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Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Our mission is to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.

Upcoming Sunday Services

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May 1: "The Wisdom and Importance of Play"
—Angela Mason, LCSW

New research and Unitarian Universalist perspective supports having fun. It is good for our brains! As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Angela Mason brings a therapeutic foundation and perspective to her work with victim family members and clients, especially where trauma and grief are concerned. She's a member of 1st UU Church, L.A., and completed a sermon-writing class with Rev. Rick Hoyt-McDaniels and Rev. Tera Little.

May 8: "Whose Are We? Reflections on Covenant"
—Reverend Anne Felton Hines

It is said that Unitarian Universalism is a faith grounded not in Creed, but in Covenant. What does that mean? How does that look in our personal lives? What does it mean in congregational life, especially when embarking on a new ministry?

May 15: "Getting to Know You"
—Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn

Our hasty way of life encourages us to make quick judgements about those we meet. We often make our minds up about people in the first 30 seconds of encountering them. Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn proposes a culture shift that allows us to honor the inherent worth and dignity of all, by opening our hearts and minds and being guided by curiosity. As we embark on candidating week, what gems might we learn about one another that are not apparent at first glance? What connections might we nurture in this community?

May 22: "Imagine..."
—Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn

After a week spent learning about one another, Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn takes us on a visionary journey. What kind of future might we co-create? What kind of community might we hope for? What kind of world can we envision? Let's imagine the possibilities together... This is Rev Eaton-Guinn's second sermon with us in candidating week, with a congregational vote to follow. **Please note, there is only one service this day at 9:15.**

May 29: "Building an Altar to Life"
—Reverend Anne Felton Hines

All are invited to participate in a special Memorial Day service by bringing a photograph or memento of a loved one who has passed away. Those who wish to may also share a memory of the person; and through our stories and keepsakes, we will together build an altar that celebrates life.

CVUUF Sundays on CD: Recordings of most Sunday services are available on audio CD. They may be purchased for a \$3 donation, made at time of order. All proceeds go to the Library Fund. Order yours at the Library bookcase in Social Hall and do remember to pick up the CDs you've ordered!

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Deadline for articles or photos is the 24th day of each month at 6pm. Direct submissions to: newsletter@cvuuf.org
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Weekly News & Notes

(Sunday handouts/ weekly email)
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In the Meantime...

Reverend Anne Felton Hines

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Now that we know who the Candidate is for your next Settled Minister (Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn), and you will be meeting her the week of May 15-22, I thought it a good time to share with you a "profile" I came across of the "perfect minister," written by Rowland Crocher and others. I offer it to you now, with tongue planted firmly in cheek!

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect minister...

- > preaches exactly fifteen minutes. She condemns sins but never upsets anyone.
- > works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor.
- > earns about \$100 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor.
- > is 28 years old and has preached 30 years.
- > has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of her time with senior citizens.
- > smiles all the time with a straight face because she has a sense of humor that keeps her seriously dedicated to her work.
- > makes 15 calls daily on the congregation's families, shut-ins, and the hospitalized, and is always in her office when needed.

If your minister does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches that are tired of their minister, too. Then bundle up your minister and send her to the church on the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 ministers and one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this procedure. One church broke the chain and got its old minister back in less than three weeks....so don't break the chain!

Fortunately, CVUUF doesn't have these kinds of expectations of your ministers; indeed, I've received almost nothing but expressions of support and appreciation from you since I've been here – even all those times when I fall short (no comments on my height, please). You are a congregation with a big heart, and a dedication to the future of this Fellowship.

I am thrilled that you will be meeting Rev. Nica this month, and spending a week getting to know her. I won't be around the Fellowship during that week, working from home instead; I'm looking forward to the time to do some "catch-up" – of which there is much!

Candidating Week is exciting, inspiring, informative, *and* exhausting. But it's also great fun. So be sure to take advantage of as many of the opportunities as possible, and above all, enjoy!

Anne

Reverend Anne will be flying to Baltimore on May 22nd for training to be part of the UUA's Ministerial Transition Team for the Pacific Region. She will return on May 25th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Pastoral Care Committee, pastoralcare@cvuuf.org.

