

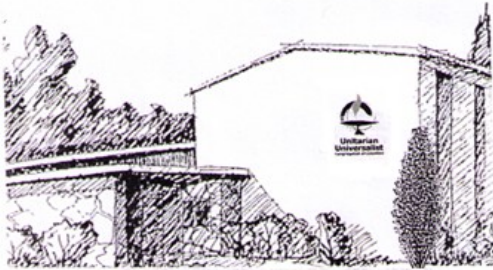


# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

August 12, 2020

## Message From Our Minister



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### Sunday Schedule

Online Forum: 9:30 am

Online Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm

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### August 16, 2020

9:30 am Forum Topic

"This Week in the News..."

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Listen, People of the Earth,"

by Rev. Dr. Pippin Whitaker

### August 23, 2020

9:30 am Forum Topic

"This Week in the News..."

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"I Am - the Goddess,"

by Munira Elizabeth Reed

### Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, September 6**, for publication on **Wednesday, September 9**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

*Rumi has a beautiful poem that is often used in mindfulness training, entitled "The Guest House."*

### The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.

Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.

Be grateful for whatever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

Rumi's description of a human as a house who is constantly welcoming visitors of new experiences and emotions, the ebb and flow of life all making their way to be a guest in your home of yourself. The newest arrival of experience and emotion in my guest house has actually involved a new arrival in our home. Luna Wilde was born on August 4<sup>th</sup>, and has been the beautiful combination of our overwhelming joy and lack of sleep since day one. When this Unigram gets published, she will already be a week old, and we find ourselves trying to slow down the drumbeat of time and savor each moment. We know that her curious eyes and grasping fingers and toes are learning so much about her world at such an exponentially fast pace. We find ourselves pausing to enjoy being observers and facilitators of that learning while pondering what we are learning about ourselves.

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That is the invitation from Rumi, to consider this art of being a human as understanding yourself a guest house. To welcome each new experience, including the ones that bring such great joy as well as the ones that rock us to our core, cause us deep grief, and “violently sweep your house empty of its furniture.”

These past few months have brought so many experiences and emotions, in our personal lives, in the life of the community of the UUCC, and in the experience of humankind in our culture and world. We’ve had to process so many of these experiences in the necessary isolation brought on by a global pandemic. The emotions are guests we can welcome into our homes without the barriers of masks, goggles, or social distance. May we pay attention to what we are experiencing and feeling. Welcome them into the guest house, for they may be a guide sent from beyond to help us learn and grow.

Rev. Stephen Robinson

## Message From UUCB Treasurer

Monthly financial reports are normally posted in the social hall so that congregation members can be aware of our financial position. The reports are still being posted, thanks to our wonderful office staff, but because of the shutdown - no one can see them. Hopefully these notes will provide everyone in the congregation our status at the close of the fiscal year at June 30.

1-Revenue for the fiscal year totaled about 95% of the budgeted amount primarily due to pledge amounts remaining unpaid. Other budgeted items (especially rental revenue) which were low were generally offset by the revenue from the very successful rummage sale held last summer.

2-We received a PPP loan of \$23,100 through the federal government's CARES Act. It is our belief that the entire amount will be forgiven when we make application, which is scheduled for September. In the meantime, \$5,000 of the loan amount has been applied to payroll expenses for the month of June.

3-Expenses for the year ended at about 80% of budget, primarily due to three factors:

A- CYRE expenditures were about 25% lower than recent previous years.

B- Committee expenditures for the final third of the year were quite low. Most standing committees practiced responsible stewardship and did not spend their budgeted amounts in preparation for the new fiscal year.

C- As mentioned above, a portion of the PPP loan was applied to June expenses.

4-Our current cash position is acceptable, but it is important to remember that a very large portion of our available cash is due to the PPP loan.

5- Surprising as it seems, very little of our budget is discretionary. Prior to our shutdown, fully 97% of our expenditures were for facilities maintenance and personnel. These expenses have changed very little over the past several months, and we expect that they will continue to remain at the same level through the remainder of the shutdown.

Going forward through the remainder of the pandemic and our shutdown, it's critical that we all continue to financially support the UUCB.

If you have questions regarding this message or other questions relating to UUCB finances, please feel free to contact me ([treasurer@uucolumbia.org](mailto:treasurer@uucolumbia.org).) Thank you.

Jeanette Walton, UUCB Treasurer



## Candles of Community

Congratulations to Rev. Stephen & Michelle Robinson on the arrival of Luna on August 4 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Dillard Thompson, a long-time UUCU member, passed away after battling a long illness on Thursday, August 6.

Dillard became a Unitarian Universalist while still in high school. In the early Seventies he joined the UU of Columbia where he held leadership positions within the Congregation including being a member of the Board of Trustees.

