



# CVUUF

## June 2017

### Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

## Sunday Worship Services

### This Month's Theme ~ Growing Together in Wonder

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#### Sunday, June 4 ~ Dragons are Real - Erik Halseth

"Mysteries abound where most we seek for answers," wrote Ray Bradbury. Come explore the intersection of imagination, science, and the infinite nature of the universe, journeying into the spiritual and the scientific in equal measure. This service is led by CVUUF member and UU seminarian Erik Halseth.

#### Sunday, June 11 ~ Guided by Wonder ~ Rev Nica Eaton-Guinn One Service Only at 9:15 followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting

"When the going gets rough, turn to wonder," wrote philosopher Parker Palmer. When life events seem unfathomable and difficult, how can we use wonder and curiosity to spark new insights? Join us to explore how wonder about the ordinary and mysterious occurrences in life might guide our way. There will be one service only at 9:15 before our annual congregational meeting.

#### Sunday, June 18 ~ The Wonder of Music ~ Rev Nica Eaton-Guinn, Joel Rieke & CVUUF Musicians

Music has precious and life-giving capacities. It can offer comfort, inspiration, and life energy. It can help us express or channel our feelings, cross cultural boundaries and serve as a faithful companion throughout life. Join us for this service to explore the life giving essence of music. This is the last time the choir will be singing until September.

#### June 25 ~ I Dare You ~ Sarah Khan

In her compelling personal talk, Sarah Khan dares the audience to take a chance to get to know a Muslim, just as she dared to reach out to the very people she feared as a victim of Islamophobia. Sarah Khan is a Public Speaker, Trainer & Activist. Her ongoing work in engaging local communities in confronting Islamophobia has brought her to schools across Southern California, to TEDx, Al Jazeera's online channel, local newspapers and guest spots on local television, radio, as well as a feature in Forbes Magazine.



# Minister's Message

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## Theme – Growing Together in Wonder

First, an enormous Thank You for a most glorious, joyous celebration of our shared ministry at the Installation on May 6. Thank you to all of you who put an extraordinary amount of time, energy and ideas into creating a touching, beautiful, deeply meaningful day. From the children's chalk art, to the sumptuous decorations hanging everywhere, to the delicious food, fabulous set-up and hugely unexpected surprises, it was a day I will treasure in my heart and soul forever. I mean that, more than you can know.

A profound thanks to each and every person who contributed to this event and particularly to Hilary Rosen, Brian Pletcher, Annie and David Barker for leading the charge! I am looking forward to many joyful years together learning, growing, transforming and enjoying the wonder of life.

Which brings me to our theme for June – Wonder. Parker Palmer, a philosopher whom I admire deeply said: "When the going gets rough, turn to wonder." I love that approach. Rather than reacting to difficult situations, we can change our mind set to one of wonder – a blend of curiosity, amazement and exploration. It has helped me on many occasions shift my thinking and begin to wonder: "what's really going on here?" I encourage us all to explore and embrace wonder as an approach to life. We'll be examining that word from many different perspectives in services this month.

June at CVUUF is full of wondrous moments... We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 11 at 11:00, after one service at 9:15. The following Sunday is Father's Day and our "Wonder of Music" service. And then about 12 congregants and I will leave for our annual UU General Assembly in New Orleans. If you have been following the many changes and discussions going on at the National UUA level, it promises to be a week filled with learning and changes for our Association. We will also be voting on a new UUA President. After our Annual Meeting on June 11, we will be holding an informational session on the topics at this year's GA. So join us then, if you'd like to learn more.

Following General Assembly, I will use the remainder of my 2016-17 vacation and study leave. I will be spending some important quality time with my family, as well as dedicating much of this time to deep study and preparation for the coming church year. This is the time when I read books that have been sitting on my shelf for months and develop sermon ideas for the upcoming year.



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The recommendation from the UUA in ministers' contracts is that this is a time of complete absence from congregational life, so that the minister can turn inward and truly restore vision and energy for the coming year. Please contact our President, Tom Wolf, who is available during this time, or our administrator, Dianna Mueller with any pressing issues.

I will be back at work on the CVUUF campus on July 23, when my husband, Michael Guinn, will be speaking. I'll be back in the pulpit the following week, July 30. I am deeply grateful to all the amazing speakers from within and beyond the congregation who will lead services in late June and July.

