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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP  
*diverse beliefs,  
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**Today At Your Fellowship**  
**Friday**  
February 4, 2022

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**This Week @ AUUF**  
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**Sunday 2/6/2022**

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**Virtual Forum**

**9 am Sunday, February 6, 2022**

*The End of Life Movement*

Amy Hetzler and Ella Saltonstall Katelnikov, Compassion and Choices

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*This I Believe*

*An exploration of our diverse beliefs with a panel of AUUF members.*

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By Peggy Robinson, Board Chair

A question was asked after Rev. Summer Albayati's sermon on Sunday about the status of our Pacific Northwest District (PNWD). The Pacific Western Region's board and the 4 district boards have been discussing dissolving the districts and merging all the functions into the Pacific Western Region. The meeting today was the vote by the Board members of PNWD to go forward with this, which passed unanimously. Two Board members from PNWD will have seats on the PWR Board.

[Update from Your PNWD Board: Intention to Dissolve | Pacific Northwest District of the UUA \(pnwduua.org\)](#)

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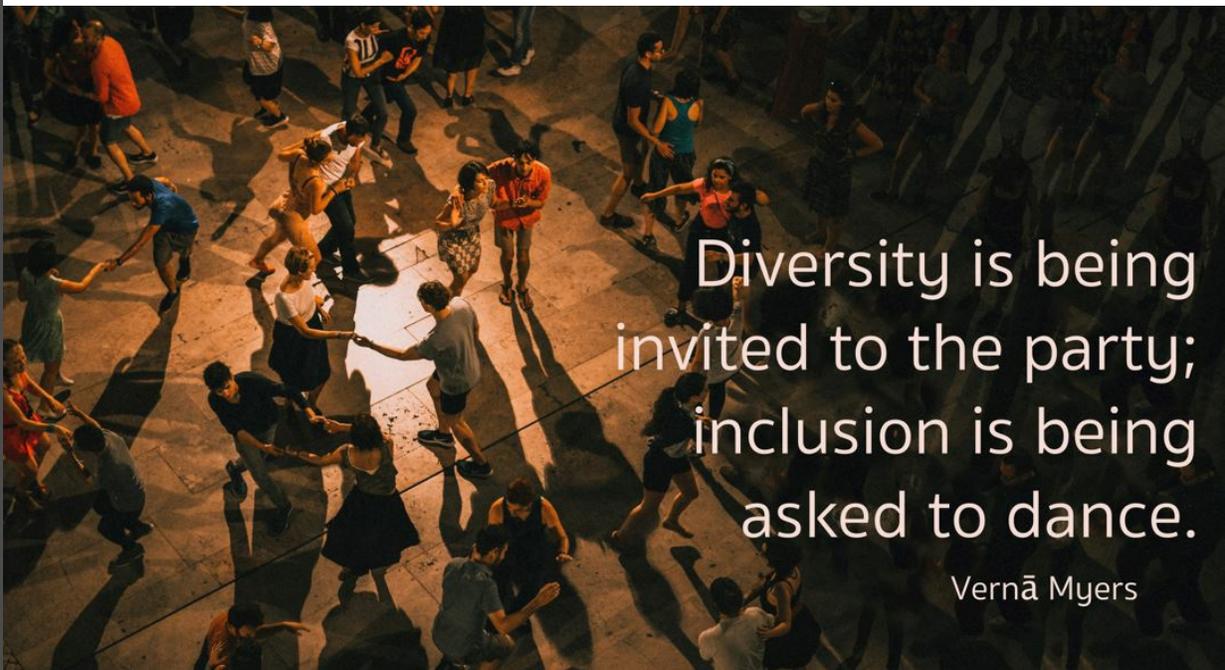
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Class on Zoom

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Wouldn't it be fun for folks to wear Side with Love gear and take the AUUF banner? If someone would like to organize that let me know (Rev. Lise).

Here's a hint of what the resolution will be:

WHEREAS, the bookends of Macon Lanier Roberts lifetime span more than a time period of great social change in America, but mark an incredible journey from being born in rural Mississippi at a time when he and anyone like him couldn't vote, to growing up during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, to traveling the world and becoming a leader and elected official, in Anchorage, Alaska, and ending in November 2021 surrounded by his family.

Yay, Macon!!