All those who knew and loved Dillard were impressed with his intelligence and resourcefulness. Despite being partially paralyzed by a stroke in his forties, Dillard lived a long and full life. When he made a friend, he held on to them for life and he was in regular contact with friends from his years at Furman University and even from his high school days in Sumter, SC.

In his younger days, Dillard was an exceptionally good athlete. He played baseball as a little leaguer and was a star basketball player in high school. After graduation from Furman University, Dillard went on to work for the Social Security Administration, marry and have a son, Jonathan.

Memorial donations may be made to UUCU.

Before he died, Dillard left me with some words for his memorial service. Since we are unable to have memorial services at this time, I hope you will allow me the time to leave you with these thoughts chosen by Dillard from a poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye (1905-2004). Linda Brennison

### **Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep**

Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glint on snow.  
I am the sun on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle Autumn rain.

When you awake in the morning hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.

# Thank You

## MIRCI

Dear UUCC, on behalf of all of us a MIRCI (Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.), thank you so much for your on-going support and your recent donation of \$578.75. It means so much to our organization and to the individuals who receive support through our initiatives. Sincerely, Julie Ann Avin, Executive Director

## Congaree Riverkeeper

Dear Friends at UUCC, thank you so much for your support and recent donation of \$630.50. For over a decade, Congaree Riverkeeper has fought tirelessly to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation on the Broad, Lower Saluda, and Congaree Rivers. Sincerely, Bill Stangler, Executive Director



## August Share the Plate Recipient Palmetto Place Children's Shelter

Half of our Share the Plate collection for the month of August goes to Palmetto Place Children's Shelter, which provides a safe and nurturing environment for abused and neglected children and unaccompanied teens, offering them a broad range of services concentrating on personal healing and development. The shelter is open 24 hours each day of the year and provides medical and mental health care, crisis adjustment/transitional counseling, after-school tutoring, and recreational and social activities in addition to food, clothing, and shelter. If sending a check please write "Share the Plate" in the memo line or you can give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)" in your browser.

## You Can Donate Virtual Flowers for Sunday Service

Would you like a floral display to remember an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or a special memory? Sunday flowers are now possible during the pandemic. A beautiful virtual floral arrangement will fill the screen and a tribute will be read honoring the person or occasion. If you would like to send a picture of the person you are honoring, we will display it along with the flowers. If you have flowers growing in your yard to use for the floral picture, please include it. Send an email request with a brief paragraph (50 words or less) of what you would like read and the Sunday date you would like recognized to Linda McLeod ([kitchen@uucolumbia.org](mailto:kitchen@uucolumbia.org)). She will get back with you with further instructions about payment of the \$30 donation. Your contribution to the flower fund will be moved to Share the Plate at the end of the applicable month. We hope you will share in this opportunity to remember loved ones, restore this part of our Sunday service, and increase our Share the Plate giving.

## UUCC Now Accepts Contributions Electronically

UUCC is a resilient community and although we've moved our ministry online during this crisis, we trust you will continue your generous support of UUCC and our community. Our eGiving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple, safe and secure. It also allows you to designate your contribution to the funds you're most passionate about such as your Pledge and Share the Plate.

Give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)" in your browser. If you should have any questions, need help, or more information, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) or 803-799-0845, between the hours of 6am-Noon, Monday-Friday. Thank you for your generosity.

Through your contributions, we're able to share the message of our faith to our congregation and the larger community, giving people the strength and compassion needed to make it through difficult times such as these. Thank you again for supporting UUCC and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture.

# Online Sunday Services

## ZOOM ACCESS INFORMATION FOR ALL ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

**For audio only access using your phone:**

Call +1-312-626-6799 US and enter the Meeting ID: 973 0743 7107

**If you are accessing via smartphone, download the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID above.**

**For computer access:**

<https://zoom.us/j/97307437107>

Please use your first and last name on your device and/or rename when you enter the meeting. If your device is not recognized, you may be placed back in the Waiting Room.

Sunday Services will be available beginning at 10:30am and the services will begin at 11:00am. Please consider accessing the service by between 10:30am and 10:50am to be sure your equipment is working.

On most Sundays, you will have the opportunity to participate in small group breakout rooms following service to socialize.

Sunday Service sermons will be recorded and available for viewing on our website as soon as possible.

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### UUCC Zoom Access Information "Meeting Info"

The access information for UUCC meetings delivered via the UUCC Zoom accounts can now be found on the UUCC website for Thursday-Wednesday of each week. To access this information:

Go to [www.uucolumbia.org](http://www.uucolumbia.org)

Select the "News" tab dropdown menu and then "Meeting Info"

Password is "community" without the quotation marks

Please read the notes at the bottom of the listing. Meetings hosted on non-UUCC Zoom accounts may not be listed.

