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**UUCT - MVUU SPEAKER SERIES BEGINS**
Events are free and all are welcome!
by Craig Rock

The 2017-2018 MVUU-UUCT speaker series will involve many human and civil rights issues connected to our Seven UU Principles. If the event is not at UUCT, we will arrange car pools if you contact me three days in advance at newsletter@uuctucson.org. The two events below are being sponsored by social justice groups at the two UU congregations. In addition, our social justice council is endorsing the School of the Americas Watch event November 10-13 in Tucson, Eloy, and in Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Mexico. See Page 4 for details. More social justice news is on page 3.

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November 5, 2:15-3:50 PM - Literature of the Borderlands. Presented by Dr. Chuck Tatum, Professor Emeritus of Spanish, University of Arizona. Dr. Tatum has lectured extensively on distinguished contemporary writers highlighting the cultural and geopolitical dimensions of immigration. Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 7570 N. Thornydale (between Ina and Magee). Rides available from UUCT if booked in advance. Call Craig 289-5125. (Beautiful Savior Church is the temporary home of MVUU.)

December 3, 2:45-4:15 PM - Immigration Detention in the U.S. and in Arizona, Location: UUCT Worship Hall. Film and Speakers. Locked in a Box highlights stories told by those detained in immigrant prisons across our country. Guest speakers will be members of a local program, the Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program. Come and join us for conversation and information on how you can be involved.

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Exploring UU Churches in the U.S.A.

'Being Different Together'
By Craig Rock, Editor

Our UUCT Hours --Good News!
by Reverend Lyn Oglesby

It has been a concern to some people in the congregation that our office is not open all the time. While circumstances -- that is, a shortage of financial and personnel resources -- do not allow this, we want to be as responsive as we can. So, with the support of all of us, Mary Wiese, our able administrator, is expanding our UUCT office hours, adding Monday to the days the church office will be open 9 AM - 1 PM. As of Monday, Oct. 30, the office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 AM–1 PM. If you need to come to the office on Friday, or later than 1 PM Monday-Thursday, please call or text Mary at 520-349-4521. Mary keeps her phone with her at all times. For safety and security reasons, the office will be open only when there are two people in the building. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Mary know. FYI, during the past two weeks, a man harassed Mary as she walked from the office to the Day Care Center, and another person sexually harassed a Day Care Center worker and the police were called. I have strongly recommended that the office door remain locked at all times, so please be prepared to knock. Jesus is on campus Monday – Thursday but Friday is his day off.

I want to give a big shout of thanks and gratitude to our current office volunteers: Georgia Conroy, Judy Dare, Bob Gordon, Sam Meyer, and Cary White. Cary is going to be away the next two months, and occasionally things come up and a regularly scheduled volunteer can’t come in. So, we need YOU to volunteer to help out. The work is pleasant and easy - greeting visitors, answering the phone and taking messages, occasional light
Many of you have belonged to or visited other UU congregations. Have you ever logged onto their websites or read their newsletters or listened to their sermons? A few weeks ago I watched a sermon on line entitled, “Being Different Together,” by Reverend Aaron White, associate minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas. The YouTube link above will take you there by clicking onto the picture.

This is a sermon for both new and older UUs. It’s a sermon for introducing topics that our newer members may not have considered. It’s also a sermon for those of us who think we’re too old to learn more. “Leave it to the young people to figure out” is our mantra. And again, it’s a sermon for younger idealists who “know” there’s little to learn from their parent’s generation, the people who got us in this mess in the first place.

Rev. Aaron reminds us that the UU community is a place where we should be willing to change, in the sense of acknowledging that we don’t know everything, that we can learn many things from the newer people in our church, and that together we can build a stronger community, doing life together.

On Wednesdays, I’m across the street at the Big Heart Coffee Shop 10 AM-1 PM, so don’t hesitate to drop in. Every Wednesday we have a few “regulars” and a variety of UUCT folks with us for conversation, catching up, doing occasional church business, and getting better acquainted. Every Wednesday morning is fun and interesting—because the people are fun and interesting! So please join us! In faith and love.

Operations - Nuts, Bolts & Volunteers
by Jody Bergedick, VP Operations

As you may already know, this year UUCT has begun using the portfolio model of governance. To quote from our governance plan, “The activities of the church shall fall under grouped administrative portfolios, each of which shall be overseen by a board member assigned to that portfolio.”