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## Anti-Racism Team Corner

It's Black History Month, so keep your eyes open for interesting events around town! Here are a few events we've heard about:

*Black Lives in Alaska: Journey, Justice, Joy.* This exhibition is on view in the atrium of the Anchorage Museum through February 13.

*Diversity Workshops.* The Anchorage YWCA is offering three diversity workshops this spring, all virtually:

- Implicit Bias Workshop, February 22 and April 7
- Anti-Racism & Whiteness Workshop, March 7 and April 21
- Microaggression Workshop, February 8 and March 23

For more information and registration, visit [YWCA AK](#)

*Beloved Conversations Virtual.* This racial justice program for Unitarian Universalists is offered by the Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Registration is now open for the spring session, which runs from March 22-June 7. For more information, visit [Meadville Edu](#) or contact AUUF's Anti-Racism Team.

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Paramilitaries  
by Cari Sayre

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## VIDEO PRESENTATION

Legacy Tours of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team World War II battlegrounds and memorials in France

## DISCUSSION PANELISTs

Stuart Hirai on 442nd Regimental Combat Team history Dr. Brian Yamamoto on Legacy Tours history Nora De Bievre on Nisei Legacy Tours for 2022

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AUUF has put a pause on all indoor gatherings for now, but the snow is glorious! We hope you'll join us for a sledding party at the Kincaid Chalet, on Saturday, February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm. Bring your sleds and helmets, and we'll provide the hot cocoa!

If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Olson at 907-947-8528 or Becca Bernard at 907-244-3988. We hope to see you there!

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# Because We Love Our Neighbors



## *Joint Service of Worship & Forum Because We Love Our Neighbors*

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10 am Sunday, February 13, 2022

*"Because we love our neighbors . . . Interconnectedness, and pledging for our values and our mission to enrich our lives and community"*

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry; Becca Bernard, Worship Associate

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## February at the Forum

On Sunday, **February 6**, we had a thought-provoking and important presentation about the **"End of Life Movement,"** by **Amy Hetzler**, who joined us from Missoula, Montana, and **Ella Saltonstall Katelnikov**, from Kodiak. Both are representatives of Compassion & Choices, a national non-profit working to improve patient rights and individual choice at the end of life, including access to medical aid in dying.

On **February 13**, there will be **no separate Forum**. Instead, there will be an **all-Fellowship Service at 10 a.m.** that will focus on stewardship and pledging for our values and mission. **Rev. Lise will discuss the interconnectedness of AUUF, how it supports and enriches our lives, our larger community, and how important it is to have a progressive liberal voice in our world.** There were originally plans to have separate programs about this for the Forum and for the Worship Service, each at their regular times, but as we discussed it we kept coming back to the importance of the fact that we are all part of one community, in this together.

On **Tuesday, February 15**, you can join others from AUUF and the broader community at the **Anchorage Assembly** chambers as the municipal assembly, under the leadership of AUUF and Anchorage Assembly Member Kameron Perez-Verdia **recognizes the life and contributions of Macon Lanier Roberts**. Macon, who regularly attended the Forum, was a beloved member of our AUUF community who died last November surrounded by his family—his remarkable journey from being born in rural Mississippi at a time when most African-Americans could not vote, to growing up during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, then traveling the world and becoming a leader and elected official here in Anchorage. Kameron suggests that folks can **arrive at the Assembly Meeting room at Loussac Library between 5:45 and 6 pm**; his plan is to have the resolution passed as soon after that as possible.

On **February 20**, our speaker will be **xenologist Stuart Hirai**, joining us from Colorado to talk about “Japanese American Heroism” in WWII. Stu is Sensai—third-generation Japanese-American—and will tell us about his Nisei (second-generation Japanese American) mentors, the famed 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, incarceration camps, and resisters. Among many other things, Stu is cited in the acknowledgments in Daniel James Brown’s excellent book about these subjects, *Facing the Mountain*, which you might enjoy reading before or after this talk.

On **February 23**, which is the last Sunday of Black History Month, **Rex Lamont Butler** will speak to us about “*Fighting Racism in Alaska’s Justice System—A Work in Progress*.” Rex has been a prominent Anchorage criminal defense attorney for nearly four decades. Through this and other involvement in the community, he has been both a participant in and close observer of our justice system and will share his thoughts on the way it has been affected by racism, institutional and otherwise.