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### Scheduling UUCC Zoom Meetings Delivered via UUCC Zoom Account

While the pandemic is preventing us from being physically together, we can still come together to enhance connections and further our spiritual growth, as well as conduct the business of our congregation.

The UUCC has obtained two Zoom licenses for congregational use. The following are the steps to schedule a UUCC Zoom meeting using these:

Check the UUCC calendar at <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/news/calendar/> to determine availability for a date/time. NOTE: Two meetings can be held simultaneously (Z1 and Z2). You can schedule a recurring meeting, e.g., every Thursday 4-5 p.m., but make sure all these slots are available throughout the time period.

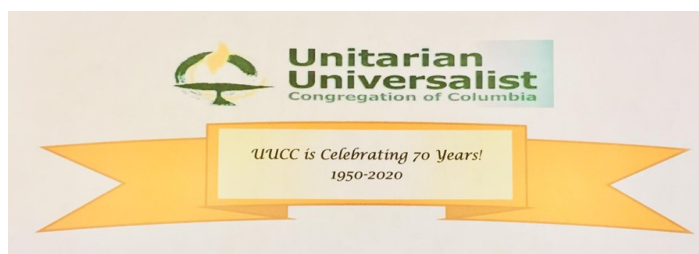
Contact Andrea Dudick by email at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) to confirm date/time slot availability.

You will be contacted via email by a UUCC Zoom Host with access information. The host will work with you to determine the assistance you might require in hosting your Zoom meeting.

The host will start the meeting and stay on as needed or leave the meeting making you or a designee the host.

*NOTE: Use of the Zoom accounts follows the established policy on building usage, i.e., the use must originate from a UUCC committee or be approved by the Board and the event must be placed on the official UUCC calendar by our Administrator, Andrea Dudick ([uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org)).*

# News and Notes



## Recordings of Sermons Available on Website!

Please go to our website ([uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org)) and look on the right-hand side of the Home Page. Select the Service Archive link and scroll down to the sermon you'd like to see. When on that page, simply select the play button, sit back and enjoy the sermon.

## UUCC Music on YouTube!

You are invited to visit the UUCC Music Coordinator's YouTube page to view and listen to music from recent services and performances from our talented UUCC Musicians. Go to: [UUCC Music](#)

## Virtual Buddhist Meditation, Mondays

The Buddhist Insight Meditation Community of Columbia, a UUCC rental, which had met in the Library, now meets on Zoom, Mondays 7:00-8:15pm. All are welcome. Please contact Jessica Kross, [jkross943@gmail.com](mailto:jkross943@gmail.com) for access information.

## Virtual Story Circle, Wednesday's 10am

Story Circle will continue on Wednesdays through December from 10:00-11:00 a.m. All welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at [828-421-7685](tel:828-421-7685).

## UUCC Zappy Hour, Wednesdays 5:30pm

Join with your fellow UUCers on Wednesday's at 5:30pm through August for conversations and catching up. No set agenda, but we will explore fun events such as trivial pursuit. BYOB and snacks. Rotating breakout rooms 6-8 people. Questions: Contact Phil Turner [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)



## UUCC Men's Breakfast Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays through December 2020

Come have a virtual breakfast with fellow UUCC men. Contact Phil Turner [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)

## UUCC Book Club, Sunday, August 16, 6:30pm

Phil Turner will facilitate a discussion of *Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society*, by Nicholas Christakis. We will meet via Zoom. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. We welcome new and returning participants. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

## Calling all Middle & High Schoolers! Upcoming Zoom Hangouts

The virtual space is open for hanging out and reconnecting. We play introspective games, jackbox party computer games, and just hangout and share with each other. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Mckenzie at [reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org) for the invite:

### 8pm-10pm

Friday, August 21  
Tuesday, September 1  
Friday, September 11  
Tuesday, September 22

**Moderated Discussion on the Book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo**

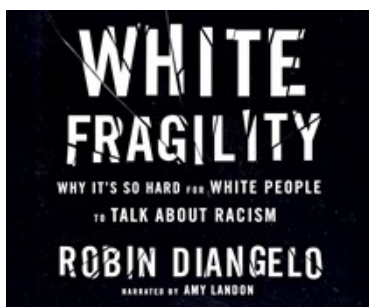
Please join us for a moderated discussion of the controversial New York Times bestseller, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo. Robin DiAngelo is an academic, lecturer, and author and has been a consultant and trainer on issues of racial and social justice for more than twenty years. She formerly served as a tenured professor of multicultural education at Westfield State University.