In less formal terms it means each of us look out for what is happening in each of our areas and try to catch problems before they, at least in my case with the building, burst.

As VP of Operations I have oversight of the Administrator, Custodian, Child Care, Office work, and acting as an ambassador for our wonderful congregation. Sometimes when Mary needs to give a tour to prospective renters, or has a meeting, you may need to “hold the fort” for a while. We have additional volunteers working from time to time on the data base, making name tags, counting and verifying the deposits. The UUCT office is a lively place -- where the action is. I’m there regularly Tuesday and Thursday, 10 AM -1 PM, and am happy to meet with you.
I usually don’t focus my column on ministers from other congregations. I’m sure Rev. Aaron isn’t the only minister with such skills of persuasion as to capture the imagination of an older UU newsletter editor. But he is perhaps the youngest one I have heard. And what about the other skills of our ministers, our religious educators, and our church members? Are we working together as effectively as possible to counter acts of power, greed, and corruption coming from other sectors of our society?

We are unfinished. In these times of shallow leadership among our country’s leaders, we must nurture a realistic hope that someday our Seven Principles will become a part of our nation’s guide, the preamble, if you will, on how we interact constructively with all people in our country, in our world.

We simply cannot do this alone; we need the help of people with other gods and God, people with no god, or people with no opinion at this time. We need to be flexible. Did you know that UU Church in Dallas with more than a thousand members got its start with a donation of money and a building from the local Temple Emanu-El? And if Rev. Aaron’s sermon inspired you, here’s another that you can view by clicking here.

We will hear voices from another UU church in December. I hope to continue this series as we go into the new year. If you have any suggestions on a particular sermon that you feel should be shared, email me at newsletter@uuctucson.org

Volunteers, Building Committee, Landscaping Committee, Tech Committee, and Personnel Committee. It is a job I definitely could not do alone. I am grateful to work with our Administrator and wonderful committee chairs.

The other important thing portfolio governance does is give you, the congregation, someone to talk to about your questions, worries, and great ideas.

We have an older building which requires ongoing work. My inbox is rarely quiet. Currently we are working on the front and rear beams, the electricity, parts of the kitchen, and numerous other things that come up each day. We are also beginning to form a Building/Grounds/Maintenance Committee. One of committee’s tasks will be to help identify which specific areas of the building need maintenance. (In our case it may be easier to list what doesn’t need work.) Once the list is made they will then help to prioritize what needs to get done first. I know some of you are interested in joining. There is always room for more volunteers, especially when it involves an entire campus. It’s a great thing to be able to help in taking care of our physical home.

I have only been a member here for little over a year. This congregation still amazes me. The passion you all bring to all the endeavors that it takes to keep the place running is inspiring. If you have questions or concerns, or especially great ideas about any of the areas I have oversight of, let me know. Please know I am always available to listen.

CUUPS CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS
by Julie Olson and CD Cooper

The Southern Arizona CUUPS chapter had a good business meeting on October 14. We have three people interested in running for office and we are drafting bylaws that will be approved in November. We also now have a deposit account in the church budget. On average, 20 people show up for our worship services. Two people have become members of UUCT because of their involvement with our group. Five people are now official members of our chapter. People who can’t make it to “big church” on Sundays are enjoying our night-time services.

**Alcohol policy**

Several people have asked about bringing alcohol to events. We discussed an alcohol policy and agreed that it would be appropriate to pour consecrated mead for the ancestors or as an offering. Because children and underage people participate, alcohol should not be passed around the circle (as in communion) or served at the potluck.

**Voting**

If you want to vote on the bylaws and the officers, you need to become a chapter member by the start of the business meeting on Nov 11. You must be at least 16 years old. Fill out the membership form and pay your dues. If you need a membership form, please email sazcuups@uuctucson.org.