Finally, for those of you who were unable to attend the **celebration of life for Macon Roberts** service last month, Ken Winterberger has done a great job of creating a posting a **video of the service** that you can find by going to the AUUF podcast page. **You can download it or**, because it is such a large document due to all the wonderful video that Macon’s son, Dylan, put together for the memorial service, **you can simply stream it**, thanks to Ken’s work. To do that, go to the first item after the Margo Bellamy podcast, titled —“Macon Roberts - Celebration of Life,” and then right under where it says “Video” and you see three buttons (More, Watch, and Download) click on the one that says “Watch.” As always, you can **send your ideas for either programs or specific speakers** to the Forum Committee Chair John McKay at [mckay@alaska.net](mailto:mckay@alaska.net), or pass them along to other Forum Committee members: Dennis Arishiro, James Dryden, Heather Flynn, and Lynn Halquist.

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## February Worship

This month our worship theme is Widening the Circle, a good thing to consider as we celebrate black history month and continue to envision and work for a world where opportunity and justice are served equally. Alongside just big-ticket items, we also can consider how we can be more inviting to others regarding varying religious beliefs, communication styles, or political views. There is a lot to contemplate. We hope you’ll join us for worship so we can ponder these things together. Oh, and worship services will continue to be Zoom only through the month of February.

### **February 13, 2022, 10 am, Zoom only Worship Service**

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This is a joint service with Worship and the Forum, beginning at 10 am.

### **February 20, 2022, 11 am, Zoom only worship service**

**Season of Nonviolence—Black contributors to the movement**

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January 30 through April 4 is celebrated as the Season of Non-Violence and I imagine we all have heard of Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Jr. as fierce advocates of this method of protest. But how much do you know about folks like Josephine Baker or Ella Baker?

### **February 27, 2022, 11 am, Zoom only worship service**

**W.E.B. Du Bois and the NAACP**

**Rev. Lise Adams Sherry; Cassie Thomas, Worship Associate**

W.E.B. Du Bois was the only black leader in the original group of leaders of the NAACP. How did he influence this foundational body and open the door for other black leaders to follow?

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## Updates from Religious Exploration

Another sledding event for the younger set or any age!! Saturday, February



19, from 1-3:00 pm. At Sunset Park (600 Vine Ave in Government Hill) This is a wide, gentle, sledding hill with easy and steeper grades.

### OWL Facilitators needed for JR High/High School Age

To continue the OWL program in the coming years, we have a great need for more trained facilitators. Current leaders have been facilitating for many years, and while they enjoy it, it takes 4-6 leaders every time it's offered, which is twice most years. So it's necessary to have a deep leadership pool! There is a monthly online training for facilitators being offered on the UUA this year. There will also be some in-person training down south. This is always great training, both educational and fun! And now you don't even have to travel, though you still have online sessions and some outside work to do.

Please contact Rosene, DLRE for more info.

**Rescheduled OWL classes from Fall to Spring –  
Jr High OWL for 7th/8th grade begins February 26.  
The Elementary Intermediate OWL group will resume on March 20.**



**SOUP LOVE!! Warm Hearts, Warm Soup & Snow FUN!!**  
Saturday, February 26, 4-6 pm  
Trying again for our favorite Meet and Greet Activity! Let's gather around a warm fire at AUUF on a "getting warmer" afternoon to share soup provided by CYRE team and friends. Join with your AUUF peeps and get reacquainted! Lots of fun will be happening!  
Snow painting, Snow sculpting, S'mores, Soup, and "Sugaring off" if there is new snow.

## Peace Camp Info

Peace Camp registrations are rolling in. This seems to be a hot and early year for camp sign-ups in Anchorage!! Don't get left out of this year's awesome Peace camp!  
Any High schoolers that are interested in being a paid camp counselor-- contact Rosene for an application.



### **Register now! –AUUF Summer Camp – July 18 –22, 2022 !!**

As you start making summer plans – Carve out a week of UU fun for your child who has completed K – 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Mark your calendar for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Peace Camp"!

Our UU summer Peace camp will be full of fun with friends. There will be new activities and workshops as well as some golden oldies! Yes, the bicycle rides will be on again, that seems to be a favorite with kids of all ages. Join us for a very fun week.