Meanwhile, our newsletter will be taking a break in July and August for the summer. Thanks to Jill Lewis for her dedicated, great work on the newsletter throughout the year. It is a tremendous gift of love and devoted effort each month.

I want to let you know that our congregational worship theme for July will be Renewal. In August there will be no theme, but a collection of interesting services, including Michael Eselun, a Poetry service and reflections on General Assembly.

I'm wishing you all a summer of renewal and joy, and look forward to beginning our second church year together.

In faith, gratitude and wonder,  
Reverend Nica



# President's Message

Tom Wolf  
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As I write this in late May it sure doesn't feel it, but summer is most certainly approaching. I know this from my teaching day job for sure, but other than kids getting antsy the weather is not sending any summer like signals.

Even in the summer though, we at CVUUF will be busy. We kick off summer, in a way, with our Annual Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be only one service that day so that we may meet at 11:00. There is an election to hold, a new budget to discuss and vote on, and you will hear from myself, the treasurer and Reverend Nica on our visions for the future.

For those who have already looked at the budget, posted online since May 20<sup>th</sup>, we do have our work cut out for us. It is a challenging time for sure, but it is an exciting time as well. Come on the 11<sup>th</sup> to hear more.

The Financial Stability Task Force has met three times, and I am truly grateful for those members who have stepped up to help out. I think we have a dedicated and smart group there, and they have really started to get a handle on our future financial possibilities.

Nica will be getting some well-deserved time off soon, as well as time at General Assembly and perhaps some study leave. Our great (relatively new but amazing) music director Joel will also be taking some time off this summer. So there will be some new faces as well as some of our own favorite worship associates and musicians helping out on Sundays in the next couple of months.

We are going to try something different this summer, and have only one service on Sundays. This is an experiment for summer only, not for our regular church year. Many of us get away for parts of the summer, attendance tends to be off, and we might even be able to save some money. We are growing in numbers for sure though, and in many ways I can't wait until the fall when both services are back at normal numbers and full strength.

I hope that you are all able to get away sometime this summer with friends or family. It is a great time to recharge batteries, maybe travel, get to a family reunion or a total eclipse in Idaho! Or, if work or a new baby or whatever makes it hard to get away, try to enjoy at least a day at the beach, a night at a Dodger game, or just a good barbecue. Remember, as Bishop Tutu once said, joy is a gift too.

***Tom Wolf***



# News From Our Social Action Director



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Now, just because the newsletter will be taking the summer off, it doesn't mean we're losing the opportunity to get out and participate in a myriad of social action events. Here is a PARTIAL list of ways you can show up this summer. (The CVUUF Social Action FB group will always be updated, so if you have an event you want to share, or if you want to see what's going on – be sure to check it out. If you're on Facebook, but not in the group, just ask to join, and we'll put you in!)

Exploration of white supremacy and its impact on our world and in our faith, is going to be a very big topic at General Assembly. The conversations continue right here at home with the next meeting on June 14.

We will still be feeding our neighbors on the first Tuesday of the month with Feeding Hands. Those dates are June 6, July 4 and August 1. As always, cooks at CVUUF, home cooks, servers, and folks to clean up are welcome and appreciated.

The UU Justice Ministry is hosting a Regional Justice Training for Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley (and we are more than welcome to join) on Saturday, June 3 at Neighborhood Church in Pasadena. The presentations are 'Sanctuary, Solidarity & Resistance'/Katia Hansen, UURISE; 'Climate & Water Justice'/Angelica Ruiz, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. Go to [uujec.com](http://uujec.com) for more information.

Did you know that the CA legislature is considering SB562 a Healthcare for All bill? Our Escalating Inequality group will meet with Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin on July 7 to show the religious support for this bill and how our commitment to healthcare as a human right is deeply rooted in our Unitarian Universalist values. They will ask Assemblywoman Irwin to become a leading advocate to study how single payer can be implemented in California – to look at coverage, financing, and costs... whether this is achieved by supporting SB562 or another assembly bill or effort.

Our dynamic group, headed by Michael Teasdale, meets the last Monday of the month. They have taken on many important issues - \$15 minimum wage, Farmworkers Bill of Rights, the study of economic inequality – and right now – the need for Universal Healthcare.