**Sunday Service on October 29**

The theme of this service was Connecting with Our Ancestors. Members of the chapter led the service. We presented a UU Pagan service that blended familiar elements of our traditional UU services with a traditional Wiccan circle. Julie led us in a guided meditation instead of giving a message/sermon, and a few people were moved to tears. We were very grateful to have this opportunity. The UU ancestors we invited were the following: Louisa May Alcott, William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson, ee cummings, Margot Adler, Julia Ward Howe, Abigail Adams, Susan B. Anthony, Roger Nash Baldwin, Buckminster Fuller, Laurel Clark, JM Andrews, John Buerhens, Harold H. Burton, Dana Greeley, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. See a more complete list of UUs on Wikipedia by clicking here.

**Samhain Ritual on October 31**

22 people gathered on the patio behind Holland Hall to remember our beloved dead (people and pets who have died). We honored those who have left us and lit candles. The stories were moving: “He was a complicated person, but easy to love... my grandmother couldn’t cook.... my grandmother taught me to cook... he was a good cat and preferred to be called “Bob”. There were both smiles and tears. We remembered Hannah Parkhurst, beloved relatives, difficult dads, and several dogs. In the words of Jason Mankey, “Let us feel your warmth and love once more. You may have left this world, but you have never left our hearts. Let the energy of those who have left us fill up our circle of trust and
friendship. Let our tears be tears of joy, as we feel a brief reuniting with them.”

**Upcoming Events**

We have two more rituals planned for this year, and you don’t have to be a member to attend. All events are free and open to the public, but donations are welcome. Look for details on UUCT’s CUUPS chapter webpage by clicking here, or on Facebook by clicking here.

**Ritual: Repose / New Moon** - Saturday, November 18, 6 to 8 pm. We'll be celebrating the new moon and getting ready for the holiday season. The theme of this gathering is resting in the quiet of the Holy Dark time of year.

**Ritual: Yule** - Thursday, December 21, 6 to 8 pm. A joyful celebration for all ages.
Finance Committee Report
by Margot Garcia, VP for Finance

In October, the church deposited $48,986.24 and spent $38,310.18 for a net of $10,676.06. In analyzing income, we noted that pledges are a bit below what they should be using a straight-line projection, and rental income is a bit above. $9,500 was removed from restricted funds (operating reserve), as authorized by the Board of Trustees, to pay for the purchase and installation of a new air conditioner for Goddard. That is part of the $48,986 deposit. Overall, we are doing very well.

The Board approved increased payments to the PSWD and UUA, so that we are paying $100 a month for a donation to each of $1200. The budgeted amount had been UUA $750 and PSWD $500. In order to be a Fair Share Congregation, we should be paying the UUA $11,115 and PSWD $4,788 (based on 171 members).

We held the cash management workshop and a disappointing few attended. We had a good discussion of some of the finer points of the need to keep separate the people who do deposits and those authorizing or signing expenditures. I have continued to send out the cash management policy to those who did not attend.

The bid to put in the required electrical connection for the new dishwasher came in at $2,000. The electrician has to run a new line from the electric pole and get permits to do the work. We had an extensive discussion of the situation. The Board decided to return

Announcements

Invitations from Rev. Lyn

Do you have a question, concern or issue about UUCT and how things are going? Maybe we can sort it out. I certainly would like to hear from you. Please schedule a meeting with me (Rev. Lyn). My regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM till 1 PM and I’m happy to meet at other times if Tuesday and Thursday mornings are not convenient for you. Just give me a call at 302-747-6633 or email me at revlynoglesby@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Let’s strike a blow for liberty!

We have an election coming up soon, and another in the Fall of 2018. Let’s do what we can to get out the vote and register people to vote, working in teams. It may be too late for this election, but there is plenty of time for the one in 2018. If you are interested in increasing citizen participation in our political process, we can do something about it! Call me (Rev. Lyn) at 302-747-6633 or send an email to me at revlynoglesby@gmail.com and we’ll make a plan! Onward to a better democracy!

Potlucks A Success!

This year’s first Welcoming Potlucks were a great success, with 52 attending 6 potlucks in the homes of Jim and Pam Hannley, Betsy and
the high-heat sanitizing dishwasher (and pay the restocking fee) and purchase a dishwasher that uses 110-watt electricity and chemical sanitizers.

A subcommittee of the Finance Committee met to put together a recommendation for the financial section of the draft Letter of Call and Ministry Agreement. We recommended essentially the same monetary amounts as we now pay to the interim ministry. We are in line with the UUA recommended compensation for a church of our size and in this geographic region. We set a low, medium and high salary amount based on the amount of experience the candidate has. Final amounts will be negotiated with the candidate.