We will be outdoors again because that was so much fun! We will need several teen Camp Counselors, and also Parent volunteers for in-person camp. Check your mailbox, registration forms were mailed. If you did not receive one, they will be available on the RE Facebook page and AUUF website.



## Send Your Best I-Love-You Valentine!

by Marie Lundstrom  
Stewardship Committee

Remember searching through your collection of valentines to find the very best one, and then agonizing over whether to send it anonymously—or at all—to a person you liked- but didn't want that to be publicly known? Ah, the excitement and pain of youth around the

ides of February! And we still respond to the lure of all the red displays in stores urging us to buy candy, flowers, jewelry, and valentines— packets of a dozen simple ones or elegant singles.

That important deadline, **February 14**, is close, close, close, for the very best, fanciest, lace-edged, I-love-you valentine of all—your pledge to AUUF! Do not miss it! Emails went out to you on February 1 with a pledge form that's easy- peasy to fill out and send in online. Make sure to raise your pledge amount from last year—inflation walks the planet. Send your best valentine, and know for sure that you will make hearts tingle among the worrywart budget wranglers at AUUF as your pledge comes in. Do it now, with love.

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Yay, Macon!!

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## Anti-Racism Team Corner

It's Black History Month, so keep your eyes open for interesting events around town! Here are a few events we've heard about:

*Black Lives in Alaska: Journey, Justice, Joy.* This exhibition is on view in the atrium of the Anchorage Museum through February 13.

*Diversity Workshops.* The Anchorage YWCA is offering three diversity workshops this spring, all virtually:

- Implicit Bias Workshop, February 22 and April 7
- Anti-Racism & Whiteness Workshop, March 7 and April 21
- Microaggression Workshop, March 23

For more information and registration, visit [YWCA AK](#)

*Beloved Conversations Virtual.* This racial justice program for Unitarian Universalists is offered by the Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Registration is now open for the spring session, which runs from March 22-June 7. For more information, visit [Meadville Edu](#) or contact AUUF's Anti-Racism Team.

The History You Weren't Taught in School: Black History, Black Freedom & Black Love. This series of MasterClass talks by prominent Black scholars and leaders including Cornell West, Kimberle Crenshaw, and Nikole Hannah-Jones, is streaming free during Black History Month. Check it out here.

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## Rev. Lise Away

Rev. Lise will be out of town attending a minister's meeting from January 30-Feb. 6, at which time she will be periodically available via email. After that, she's taking a week of vacation and will not be available except for major emergencies until Feb. 13. In her absence, please contact our ministerial intern, Rebecca Bernard, with any questions or pastoral situations at 907.244.3988.

## AUUF Administrator will be away

Also our Administrator, Gina Molletti will be out of the office Feb. 9-14.

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## Japanese American Citizens League Alaska Chapter and St John Methodist Church present

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: HONORING  
THE 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 pm AK

### [Join Zoom Presentation](#)

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Legacy Tours of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team World War II battlegrounds and memorials in France

DISCUSSION PANELISTS

Stuart Hirai on 442nd Regimental Combat Team history Dr. Brian Yamamoto on Legacy Tours history Nora De Bievre on Nisei Legacy Tours for 2022

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we are the dust, the dust that hopes...  
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2-3 pm Walk & Talk with Rev. Lise  
6 pm Finding Your Way to Fellowship  
Class

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6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting on  
Zoom

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## Stewardship Update – 2 weeks In! By Peggy Robinson, Board President

Did you see Rev. Lise's sermon yesterday? "Because we love our neighbors . . .

pledging for our values and our Mission" was a wonderful discussion of how we live our Mission through our various AUUF activities and staff support, made possible by our collective giving of time, talent, and financial gifts. Our personal pledges provide about 80% of our operating income.

We began the pledge drive on February 1 st with an emailing to 194 potential pledging family units. About 70% of those emails were opened. If you did not receive the personalized email, you may download the PDF pledge form from the website or click here. (insert hotlink). The Suggested Giving Guide is also there to help you determine the right amount for you to give.

As of this Sunday, we have received 40 pledges, or 21% of the total email requests. We have received \$90,090 in pledges, about 30% of our goal. That is an average of \$2,250 per pledge. I urge you to please turn in your pledge commitments this week! We have a long way to go to reach the \$307,000 goal, but we believe it is possible with your generosity!