If you want to learn more about Healthcare for All, join our second Community Forum event exploring that with Dr. Bill Honigman. On Friday, June 30 we will be screening the film "Now is the Time" about Universal Healthcare. A lively conversation will follow. (see flyer on page 9)

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Other Community Forums to put in your calendar:

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Jessie's Place is a nonprofit organization which supports programs and services for children and adults with physical and or mental challenges in Rwanda, Africa. Members are treated with unconditional love, dignity, and respect as they provide access to education, good nutrition, exercise of body, mind, and spirit for each family member in their focus area. (see flyer on page 10).

Jessie's Place president, Onesphore Harelimana a Rwandan genocide survivor will join us for an inspiring talk about their work.

On Friday, July 7 Holy Fool Arts will present an evening of theater, community dialogue, ceremony, and organizing on the vital issue of water.

*Wade Through Deep Water* introduces two prophets, Miriam and John the Baptist, whose water-logged lives kept them swimming in transformation. This theatrical piece is full of storytelling, high energy song and dance numbers, live music, dramatic archetypal characters, and dances with large silk props, while exploring the sanctity of clean and pure water.

Later in the summer you have another opportunity to participate in an excellent UU Justice Ministry program, this time co-presented with UUJAZ (UU Justice Arizona Network). Come up to de Benneville Pines for the 2017 Walking Leadership Summit and Camp from August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> at Camp de Benneville Pines in the San Bernardino mountains.

This summit is open to all UUs interested in social justice, allowing them to meet other UUs from California and Arizona to develop knowledge and skills to strengthen your congregation's social justice program and grow as social justice leaders. The extended program length incorporates time for reflection and rejuvenation with numerous activities available at the camp. Families are welcome and discounts are available for youth! (see flyer on page 13)

Registration and additional information is available at [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk)

Later in August we will host another Social Justice Gathering/Reflection to determine which justice work speaks most to our hearts as a congregation for the coming year.

Have a peaceful and just summer. Thank you for all you do! If you have any questions or thoughts, you can always contact me at [socialactiondirector@cvuuf.org](mailto:socialactiondirector@cvuuf.org).



# Religious Education News

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What a whirlwind we've been through! Spring was intense and beautiful and chaotic in the best way! To see our community come together for our history-making Installation was not just impressive, but inspiring. So much love and work was put into this event. Reverend Nica, this wasn't just about welcoming you as our newest settled minister, but cementing you as a member of our very large family. We are so blessed to have you!

Moving forward, looking to this grand future is... a touch overwhelming. So, let's pull it back a bit and instead think of this coming summer. I am so excited to share with you that this summer we will be using our UU Star Wars curriculum! This will be a fun way to look at our Principles and values. One of the many goals of our RE program is to raise children and youth to be people with integrity and compassion, while seeking justice in a world that strives for balance. So, yes, we are raising young Jedis.

Here is the breakdown: Lower Elementary friends are not quite old enough to be true Padawans, so they will start their journey as Padawan Juniors, going through an introduction of what this universe has in store for them and what it will take to eventually make it to their future trainings. Upper Elementary and Middle School will combine to go through a rigorous yet fun Padawan training. Yes, light sabers will be involved. YRUU will be doing a film series, screening all Star Wars movies through a UU lens. Oh, the philosophical exchanges that shall be had...

As a Master Jedi, I feel I should inform you The Force is strong in our children and youth. Quick side note, regarding the above mentioned light sabers. Donations toward the building of these necessary items will be greatly appreciated! Please keep an eye on News & Notes for a list of items needed for this project. Thank you in advance!

A reminder about this summer's schedule. As we are only holding one service at 10am starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, this means ALL classes will also be held at this time, with children and teens starting in service before leaving for their respective classes. Parents, please also keep in mind classes may run a little long to accommodate for their lessons. What a perfect time for you to enjoy Coffee Hour before the snack table is overrun!

Also happening this summer, camps galore! July and August are very busy months at Camp de Benneville Pines. Many of our families look forward to these events every year. Youth camps are broken down into age groups, each with their own fabulously fun theme. Never been to de Benneville? Ask someone who has and watch their eyes glaze over. It is a breath-taking place colored with life changing moments. Please, if you have not been, GO! If the expense of sending your child to camp is a concern of yours, please come talk to me. This year we started a scholarship program for this very purpose. If a child or teen wants to experience camp, we want to afford every opportunity to make this happen. All those delicious Pancake Breakfasts are put on for this very reason. Don't be shy, my door is open. For more information, please visit [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org).