Thank you for supporting our church financially. We are all in this together.

Margot Garcia
VP for Finance

Preston McMillan, Sandy and Bo Ongley, Aston Bloom, Ginny Barnes, and Margo and Larry Newhouse. A BIG THANK YOU to all the hosts! We anticipate another set of potluck dinners after the first of the year when the Holiday Festivities are over.

**Holiday Toy Drive**

This holiday season, the UUCT Care Team is sponsoring a toy drive supporting Aviva Children’s Services. Aviva serves the foster children of Pima County. A donation box will be available in Goddard Hall from **November 7 - December 7**. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for children from newborn to age 18. Flyer attached. Any questions, please contact Marsha Newcomb at marshanewcomb@gmail.com

**OWL Visitors Need Housing**

OWL needs home hospitality for visitors from UU Churches in New Mexico, Beacon, Chandler, and Flagstaff. If you have an extra room, please email sammeyer13@gmail.com as soon as possible. Transportation might be needed as well. Food will be provided at the
Youth On Their Own Resale Home Store

Youth On Their Own Resale Home Store is a resale store specializing in the sale of gently loved and new home goods and accessories. All proceeds benefit the Youth On Their Own program.

The Resale Home Store also provides retail internship opportunities for selected YOTO students. Students earn a salary, and gain valuable job experience.

Come In and Shop!
Your purchase will help kids caught in poverty, abuse and abandonment to stay in school and graduate. Help make the difference! Stop by and shop. You never know what you will find!

New items arrive every day. Check out the photos on the YOTO Resale Home Store Facebook page.

Donate Items
Are you downsizing? Changing decor? Not entertaining as often?
Donate your new or gently used home goods, such as: kitchen, bed, bath, & home decor

By donating to the YOTO Resale Home Store, you can get a tax deduction or help kids stay in school.

We are unable to accept: clothing, jewelry, accessories, large electronics, large furniture, large appliances, used mattresses.

Did You Know?
• Tucson Ranks in the top 5 U.S. cities for highest poverty!
• Over 9,000 kids are at risk of dropping out in Pima County through no fault of their own.
• To win the war on poverty, a person needs a

OWL training January 5-7, 2018. Thanks!
From Sam

Important Invitations and Updates

From the Ministerial Search Committee

Important November 5 Meeting on Survey Results

The Ministerial Search Committee thanks you again for the great response to the Congregational Survey! Want to know what you and your fellow congregants told us on the survey? Then join us on Sunday, November 5 at 12:00 in Holland Sanctuary. The Search Committee will be presenting the results of the survey. We hope you’ll join us and stay engaged and informed about the search process!

Also, save the date! The Search Committee will be sponsoring a Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop, led by Keith Kron from the UUA in Boston, on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister, and it is an important part of our search process. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

This month, the Search Committee will be putting the finishing touches on the digital search “packet” that will give prospective ministers a wealth of information about our congregation and Tucson in general. The finalized version will be sent to the UUA in Boston before Thanksgiving, and prospective ministers will begin reading about our congregation in detail by the end of the month.
job. But you cannot get a job without a high school diploma.

Location: 1642 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712 (SE Corner of Pima and Alvernon) (520) 545-0602

Store Hours: Wednesday through Saturday only: 10 AM - 5 PM

Donations can be dropped off at the main YOTO building next door, weekdays 9 AM - 5 PM.

Share the Plate in November
Youth on Their Own (YOTO)

Every month on the third Sunday, an organization chosen by the congregation receives half of the non-pledge donations received that day—this is Share the Plate Sunday. The November recipient is Youth On Their Own (YOTO), a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless, unaccompanied youth in Pima County.

The organization was founded in 1986 when Ann Young, a guidance counselor at Amphitheater High School, became concerned about the increasing number of homeless students... so she took it upon herself to do something about it.

Young’s initial idea was to buy a home for a group of homeless teenage girls. She presented this proposal, along with the stories of the students she aimed to help, to a group gathered at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church dedicated to assisting Tucson’s homeless community. People were appalled at the situation and jumped at the opportunity to help. Soon, Young had an army of volunteers, and managed to raise $80,000 in a

Take another look at the Search Committee’s website, which is being continuously updated, so you can stay informed. The results of the vision circles will be posted there as well as other information as it becomes available. You can find the site by clicking here.