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## Freethinkers

12 pm Noon, Friday, February 18, 2022

### Speaking the Truth

by Cari Sayre

Democracy needs an educated populace in order to survive. In *On Tyranny*, Timothy Snyder encourages us to read books and to move away from the internet and TV in order to figure out Truth for ourselves.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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## Joy & Sorrows

From Joint Service of Forum & Worship February 13

From Becca Bernard: It was a great joy to gather with moon spinners and world makers on the sledding hill yesterday!

From Andrea Van Ravenswaay: Joy: sledding with UU big kids yesterday. Concern for individuals with mental illness who are not receiving basic care

From Cari & Dave: Joy watching the amazing Olympic athletes, concern for the many Tibetans who have suffered for so many years under the Chinese. Also concern for our Talkeetna neighbor who was diagnosed with stomach cancer.

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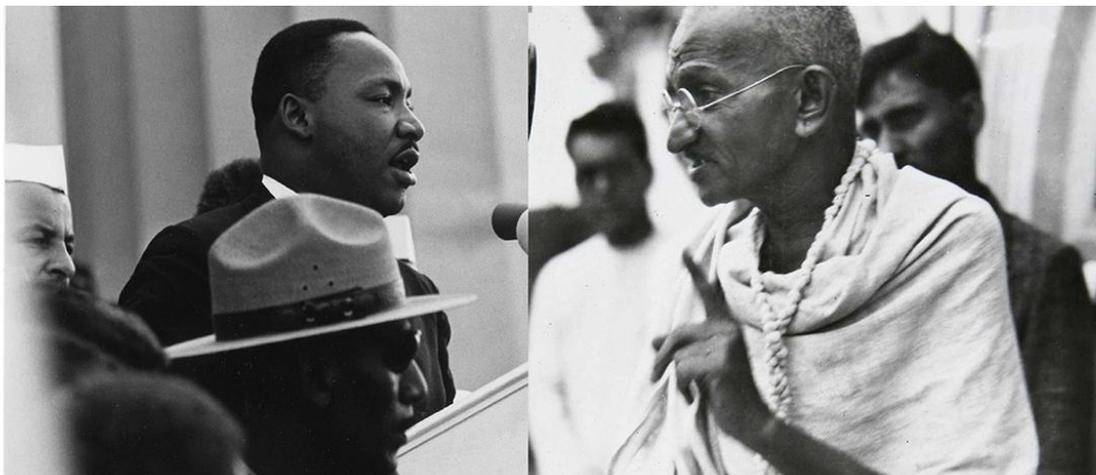
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## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

It's good to be back with you again! (And it looks like I'm going to be here for a while! But more on that in a couple of paragraphs. (-:)

As most of you probably knew, I was down in San Diego for a minister's conference and then stayed with Nelson for a week of vacation and seeing family. It was wonderful to see colleagues (after two years!) and share what we've been doing. As a group, we did a lot of grief work and letting go in our corporate worship. As we know, the pandemic has forced us all to reconsider our priorities, let go of expectations, and be more flexible--not always easy tasks! We also started talking about what's next, which is kind of funny since none of us has learned how to read crystal balls. :- ) (For some reason, it wasn't a UU seminary class . . .)

So what were the conclusions? For those congregations who can, hybrid worship is definitely in the future, if not the present. We'll be looking at ways to recreate and strengthen connections after being virtual for so long, especially with young families who have borne and continue to bear so much stress during this time. We'll be listening to needs and, when appropriate, experimenting with new ways of doing things that fit better into our new world as we move from a pandemic mindset to an endemic one. Continuing to work on social justice issues will also be important as the pandemic has highlighted the vast extremes that exist in our society economically, socially, politically, and racially. Yes, these are big picture thoughts, but remember we didn't have a crystal ball reading class in seminary, so . . .