President's Message



Willie Lubka
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On April 16 I was fortunate to attend a community forum at our church on the subject of "Islam and Muslims in America," featuring [Dr. Amir Hussain, Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University](#). The event, which was organized by one of our Chalice Circle groups, attracted a full house. Dr. Hussain illuminated the continuous presence and contributions of Muslims in American society since before the USA was founded as a nation through the present. He put to rest the notion that Islam is a recent arrival to our country or not an integral thread in the fabric of our nation. (An excellent collection of articles and information is available at Dr. Hussain's web site: <http://faculty.lmu.edu/amirhussain>.)

This timely event was a powerful reminder of the values we stand for. As UUs, we welcome people with many different theological beliefs within our congregation. At the same time, we are united in our commitment to live by these principles:

- ♦ The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- ♦ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- ♦ Acceptance of one another and encouragement for 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

Unitarian Universalists commit ourselves to use reason, experience, and conscience to determine our own theology and then take personal responsibility for practicing that theology in all our affairs.

As we witness world events, including the presidential election in our country, I believe the courageous voices and values of Unitarian Universalism are needed now more than ever. Our beautiful community of faith is moving forward into an exciting new chapter in our journey. We have cause for great excitement, confidence, and renewed commitment. Candidating week is coming soon and a great day on May 22 to vote on calling Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn as our new Minister. Our Leadership Cultivation Committee is assembling a tremendous group of candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees in the coming years. Ministries and programs at CVUUF are thriving.

I invite you, ask you, and urge you to commit yourself to CVUUF with more passion than ever. Get more actively involved, bring more visitors, give more generously – share your gifts! Deepen your relationships with fellow UUs. Try a new event, activity, committee, or form of service in the congregation. Read a faith-developing book. Welcome a newcomer. Give a child some positive attention. Propose a new idea or program. Thank someone who deserves thanking - they are all around us. Sing, laugh, and love with more gusto than ever - now is the time.

See you Sunday!

Willie



Religious Education News

Samantha Dickerson, Director of Religious Education (DRE)
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Oh boy, it feels like time is one big blurry ball of excited craziness. There is just so much going on! No, I am most certainly not complaining. Only voicing what so many of us are feeling! (And breathe....)

I feel this amazing buzz in our congregation right now. I love it. People are talking, acting, moving, and it's all for the goal of making our congregation a more cohesive and successful community. Of course we always want what is best for our fellowship! For me, I see/hear/feel a lot of energy being put forth to achieve this. We are a hive of fantastic worker bees! Perhaps that is why I feel that buzz...

One thing that definitely has me buzzing is Coming of Age. I love gushing about this program. It has been so much fun watching this year's participants, Lizette Deemar and Grant Schlaus, come out of their shells. They work hard, and have the biggest hearts. This program cannot function without a fantastic team. This year's facilitators, Erik Halseth and Dana Ryon, have been more than generous with their time, love, and even homes. We not only have amazing adult mentors, Heather Bourse and Brian Pletcher, but peer mentors as well, Caroline Holland and Duncan Smith. Every couple of weeks this group is doing something different—raising money for various organizations, have a little fun at a movie day, and spend time digging a little deeper to see what type of people they truly want to be. This time doesn't only benefit our COA-ers, but all who participate. Every year I look forward to seeing the culmination of this program. I can't wait to see what Lizette and Grant will be presenting to the congregation June 5th. Mark your calendars! You will not want to miss this!



We are inviting our young ones to light the chalice during first service. We now have sign-ups for our families to commit to coming in on a particular Sunday of choice and take a small but important part in the service. This will allow us to stop the last minute rush in finding a chalice lighter and, as an exciting bonus, add the child's name to the Order of Service.

If your young one is interested in assisting at a service, please contact Sam Dickerson at dre@cvuuf.org. We look forward to seeing you and your young one at service.

News From Our Outreach Director



Pamela Lopez

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Outreach activities are on the quieter side this month to allow for our special candidating week.

Join Feeding Hands on Tuesday, May 3. Food prep starts at 2:30 in the Kitchen and dinner is served to our neighbors in need at Calvary Church at 6:00pm. If you haven't participated, you will find it to be a warm community and a very rewarding time spent. For more information contact Anne Ewell.

Citizens' Climate Lobby will be meeting in the Board Room on Sunday, May 15 at 12:15pm.