Membership Book Signing

Membership Book Signing will be available immediately after the Service on Sunday, November 12, in the sanctuary. If you are considering joining the church, please remember to schedule a meeting with Rev. Lyn before next Sunday (Nov 5), and please let Rev. Lyn (revlynoglesby@gmail.com, 302-747-6633) know. You may also contact Beth Britton or Kathy Hueser. Many thanks, and WELCOME TO UUCT!

Obituary - Orval "Stretch" Liljequist

Orval "Stretch" Liljequist, age 93, "closed his last book" on Sunday, September 17, 2017, in Madison, Wisconsin. Stretch and his wife, Kathy, were members of UUCT from 1986 until 2008 when they returned to Wisconsin. People here who knew him will remember going on interesting hikes in the surrounding countryside with him, where Stretch could identify and point out local birds by recognizing their songs. He is also remembered for his great love of books, and reading. While they were members at our church, Kathy sang in the choir, and they both contributed a lot to our community. His obituary appeared in the Wisconsin State Journal on October 28, where
single morning, thanks to the generosity of the St. Andrew’s congregation. The money funded a group residence for homeless girls. Known as the St. Andrew’s Friendly Environment (SAFE) House, it quickly became apparent that SAFE House was not large enough to accommodate all of the students who needed services.

Young applied for grants and spread the word about the charitable work the organization was doing. At this point, it was known as the Pima County Homeless Teen Project — a marketing specialist later dubbed it Youth on Their Own — and Young knew that if she wanted to continue her project, she would have to apply to become a full-fledged 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. After successfully gaining the designation, YOTO applied for and won a grant from Angel Charity for $100,000 in 1990. That funding, coupled with a community-wide advertising campaign, gave YOTO the exposure it needed to really take off and become the program it is today.

Since then, over 16,000 homeless and compromised students have been empowered to stay in school and pursue opportunities for self-sufficiency. To learn more about this amazing organization and to read some of the success stories of the young people it has helped, go to https://yoto.org/student-stories/.

These student stories will inspire you as nothing else can to be extremely generous in your contributions on November 19, Share the Plate Sunday. You may donate by adding extra cash to the basket or writing a check made out to UUCT with Share the Plate in the memo line.
Health Forum at UUCT
by Craig Rock

Nearly a hundred people met with their state lawmakers at UUCT on October 29 after the Sunday service. State Senators David Bradley and Steve Farley and Representatives Kirsten Engel, Dr. Randy Friese, and Pamela Powers Hannley heard not only from people who experienced challenges with the current health care system, but also from doctors who shared some of their patients’ concerns about an ineffective and expensive network of health care ranging from treatment to insurance.

Some complained that lower insurance rates and better health in general could be achieved if there was more emphasis on preventive care such as timely checkups, proper diet, and more exercise. Others blamed excessive insurance and medical costs on the number of television ads and political campaign contributions. Some complained that doctors in operating rooms ignore advance directives signed by patients, causing unnecessary suffering and expense. One woman complained that her family's health insurance premiums equal her home mortgage payment. Insurance denial for pre-existing conditions was also discussed. One doctor mentioned that generic drugs, although inexpensive, are hard to get because manufacturers don't make enough profit to continue producing the drug.

Other solutions suggested included a single-payer insurance system, a buy-in option to state Medicaid, improvements in the Affordable Care Act, doctors accepting more health care plans, and more compassionate patient care as experienced in Europe and Canada. Additional information on these issues will be featured in future newsletters. Special thanks to our UUCT member/State Representative Pamela Powers Hannley for putting together this excellent program.

Coming in January!

Nonviolent (Compassionate) Communications (NVC)

Be the Change

Concerned About Workers' Rights?

Check the Label on Those Oreos

(From the Interfaith Worker Justice Newsletter)

Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) has teamed up with the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers, & Grain Millers union (BCTGM) for a seven-city international investigation into the hiring, firing, and outsourcing practices of Nabisco parent company Mondelez.

In 2016, Mondelez laid off 600 Chicago-based bakers and moved those jobs to Mexico, where workers are paid only about a dollar an hour.