Before I close out this letter, I need to extend my very deep appreciation to all the volunteers who give of their time to the RE program. For health reasons, I have needed to spend some time away from the Fellowship (not easy to do!). I knew our children were in capable hands. I must send an extra 'thank you' to My Minions, the wonderful people who stood in for me while I needed to be in bed practicing self-care. You are wonderful. You know who you are.

We are part of such a fantastic family. You work hard, not just for this Fellowship, but for the community and beyond. You deserve to treat yourself and do your own bit of self-care. We cannot do the work we do if you burn out. This summer, relax, have fun, and enjoy each other's company. You've earned it!

## **THIS SUMMER VOLUNTEER TO VISIT WITH PEOPLE IN IMMIGRANT DETENTION**

Detention Witness, founded by CVUUF's Gordon Clint, is an interfaith group of volunteers who visit and write letters to men and women confined in the Adelanto Detention Center near Victorville, CA. Visitors help to relieve the isolation of the people who are confined in detention. Contact Liza Diniakos for details. [ldiniakos@yahoo.com](mailto:ldiniakos@yahoo.com)

Friday, June 9, 8:30am to 6pm  
Tuesday, June 13, 8:30am to 6pm

Monday, July 17, 8:30am to 6pm

Tuesday, August 8, 8:30am to 6pm  
Friday, August 11, 8:30am to 6pm



## **GUIDED TOUR OF GETTY VILLA**



Don Cooper has generously offered to repeat a **guided tour of the Getty Villa**. We will be carpooling from cvuuf and we're looking for a couple more people to make it happen! A \$40. donation to CVUUF gets participants a docent led tour and lunch at the Villa. If you can join us on Saturday July 8th, contact [marjiegauley@gmail.com](mailto:marjiegauley@gmail.com) and join us for a lovely day!

### **New Groups at CVUUF**

New Women's Group: Moonflower Group  
Meets 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm  
Contact Annie Barker at [anniezbarker@gmail.com](mailto:anniezbarker@gmail.com)

Men's Discussion Group  
3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm  
Contact David Barker at [davidabarker@gmail.com](mailto:davidabarker@gmail.com)

Interested in joining a group? You can also check the communications board in Fellowship Hall. The status of ongoing groups may change and open up for new members.



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## CVUUF Community Forum

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### **NOW IS THE TIME** *Healthcare for Everybody*

**Friday, June 30, 2017, 7:30 pm**



The United States pays nearly twice as much for healthcare as any other industrialized nation, yet it still does not provide care for all of its citizens. Polls show that 58% of Americans favor a national publicly funded health care program. This documentary delves into what single payer healthcare is, how it saves money and what behind-the-scenes heroes are doing to clear the fog of misperception that keeps us from moving forward.

Dr. Bill Honigman will join us for this screening and lead the discussion on why now is the time for Universal Healthcare.

**PROGRAM IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

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## **JESSIE'S PLACE**

### **Caring for the Physically and Mentally Challenged of Rwanda, Africa**

**Onesphore Harelimana, President**  
**Friday, June 16, 2017, 7:30 pm**



Jessie's Place in Rwanda, Africa, provides assistance to children and adults with extreme mental and physical challenges. A primary goal is improving the quality of life for individuals of all ages. Each participating member is treated with unconditional love, dignity and respect. Jessie's Place envisions access to education, good nutrition, exercise of body, mind and spirit for each family member in their focus area.

Onesphore Harelimana is a Rwandan genocide survivor. A mix of both Tutsi and Hutu ethnicity, he lost many family members during the war. He came to the US as a student before the genocide but was unable to return home because of the ensuing political upheaval. He has been serving Jessie's Place as President for the past year and a half.

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# ***Regional Justice Training 2017***

**Saturday, June 3, 9:00-3:30**

*Hosted by: Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church*

301 N. Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

## **Presentations:**

### ***Sanctuary, Solidarity & Resistance – Immigrant Justice under a new administration***

Join Katia Hansen, President & CEO of UU Refugee and Immigrant Services & Education (UURISE) for a conversation on the current state of immigration laws, policies and enforcement under the new administration. We will discuss what UUs and other immigrant justice activists are doing in solidarity and resistance, and how we can work together to deepen and strengthen our partnerships, strategies and congregational responses.

### ***Climate and Water Justice***

Angélica Ruiz of the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water will lead an interactive learning experience about climate and water justice in California. You will hear about front line communities impacted by drought, loss of culture and livelihoods, and threats to their daily lives as well as what they are doing to adapt; We will explore solutions and actions you can take to support the environmental justice water movement in California and beyond.