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By Kelly Spring, Communications Specialist

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 pm AK

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VIDEO PRESENTATION  
Legacy Tours of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team World War II battlegrounds and  
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Stuart Hirai on 442nd Regimental Combat Team history Dr. Brian Yamamoto on Legacy  
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**This Week @ AUUF**

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## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

It's good to be back with you again! (And it looks like I'm going to be here for a while! But more on that in a couple of paragraphs. (-:))

As most of you probably knew, I was down in San Diego for a minister's conference and then stayed with Nelson for a week of vacation and seeing family. It was wonderful to see colleagues (after two years!) and share what we've been doing. As a group, we did a lot of grief work and letting go in our corporate worship. As we know, the pandemic has forced us all to reconsider our priorities, let go of expectations, and be more flexible--not always easy tasks! We also started talking about what's next, which is kind of funny since none of us has learned how to read crystal balls. :-)) (For some reason, it wasn't a UU seminary class . . .)

So what were the conclusions? For those congregations who can, hybrid worship is definitely in the future, if not the present. We'll be looking at ways to recreate and strengthen connections after being virtual for so long, especially with young families who have borne and continue to bear so much stress during this time. We'll be listening to needs and, when appropriate, experimenting with new ways of doing things that fit better into our new world as we move from a pandemic mindset to an endemic one. Continuing to work on social justice issues will also be important as the pandemic has highlighted the vast extremes that exist in our society economically, socially, politically, and racially. Yes, these are big picture thoughts, but remember we didn't have a crystal ball reading class in seminary, so . . .

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## Freethinkers

12 Noon, Friday, Feb 25, 2022

### Who Can We Trust?

by Cari Sayre

Last Friday's discussion began with talk of "false flag" operations. Governments, both dictatorships and democracies, have long used false information to justify attacks (e.g., Germany on the Polish border in 1939, false 9/11 information used to justify the US invasion of Iraq, perhaps currently in eastern Ukraine...).

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)



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ALP recruits, trains, certifies and supports volunteer teachers and tutors who work in a classroom setting or one-on-one teaching reading, writing, and speaking English. ALP provides year-round services for adults and families with young children, concentrating on those most in need. During the pandemic, we adapted our classes to be offered online and added classes for digital literacy, which will remain permanent parts of our programming. Along with English skills, we also provide instruction for citizenship, GED prep, and workforce development training. Additionally, ALP supports the incredible Peer Leader Navigator (PLN) program, which is a health education and community outreach initiative. PLNs are former ALP students from many different immigrant communities who have

undergone a year-long leadership development training. Our PLNs have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide support to some of our most underserved multilingual residents in accessing COVID-19 health information, testing, vaccinations, housing, food, childcare, and relief programs. Through generous donations to our PLN Community Fund, the PLNs helped feed over 100 families with a holiday food drive that featured fresh ingredients that PLNs knew their communities would be excited to cook.

Between our in-person classes, online classes, and GED classes, we have seen record-high student enrollment in this past year. Now we are faced with the responsibility of replacing our condo building's roof this year, a project with a price tag of around \$50,000-\$65,000. We've been in this building since 1986, gradually buying more space over time so that we now own 11 condos. Your generous donations will help make sure we can keep the roof over our head and continue to provide services!

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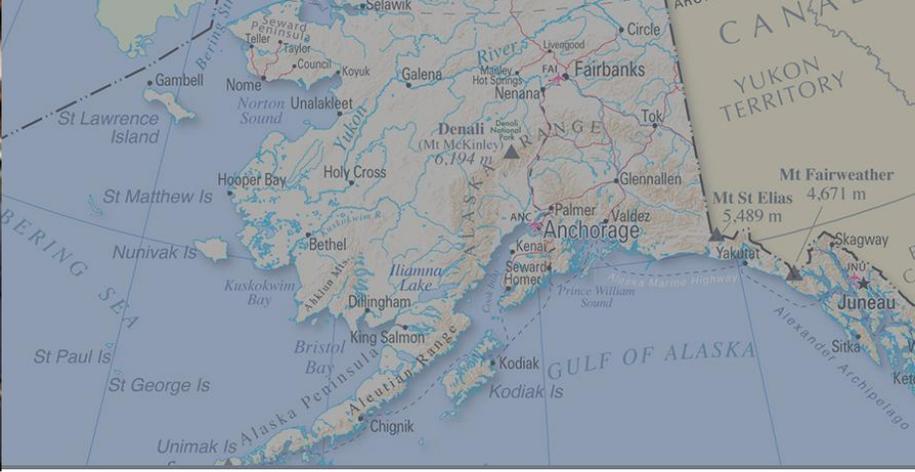
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**Anti-Racism Team Corner**

**6:30 pm Tuesday, March 1**

Please join AUUF's Anti-Racism Team for our next monthly discussion of the book

Mistakes and Miracles, which tells the stories of five UU congregations that are working to create a multicultural, anti-racist beloved community within their walls. Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00pm. Zoom link on the [AUUF calendar here](#).