As Mondelez prepares for another round of outsourcing, IWJ will interview workers in each of seven cities to learn about how layoffs and broken promises by Mondelez hurt working people, their families, and their communities.

You can find video and photos from these events on IWJ's social media channels and they will be releasing reports toward the end of the year. In the meantime, don't forget to check the label and boycott Mexican-made Nabisco products!

To support Interfaith Worker Justice, click here.

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Nuclear Weapons 101
You Want to See in the World

Are you wondering how to connect with people in your life who have radically different political views from yours? Or how to interact more effectively with people with whom you disagree? When you talk with those on the opposite side of an issue, is it difficult to listen without getting defensive, justifying your position, or thinking about your rebuttal before the other has finished speaking?

Would you like instead to live in a world:

Where everyone's needs matter and every voice is heard?

Where conflict can be resolved with care and kindness?

Where you meet your needs in cooperation with mine and not at my expense?

Mountain Vista UU (Tucson), UU Church of Tucson, and Sky Island UU (Sierra Vista) invite you to a two-day training workshop for Southern Arizona UUs.

NONVIOLENT (COMPASSIONATE) COMMUNICATION, “NVC”
A language of compassion in speaking and listening, and living your values

WHEN: Two Saturdays <> January 6 and January 13, 2018 <> 9 AM to 4 PM
WHERE: UU Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd St., Tucson, AZ

The first day we will start exploring and understanding NVC, and the second day will bring us more practice and confidence with our new skills. This two-day workshop is led by Sylvia Haskvitz, a Tucson resident who has

from Physicians for Social Responsibility

YouTube Video

Joining the Conversation by Jonathan Deaton

Ten UUCT members attended the “Forum on Nuclear Weapons in Dangerous Times: Nuclear Weapons, War, and the Environment” on October 21 at the University of Arizona. We learned that 15,000 nuclear weapons are available to various countries around the world. Both education and action are necessary to contain this world-wide threat to human existence, especially given the personalities of some of our world leaders.

The forum was organized by the Arizona Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. In addition to local activists and lawmakers, the keynote speaker was Dr. Ira Helfand, co-director of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. This group is part of the steering committee for ICAN, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. ICAN was the recipient of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. A similar talk by Dr Helfand can be heard as a Ted Talk, click here.

Rev. Steve Keplinger of Grace St Paul Episcopal Church also gave a rousing talk. Here's some basic information about the threat of nuclear war:

Which countries possess nuclear weapons?

Nine countries possess nuclear weapons: the United States, Russia, China, the United Kingdom, France, Israel, India, Pakistan, and North Korea.

How many nuclear weapons are in the world today?

There are approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons in the world. 9,400 nuclear weapons are active in military arsenals. The rest are retired. 4,000 nuclear weapons are considered “operationally available.” 1,800 nuclear weapons are on high alert and can be launched in fifteen minutes or less.
been living, sharing, and teaching NVC since 1989. In addition to leading workshops, Sylvia is a certified NVC trainer, has written books and essays, and produced TV and radio programs focusing on NVC.

Thanks to subsidies from the sponsoring congregations, registration fees are a bargain at:

- $55 per person, prepaid by November 30
- $65 per person prepaid after November 30

Fee includes the two-day workshop and lunch on both days.

Some $20 scholarship rates are available for folks with limited resources.

REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!
Online Registration Click Here:

QUESTIONS?? Text, call or email Bob Wallace 414-617-3914
bob@robertmwallace.com

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UUJAZ Issues & Action day
by Sam Meyer

UUJAZ Issues & Action day was a powerful gathering of UUs from around the state to become informed and engaged in social justice work throughout the state. The summit began with a summary of what UUJAZ is and does. UUJAZ is engaged in full-spectrum justice, which draws on categories such as service (soup kitchen, clothing drives), education (guest speakers, adult RE classes), organizing (building coalitions), advocacy (Day at the Legislature), witness (rallies, marches), and philanthropy. By connecting these different activities at different churches, we have a larger collective power to effect change.

Following our short worship, we heard a presentation on Intersectionality. I learned that each person is made up of different parts or ingredients. For example, my identity is made up of being a UU, being female, having an AZ driver’s license, being a parent, being a spouse, volunteering, liking to cook, and enjoying reading. Intersectionality is how these things come together: for example as a parent I am interested in education

How would people be impacted by a nuclear attack?