The Escalating Inequality Group will have its monthly meeting on Monday, May 23 at 7:00PM. (This is a change from the usual last Monday due to Memorial Day.)

SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, June 4 we will have another chalice circle presented Community Forum – Rebuilding Sustainable Community in Uganda.

There are so many ways for you to get involved in being part of our Outreach programs. Follow your passion – Is there a forum you want to present (or do you want to be part of a team of presenters?) Do you love documentaries? We can coach you in putting them on. Join the group that feeds the hungry. Take on climate advocacy, economic advocacy or reproductive justice. You can either find a group that fits your need, or contact me, and we'll see what we can create.

If you have any questions on any of the activities mentioned above, please contact me at outreachdirector@cvuuf.org.

Candidating Week is Coming

The week of Sunday, May 15th through Sunday, May 22nd is Candidating Week for CVUUF. That is the time scheduled for members of our congregation to hear and meet our ministerial candidate, the Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn. It is also a time for Rev. Nica to meet us.

The Ministerial Search Committee has worked hard to find, meet with and interview our candidate. We are excited to be able to present our candidate to the Fellowship. However she is not our minister unless we, the members of CVUUF vote to "call" her as our next settled minister.

So this week will be the time to hear her preach and get to know her while letting her know more about us. This is the time when the congregation can feel the excitement and enthusiasm behind the search committee's conviction that she is a great match for our community.

During candidating week services on May 15 and at There will be meetings with and committees of the and their parents will have her. Through a town hall and Greet" events all will be able to meet with her, while letting her know CVUUF is our spiritual home.



Rev. Nica will preach at both the single service on May 22. her and the board, council fellowship. Our youth, children an opportunity to meet with meeting and several "Meet members of our congregation and get to know more about more about us and why

After the single 9:15am a Special Fellowship this meeting is to offer a call time settled minister. In order Bylaws require a truly overwhelming agreement from our members. The Bylaws require a "Yes" vote from 95% or more from those members attending the meeting. A quorum of 60% or more is also required. (That is about 115 members, considerably more than for regular Fellowship meetings.)

service on May 22 we will hold Meeting. The sole purpose of to the Rev. Nica to be our full for a minister to be called, our

The search committee's job is finished. This is a vital time for you, the members of the congregation to be involved in the process. So please plan on participating during the week. Most importantly, plan on attending the Special Fellowship Meeting and voting.

Until Candidating Week, check News and Notes and other announcements for updates on the schedule of events. You can learn more about Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn at her website: <http://revnica.weebly.com>.

Meet Megan Hook

Dear Members and Friends,

We are so pleased to introduce to you Megan Hook, our Membership Development Coordinator. Megan comes to us with extensive experience in multi-media, especially Facebook and Twitter.

Megan's writing has been recognized nationally at blogging conferences and she has been featured on the Dr. Phil Show and the Rachel Ray Show. Locally, she has worked with the Acorn, and has written a family column on parenting for the Ventura County Star.



She began her work with us, asking questions, finding out what and who we are in order to share that on multi media sources.

Have you taken her survey? Please do. The link is on our Website. Tell us who you are, what your family longs for, and how your family gives and receives from CVUUF. Together we will grow to serve you better 7 days a week.

Many people describe CVUUF as "the best kept Secret;" well Megan is here to "let that secret out!"

Here are a few suggestions from Megan Hook:

How to Stay Connected with CVUUF Beyond Sundays!

Here are 5 ways you can stay connected with the congregation throughout the week:

1. Like us on [Facebook](#) where we post news, events, photos, and must-read articles:
<https://www.facebook.com/CVUUF/>
2. Follow us on [Twitter](#): @uuconejo and on Instagram: @uuconejo
3. Use the [Facebook check-in feature](#) and check-in to CVUUF when you're here for an event, meeting, and yes, even Sunday services!
4. Share your photos of CVUUF events with us so we can post them on social media. Send your photos and a brief description of the event to: cvuufsocial@gmail.com
5. Help spread the word about CVUUF by liking, sharing, and retweeting our social media posts on Facebook and Twitter for others to see!

Looking for a way to serve? The CVUUF Personnel Committee is looking for You!