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## Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

**2:00 pm Tuesday, March 1**

Meet at the Fellowship at 2 pm, March 1, for a walk around the neighborhood. We're usually walking for about an hour. If the weather is discouraging, we can sit inside and chat.

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## Anchorage Hosts Needed This Summer

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**JUNE 4-9 and JUNE 29-JULY 1**

Denise Martin [dulcimer.diva@gmail.com](mailto:dulcimer.diva@gmail.com) is looking for AUUF volunteers who would like to host guests during the dates above. Former hosts will be receiving an email soon asking if they can host again, but first-time hosts are very welcome to help. There are 40 guests expected for each of the 2 tours! Banquet honcho (leaders) and volunteers needed too.

Details on the schedule for Anchorage are now on [AUUF's website](#). Visit [WhaleCoast AK](#) for general tour information and Covid protocols.

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## Worship Services for March

March 6, 2022, 11 am Zoom only

Faith for UUs: Reflections from Women's History Month.  
Rebecca Bernard, Ministry Student; Barb Clark, Worship Associate  
Our worship theme for March is "renewing faith," and March is also Women's History Month. We'll explore what "faith" might mean for Unitarian Universalists and reflect on the idea of "renewing faith" through a prism of women's history and experience.

March 13, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

Esther and the Purim Celebration

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry; Marty Freeman, Worship Associate

As UUs, we honor the deeds and words of prophetic people (mythical and real) who share values that promote equity for all. Esther of the Hebrew Bible was one of these people, and as it's still Women's History Month and Purim is approaching, she seemed like a good person to learn from today. How did her courage and intention make it possible for others to continue and renew their beliefs?

March 20, 2022, 10 am In-person & Zoom

Congregational Meeting, 10 am—Forum and Worship are joined today

The AUUF Board, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

We'll have a little singing, Rev. Lise will share some of her hopes about how we can minister to each other and our world . . . then we'll vote!! Each UU congregation is responsible for "calling" their own minister and deciding how they'd like to govern themselves—this doesn't come down from above—it's AUUF's choice. So whatever your opinion, please come exercise your right to vote!

March 28, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

The View from Her Perspective

The Anti-racism Team

Join us as we share writings from women of color. How can their perspectives and truths encourage us to renew our faith and energy as we work to build a more equitable world? If you have a favorite women author of color, please bring a short reading—we might have time for you to share, too!

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## Online Retreat with David Loy

March 19

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**Today At Your Fellowship**  
**Monday**  
**February 28, 2022**

It is no longer appropriate to think only in terms of my nation or my country, let alone my village. We need what I have called a sense of universal responsibility...

Narrow-mindedness and self-centered thinking may have served us well in the past, but today will only lead to disaster.

Joanna Macy



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**This Week @ AUUF**

[Find Zoom links here.](#)

**Monday 2/28/2022**

**Tuesday 3/1/2022**

4:30-6:30 pm Forum Planning on Zoom  
6:30-8 pm Mistakes and Miracles- Anti-Racism Book Club

**Wednesday 3/2/2022**

5:30 pm CYRE Team Meeting on Zoom  
6 pm Connections Team Meeting  
7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting

**Thursday 3/3/2022**

6-8 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday 3/5/2022**

**Sunday 3/6/2022**

**9 am Virtual Forum**

*UU Traditions: Humanism & Freethinkers*  
Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

**10:15 am RE Chalice Circles**

Online all the time

**11 am Sunday Worship on Zoom**

*Faith for UUs: Reflections from Women's History Month*

7 pm Healthy Congregations Team

**Friday 3/4/2022**

12 pm Freethinkers on Zoom

Rebecca Bernard, Ministry Student; Barb Clark, Worship Associate  
[Click here for Speaker bios.](#)

**4-7 pm Sunday Small Group Chalice Circle**

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## Worship Services for March

March 6, 2022, 11 am Zoom only

Faith for UUs: Reflections from Women's History Month.