## **Issues Breakout & Networking”**

Join other UUs in the area to discuss issues such as economic justice, racial justice, environmental justice, and immigrant justice. These small group breakouts are determined based on interest the day of the event and include opportunities for justice-makers to share what they are working on in their congregations and receive updates from the Action Teams of the UU Justice Ministry.

## **Legislative Briefing**

Evan Junker, UUJMCA Executive Director, will explain the current status of important legislation being considered in the Capitol this year. Learn about opportunities to get involved through petitions, rallies, witness events, letter-writing campaigns and lobby days among others. Discover how your congregation can participate in these statewide efforts and leave with a calendar of upcoming events.

**Please bring a bag lunch.** Coffee, tea, water and morning snacks will be available.

**Learn More or Register Today!** [uujmca.org/rjt-la-sfv](http://uujmca.org/rjt-la-sfv)

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## The Culturally Proficient Professional Training



Many existing culture trainings provide concrete information about different cultural groups, however, this training is focused on you! In the Culturally Proficient Professional training, you will actively engage in self-reflection while recognizing and challenging your ideas, biases, and beliefs about culture. By the end of this training, you will have identified personal strategies to practice cultural proficiency when partnering with children, families, and community organizations.

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Register Today at:

[strategies.litmos.com/self-signup/register/567571?type=1](https://strategies.litmos.com/self-signup/register/567571?type=1)

Or visit: [strategiesca.com](https://strategiesca.com) and look under trainings

**DATE:** JUNE 13, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Check in begins at 8:30 am

*1/2 hour lunch (lunch Provided by The Partnership)*

**LOCATION:** The CDR Building

221 East Ventura Oxnard, 93036Boulevard Rm. C

This Training is brought to you by Strategies 2.0 and The Partnership for Safe Families

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# Walking the Walk 2017

August 12 to 16, 2017  
Camp de Benneville Pines

## Raising



## Resilient



## Resistance



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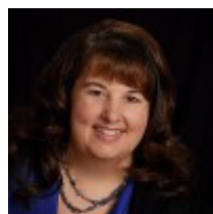
### **Pamela Sparr**

*Director of Justice Building*  
Unitarian Universalist Service  
Committee (UUSC)



### **Katia Hansen, J.D.**

*President & CEO*  
Unitarian Universalist Refugee &  
Immigrant Services & Education  
(UURISE)



Learn about key legislation at the state and federal levels critical to advancing justice in the face of the current political climate.

Gain practical skills, no matter what your experience level, to effective advocacy. Workshops include engaging legislators effectively, case studies in congregational outreach, cross-cultural competency, communication skills and more.

Share and learn with other justice leaders on issues including immigrant justice, equity and racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice, healthcare and equality.

Refresh and revive your spirit with powerful worship and reflection in the peaceful retreat setting of Camp de Benneville Pines. Leave replenished and ready to make justice happen!

For more information and to register: [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk)

The **2017 Walking the Walk Justice Summit & Camp** is just around the corner! Sponsored by the UU Justice Ministry of California and UU Justice Arizona Network, brings together justice seeking UU's for four days of dynamic worship, workshops, practical skill building, networking and community building, with time for reflection and recreation. This intergenerational gathering is open to the whole family!

Come develop skills that will strengthen our congregational justice work, helping us become more grounded in Unitarian Universalism to support action in the world. Issues covered include next steps and strategies on climate change; housing insecurity; immigrant justice; race, class and cultural divides along with other issues. You will leave refreshed and engaged from spirited worship and the warmth of UU justice community.

There will be time for reflection and recreation – including canoeing, archery and a hot tub! - during this extended weekend! Join us on August 12-16 at Camp de Benneville Pines, in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. Registration and more information is can be found at [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk). There are discounts for youth and families and scholarships also available.

For more information and to reserve your space, visit [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk) or contact [beverly@uujmca.org](mailto:beverly@uujmca.org) or 916-441-0018 ext.103.



# 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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PSWD serves Pacific  
Southwest congregations  
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California, Arizona and  
Nevada.

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

**Visitors are always welcome.**

**\*Special Summer Hours**  
**Services for summer will be at 10am ONLY from**  
**Sunday, July 2, through Sunday, September 3,**  
**with Religious Education being held at the same**  
**time.**