The Personnel Committee was reorganized two years ago, and we now need some new members. It only meets roughly 4-6 times a year, so it isn't a weekly or even a monthly commitment.

We are especially looking for anyone with professional experience in Human Services, but we welcome anybody with a commitment to serve our fellowship and treat our employees fairly.

If you are interested, please email Tom Wolf at Tomwolfv3@gmail.com.

CVUUF AUCTION 2016

Again, thank yourselves and someone else for the success of Auction 2016!

Statements continue to be compiled and issued. If you haven't received one, or have a question about your statement, please contact Liza Diniakos or Dianna Mueller.

Unsold donations are [online](#)! Click on the link here or go to cvuuf.org. Under the SUPPORT tab, select Auction and Fundraising.

A Celebration of the Life of SHERMAN GAULEY

Saturday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

For more information, please contact Rev. Anne Hines

CARING COMMUNITY

If you are in need of pastoral care, a listening ear, a ride to church, or care while you are ill, our pastoral care team and neighborhood networks are here to help. For more information, call the office: 805-498-9548, email: pastoralcare@cvuuf.org, or find out who your neighborhood leader is at neighborhood@cvuuf.org.

FROM THE THREAT OF DEPORTATION TO THE PROMISE OF CITIZENSHIP



Now a legal permanent resident, Liliana was able to visit a young mother confined in this for-profit prison with Detention Witness.

Join our interfaith celebration of Liliana's freedom!

United Church of Christ Simi Valley
370 Royal Ave
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1pm to 3 pm
followed by a community potluck

People from our Fellowship participated during the 3 years when Liliana was in sanctuary at the United Church of Christ in Simi, followed by 5 years of deferred action while she lived with her family in their Ventura County home and appealed her case. In December 2015, Liliana was granted a "green card" for a path to citizenship.

During this struggle CLUE shared her story through the highest ranks of the Obama administration and the Catholic Church. The President issued changes to national policy for all immigrant families. This journey demonstrates how CLUE lifts up the voice of struggling families to change unjust policies.

Donations payable to CLUE VC will be accepted to continue the fight for justice for working families. For more information call Frank Johnson at (805) 208-3632 or visit <http://cluevc.org> to find out about Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice in Ventura County.

For more information contact: Liza Diniakos (ldiniakos@yahoo.com) Gordon Clint or Barbara Leighton.



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Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in Uganda

a discussion by Peter Keller, Executive Director

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7 pm



Wouldn't you like to know that our donations to help the poor are really doing some good? Church, Rotary, Red Cross, smaller organizations – we all make donations to them hoping they'll make a change in people's lives. Is it working?

Come get a report on the state of poverty in the world. And then learn about what one organization, Aid Africa is doing for the very poor people of northern Uganda. Aid Africa provides simple, direct solutions for rural subsistence farmers, bringing entire communities a step out of poverty. Water, stoves, trees and more....

Aid Africa Executive Director Peter Keller will show you a bit of what life is like for the 90% of sub-Saharan Africans who depend on their crops for survival. You'll see that these families living in dire circumstances can live valuable lives. Maybe you'd like to find a way to help. Maybe you'd like to go see for yourself what life is like for many people not as wealthy as we are. You're invited!

PROGRAM IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

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3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park
For more information eMail: forum@cvuuf.org
<http://forum.cvuuf.org>



The United Nations Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org>) posts videos of United Nations meetings. From the UU-UNO Spring Seminar, the session on the effect of overt and unconscious biases on economic inequality is hosted here.

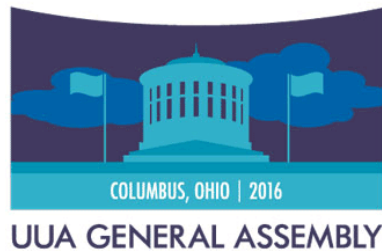
ETHICAL EATING

The United Nations Unitarian Universalist Office (UU-UNO) and Tzu Chi Foundation will issue a joint statement to support citizens of the global community to lower their carbon footprint by limiting meat consumption and choosing local/seasonal produce.

Tzu Chi Foundation is Tzu Chi is an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to relieve the suffering of those in need, and create a better world for all.