A nuclear attack on any city would be a humanitarian catastrophe. One nuclear weapon could potentially wipe out an entire city. The heat and blast effects would indiscriminately kill tens of thousands to tens of millions of civilians depending on the city’s density and the explosive power of the warhead.

The 15-kiloton atomic bomb that the United States dropped on Hiroshima immediately killed 70,000 people and injured approximately 75,000 people. By the end of 1945, 140,000 people in Hiroshima had died. The 21-kiloton atomic bomb that the United States dropped on Nagasaki immediately killed 74,000 people and injured 75,000 people. 90,000 people in Nagasaki were dead by the end of 1945.

Today’s strategic nuclear weapons are between 6 to 333 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A PSR study modeled the humanitarian impact of launching 300 Russian nuclear weapons against U.S. cities. The study found 75 to 100 million people would die within 30 minutes.

In the event of a nuclear attack, physicians and health professionals would not be able to deliver medical assistance to immediate survivors. Physicians and relief agencies such as the International Committee on the Red Cross warn that a meaningful emergency response to the use of nuclear weapons on any city is impossible. A nuclear attack would destroy a city’s healthcare infrastructure, kill the majority of health professionals, and render transportation and communication systems unusable.

Using nuclear weapons have long-term impacts on global health and the environment. Scientific research shows that a regional war using less than one percent of the global nuclear stockpile would drastically disrupt the climate and put two billion people at risk of severe malnutrition.

Are nuclear weapons legal?

The nuclear-armed countries party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty are legally obligated to negotiate complete nuclear disarmament and eliminate their nuclear weapons. However, all nine nuclear-armed countries are working to perpetuate and upgrade their nuclear weapons programs rather than fulfill their existing legal disarmament obligations. The United States plans to spend $1.2 trillion over 30 years to
advocacy and fixing the education crisis in Arizona. I encourage you to see the justice strength training workshop at www.uujaz.org/jst or the TED talk on the same subject.

There were several expert speakers. The Phoenix Restoration Project came to speak about their work helping immigrants freed from long-term detention connect to their families. This group of ladies meet at the bus station (on rotation) every night with their cell phones. They help immigrants get bus passes and survive a week-long bus trip to the other side of the country. The issue is compounded by the late night drop off, their having no phones, most of their possessions having been ‘lost in processing,’ and being in a country where they do not understand the language. Following this presentation was an update on Save our Schools Arizona and the tremendous work they did over the summer in getting the revocation of the empowerment scholarship expansion (school voucher) law put on the ballot for a voter referendum. That will be appearing NEXT November (2018) on your ballot unless the legislature chooses to repeal and replace during the upcoming legislative session.

Watershed Management Group (WMG) spoke about many different kinds of water conservation. From passive water harvesting, graded landscaping, and storage tanks to statewide water policy, there was a lot to learn. I would encourage everyone to visit WMG’s Living Lab facility on 1137 N Dodge St. There was also a wonderful UU who spoke about her work on economic inequality and how the process works, from SNAP and CHIP to food stamps and economic injustice among various gender and racial backgrounds.

Later, everyone broke out into groups based on the five focus areas of UUJAZ: education, racial inequality, immigration, economic inequality, and water. The day ended with Anne Schneider giving us a look at what is going on at the legislature this upcoming session. I encourage you to email me (sammyer13@gmail.com), your UUJAZ congregational contact, if you would like to join one of the Issue Action Teams for the 2017/2018 season. I have a job description, and the most demanding part of the job is attending a monthly meeting via computer (TRAINING AVAILABLE!!). Please also let me know if you would like to get a free subscription to Anne’s weekly Legislative Digest so you know what your politicians are up to in Phoenix.

substantially improve the capability of its nuclear arsenal.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted by the UN General Assembly in July 2017 to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty by comprehensively prohibiting nuclear weapons. The TPNW makes it illegal for parties of the treaty to use, develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess, stockpile, transfer, receive, threat to use, station, install, or deploy nuclear weapons. The treaty will officially enter into force after fifty countries sign and ratify the treaty.

Who has control over using nuclear weapons?

