death, or achievement of any sort.

Our Caring Network provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. Please contact Linda Shubert (458-3365 or jlash68@gmail.com) or Ginny Moser (989-7586 or tvmoser117@gmail.com) for assistance.

We thank all the faithful folk who have participated in our efforts to support our members - providing lots of meals and myriad rides to doctor's offices, doing errands and paying visits. We encourage members of the congregation to call on us. We have an extensive network of willing helpers standing by that we can call or email on your behalf. You can also let us know if you would like to join this network. We hope you’ll attend our program on Green Burial, May 11, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. More on page 10.

Visit www.uua.org to learn about the wider work of UUA and our affiliates. Visit www.cvuus.org to explore our happenings and most current calendar.
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Library & Information Resources – Artley Wolfson
Membership Ministry—Marjorie Carsen
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