CLIMATE JUSTICE

At the UUA General Assembly, attendees of the Paris COP21 will present a workshop on how interfaith groups can take action on Climate Justice. UU-UNO is sponsoring the workshop, and a member of the Tzu Chi Foundation will be on the panel.



**UUA General Assembly —Columbus, Ohio
June 22-26, 2016**

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING OPEN MARCH 1

GA [Registration](#) and the GA [Housing Reservation System](#) open at 9 a.m. EST

HEART LAND: WHERE FAITHS CONNECT

The faith world is increasingly multifaith. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives. General Assembly 2016 will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future for all.



**Catch fire within
a learning community
that can change your life!**

Russell Lockwood Leadership School

**A Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience
in the Pacific Western Region**

**July 23-29, 2016
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center,
Rancho Palos Verdes, California**

**Join us in July
for a Transformative Experience.
Take a wealth of resources back to your
board and congregation.**

Fees:

\$950 "Early Bird" tuition, room and board by May 2
\$1100 tuition, room and board by June 1
\$1200 tuition, room and board by June 30
(\$200 less for commuters)
\$350 Congregational Fee
Transportation is not included.

For more information, contact Diane Larson,
RLLS Administrative Dean, at RLLS@uua.org.

**RLLS — WHERE UU LEADERS ARE MADE
WHERE UU LEADERS ARE NURTURED —
WHERE UU LEADERS GROW AND LEARN**

- One week, exploring the history, values, actions, inspirations and complexities of the Unitarian Universalist liberal religious tradition.
- One week, learning from an innovative faculty and staff, and working with UUs from around the Pacific Western Region.
- One week, sharing a wide range of study and practice focused on experiencing what is meaningful and necessary for UU leaders who wish to be skillful contributors to our congregations and to our local and global communities.

I went to RLLS with interest and curiosity, but never expecting to have the "transforming experience" I kept hearing about. Well, never say never! Despite my best efforts, I did leave transformed, with renewed energy, purpose and insight into how I can best be an effective leader in my congregation while still honoring my own needs. Thank you, RLLS!

**Karen Valbuena
2015 RLLS Graduate**



Visit our website and register today at

<https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/leadership-school>





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Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In order to assist us in fulfilling our mission to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion, we the members and friends of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- Opening our hearts and minds to those who have traveled journeys unlike ours and whose strengths and challenges may be different from ours.
- A welcoming space for all to speak their truth respectfully.
- The importance of deep listening and respect for each other.
- Relationships with others of all ages, and the gifts that each generation brings to our community.
- The democratic process, through which we give voice to concerns and offer our time and energy to arrive at solutions.

In the wider community, we honor our responsibilities for upholding spiritual ideals, engaging in civil discourse with those of other religious traditions, and promoting our UU values.

In my interactions with others in this congregation, I will:

- Speak honestly and directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern, using thoughtful, compassionate language.
- Forgive the errors and shortcomings of myself and others as we contribute to our shared ministry and express gratitude for the many gifts we bring.
- Assume good intentions in those with whom I disagree and examine my own part in the disagreement.
- Listen deeply to, and actively seek resolution with those concerned before engaging the Conflict Resolution Committee, Committee on Ministry, the Council or the Board of Trustees in conflict mediation.
- Expect divergent beliefs and opinions and persist in respectful dialogue—especially in times of uncertainty—remaining open to new understandings while doing my part to sustain this Covenant.
- Respect the minister and staff's professionalism, time and privacy.
- Assume responsibility for understanding the church structure and governance model.
- Assume responsibility for keeping informed of church business.

Through this Covenant of Good Relations, it is our intention to foster healthy and productive relations within our church community as we work together to achieve our mission.



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***A Welcoming Community to all persons regardless of their race, nationality,
sexual orientation or gender identity.***

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Additional UU resource links:

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[\(UUA\)](#) The UUA serves 1,000+ congregations in the US and the world.

[Pacific Southwest District \(PSWD\)](#)

PSWD serves 50 Pacific Southwest congregations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Sunday Service is held at 9:15 & 11:00 am, with Coffee Hour following each service. Children's Religious Education is held during the 9:15am service. Childcare is provided and YRUU (our high school RE program) meets during the 11:00am service.

Visitors are always welcome!