Nine individuals have total authority to use nuclear weapons. In the United States, current nuclear launch procedures leave the President’s power to use nuclear weapons unchecked. Since 1945, any U.S. President could single-handedly order and execute a nuclear war killing tens of thousands to tens of millions of people in under fifteen minutes.

How much do Americans pay to perpetuate the U.S. nuclear weapon program?

In 2016, total expenditures for the U.S. nuclear weapons program was $57.6 billion. Nuclear weapons cost Americans $6.57 million per hour.

The enormous cost of the nuclear weapons spending risks growing. Congress is debating a $1.2 trillion plan to extensively upgrade the existing U.S. nuclear arsenal.

--- Quote from Warsan Shire (Kenyan-born Somali Poet) ---

“No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark...You only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well..... No one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land. --- from Home (2015). (To read the complete poem, click here.)

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This year’s 2nd Border Encuentro at the U.S./Mexico border is a direct response to the call for solidarity with the border communities to resist militarization, support refugees and migrants, and to denounce the US military, political and economic policies in Latin America that create the conditions for forced displacement and violence. There is no wall or border that can deter the solidarity of people!

The Social Justice Council of UUCT endorses the conference although we may not all agree with every group presenting a workshop or presentation. The Unitarian Universalist Association has long been a critic of the training provided to some military and non-military personnel of governments with poor human rights records. This training has taken place at several military installations in the United States, including Ft. Benning in Georgia and Ft. Huachuca in Arizona. UUs in general also oppose the militarization of the U.S./Mexican border. UUCT is the fiscal agent for No More Deaths and we support its life-saving work in the desert and its investigations of human rights abuses by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Here is the weekend schedule of events. A link describing the workshops and events is also included. To register for the conference link on here. The conference is free but donations are appreciated.

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, November 10 - Tucson/Eloy, Arizona**
Friday Evening, November 10 - Nogales, Sonora

7:00pm Justice for José Antonio Elena Rodríguez Vigil*

* Five years and one month after his murder at the hands of US Border Patrol Agent Lonnie Swartz,
the family of José Antonio Elena Rodriguez and the Border Patrol Victims Network
invite those who are in ambos Nogales, and those who cannot cross the border
into the US to join them for an evening vigil at José Antonio’s cross along Calle Internacional.
For more information, contact Ana María Vásquez, 813-804-0634.

Saturday, November 11 - Nogales, Arizona/Sonora

7:00am  Encuentro Registration - Hotel Americana, 639 N Grand Ave (Arizona)
/ Escuela Primaria Abelardo L. Rodríguez, Fenochio 23 (Sonora)

8:00am  Welcome, Know Your Rights and Speakers - 639 N Grand Ave (Arizona)
/ Plaza Miguel Hidalgo (Sonora)

9:00am  Bi-national Veteran-led March to the US/Mexico Border Wall

10:00am Rally at the U.S./Mexico Border Wall

12:30pm Forums & Workshops

5:30pm Social Gathering at Hotel Americana - Hotel Americana, 639 N Grand Ave (Arizona)

8:00pm Concert at the US/Mexico Border Wall

Sunday, November 12 - Nogales, Arizona/Sonora*

9:30am Welcome & Blessing

10:00am Speakers & Musicians
11:10am  Litany & Presentes  
12:40pm  Puppetistas!  
1:40pm  Closing  

* Entire program on Sunday will be at the U.S./Mexico Border Wall

Monday, November 13, Tucson

SOA Watch Post-Encuentro Mailing Party! If you are still around the morning of Monday, November 13, we’d love for you to join our SOA Watch Post-Encuentro Mailing Party!  
  o 10:00am at the Global Justice Center - 225 E 26th St

Peace Vigil and Celebration of Life of Fr. Jerry Zawada, OFM  
  o 8:00-8:45am, Peace Vigil Outside David Monthan Air Force Base (Craycroft Rd entrance)  
  o 9:15am, Celebration of Life at St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church (3809 E 3rd St, Tucson)  
    o For more information: 520-323-8697 / nukeresister@igc.org  
    o For updates, please visit www.nukeresister.org/future-actions/  
  o You are invited to bring a photo or other small memento for an altar to remember and honor Jerry

Jerry Zawada, Presente!

For a description of the various workshops, [click here](#).

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