Rebecca Bernard, Ministry Student; Barb Clark, Worship Associate

Our worship theme for March is "renewing faith," and March is also Women's History Month.

We'll explore what "faith" might mean for Unitarian Universalists and reflect on the idea of "renewing faith" through a prism of women's history and experience.

March 13, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

Esther and the Purim Celebration

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry; Marty Freeman, Worship Associate

As UUs, we honor the deeds and words of prophetic people (mythical and real) who share values that promote equity for all. Esther of the Hebrew Bible was one of these people, and as it's still Women's History Month and Purim is approaching, she seemed like a good person to learn from today. How did her courage and intention make it possible for others to continue and renew their beliefs?

March 20, 2022, 10 am In-person & Zoom

Congregational Meeting, 10 am—Forum and Worship are joined today

The AUUF Board, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

We'll have a little singing, Rev. Lise will share some of her hopes about how we can minister to each other and our world . . . then we'll vote!! Each UU congregation is responsible for "calling" their own minister and deciding how they'd like to govern themselves—this doesn't come down from above—it's AUUF's choice. So whatever your opinion, please come exercise your right to vote!

March 28, 2022, 11 am In-person & Zoom

The View from Her Perspective

The Anti-racism Team

Join us as we share writings from women of color. How can their perspectives and truths encourage us to renew our faith and energy as we work to build a more equitable world? If you have a favorite women author of color, please bring a short reading—we might have time for you to share, too!

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## Walk and Talk with Rev. Lise

**2:00 pm Tuesday, March 1**

Meet at the Fellowship at 2 pm, March 1, for a walk around the neighborhood. We're usually walking for about an hour. If the weather is discouraging, we can sit inside and chat.

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## Anti-Racism Team Corner

**6:30 pm Tuesday, March 1**

Please join AUUF's Anti-Racism Team for our next monthly discussion of the book *Mistakes and Miracles*, which tells the stories of five UU congregations that are working to create a multicultural, anti-racist beloved community within their walls. Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00pm. Zoom link on the [AUUF calendar here](#).

## Special Congregational Meeting on March 20th

Tomorrow, March 1st, you will receive a special email through the AUUF office officially notifying you of our special meeting to vote on calling Rev. Lise as our settled minister. Please watch for it. It will contain instructions to RSVP for the meeting and how you can participate in it on March 20th at 10 am.

## Stewardship Update

Thanks to the 95 of you who have turned in your pledges ~ with another \$12,540 that just came in after the graphic was made, we're at 79% of our goal!

For those of you who pledged a year ago but we haven't heard from yet this year ..... will you, at the minimum, continue your pledge at the same level for this coming year? Just a quick email to [Stewardship@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:Stewardship@anchorageuuf.org) will be enough to confirm your intention. We need to know this week! Thank you for your support of our mission and programs!

-Your Stewardship Committee



## Safer Congregation Team Snippets

Safer Congregation Team

By David O'Brien, Team Co-Chair

Your Safer Congregation Team has been periodically publishing “snippets” from its recently completed Guidebook. The charted purpose of the Team is to “ensure the protection and safety of the AUUF congregation and building”, and the Guidebook has been written to support this goal.

### Response to Natural Disasters

#### Closing the Building or Delaying Activities

In situations like severe winter weather, or other natural disasters, it may be necessary to cancel AUUF activities or to delay them by some number of hours. It is AUUF policy to follow the lead of the Anchorage School District (when the schools are closed, the Fellowship is closed). AUUF will report these decisions to the appropriate media outlets. The decision to close is made jointly by the Board President and the Minister.

### Bomb Threat

A bomb threat checklist has been added to the end of this document. Fellowship administrators and leaders should familiarize themselves with the protocols. A good internet resource for dealing with [bomb threats here.](#)

**Knitters and Crocheters Needed!**

AUUF's Pastoral Care Team is looking for knitters and crocheters who would like to make prayer shawls and cancer caps for members and friends who are dealing with health issues. If you're interested, email Rebecca Bernard at [rbernard.ak@gmail.com](mailto:rbernard.ak@gmail.com). Or just start knitting, and bring your finished work to the fellowship!

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