*White Fragility* explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

Come explore the 12-chapter book in four moderated sessions (3 chapters per class.) **Classes will meet 7-8pm on Thursdays in August: 13, 20, and 27.**

You will find the ZOOM meeting link on our website [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org) at News/Meeting Info. <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/news/calendar/meeting-info/>

There is a Reader's Guide on our Website. For more information, please contact Rebecca Drennan at [rebecca@creativetransformation.com](mailto:rebecca@creativetransformation.com). (Sponsored by UUCC, Adult Religious Education Committee)



**UUCC Adult Education Committee**

In coordination with the UUCC Adult Education Committee, the Greenville UU Fellowship invites you to join these upcoming Zoom-room discussions. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these programs and to sign up (UUCC contact: Karen Brown, [uukaren.sc@gmail.com](mailto:uukaren.sc@gmail.com)):

**Beyond Belief: Conversations with Marcus Borg:** Sundays 6:30-8:00pm thru August 16 (for adults, mature teens). Borg shares his liberal Christian perspective on the history and meaning of the life of Jesus.

**Timely Topics for Tough Times:** Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm thru September 2nd (adults, mature teens). Using short videos as discussion prompts, we will tackle some hard questions around racism and anti-racism, policing and justice, purpose-driven action and successful communication strategies.

**August 18: Simon Sinek: Start with Why, Part 1**  
**August 25: Simon Sinek: Part 2**  
**Sept. 2: Chris Voss: Hostage Negotiation**

**Book Study: *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer.** Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm - August 13, 20 & 27 (adults). In this beautiful, soulful book, Kimmerer weaves western science and indigenous knowledge with personal stories, gently guiding us toward a spirituality of reciprocity, gratitude, and joyful relationship with our mother earth and one another. (Audible version of the book is highly recommended.)



# Social Action

## Virtual Social Action Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 23, 1:00pm

If you would like login info, please contact [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org). Hope to see you all then!

## Harvest Hope Food Bank Volunteers Needed

As always, please make sure to take your own safety into consideration first before volunteering. This is just an option for volunteering. UUCC remains closed and recommends you stay home unless it's safe to go out. [You can sign up for all volunteer shifts here.](#)

## Richland County Black Coalition (RCBC) Volunteers Needed

RCBC is a newly formed group of people in the Columbia area who are taking action to promote voter registration and participation in the elections. On a weekly basis they are distributing fruits and vegetables to people in poor communities and hosting cook outs with volunteers standing by to assist in explaining absentee voting and assist with registration. The coalition is in need of volunteers to assist with handing out food, voter registration and speaking to community leaders. If interested, please contact Elaine Cooper at 803-348-0911.

## Feeding the Hungry at Transitions

Because we can no longer volunteer, please consider donating these things that Transitions needs: Brown lunch bags and plastic wrap; Bottled water; Heavy duty paper plates; Cans of Lysol and hand sanitizer and liquid soap. Click [HERE](#) to find out more about volunteering and support opportunities. Contact Elizabeth Igleheart about making donations and even pickup. [Igleheart@TransitionsSC.org](mailto:Igleheart@TransitionsSC.org)

## South Carolina State House Online Monuments Tour by Historic Columbia

Get info about all the monuments here: <https://www.historiccolumbia.org/online-tours/state-house-monuments-tour>

## Continued Hiroshima Remembrance

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, as part of the nationwide observance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan, a group gathered on Main Street in Columbia, SC to educate the public about the event and inform them about related issues including concerns about building plutonium pits at the Savannah River Site and the current plans to increase the amount of weapons of war in the U.S.

The event was seen by many who attended the Saturday morning Soda City festivities in Columbia. Those working at the event included Columbia Friends, SRS and UU's.



Please see the weekly Thursday eblasts for more Social Action events.

Check our website for new events posted almost daily:

[bit.ly/social-action](https://bit.ly/social-action)

# Pet of the Month

## UU Animal Ministry

Would you like to see a photo of your pet featured in the Unigram? The UU Animal Ministry is sponsoring a “Pet of the Month.” Please submit a photo and brief bio of your pet to: Linda Brennon, Board Liaison to the Animal Ministry at [pastpresident@uucolumbia.org](mailto:pastpresident@uucolumbia.org).

## Pet of the Month August 2020

### “Pugsley”

Pugsley is a five-year-old Labrador mix who came to live with Linda Brennon when he was just four months old. He loves to be a good watch dog as well as a loving companion. His favorite treats are Pupperonis and he will do just about anything if promised a Pupperoni reward. He is a good boy!



# Caring Committee

August 12, 2020

*In coordination with the Minister, the Caring Network provides leadership in physical and emotional support to Members and Friends in time of crisis and need.*

## Highlighting Community Resources:

**Richland Library and Columbia Housing Authority SC** are excited to bring Internet access to 26 Columbia Housing communities thanks to the Home•Spot program. Funded by the McNulty Foundation and the Richland Library Friends and Foundation, the year-long program gives residents access to 65 mobile hot spots as well as the digital resources that can help them learn, create and share; go back to school; stay in touch with loved ones remotely; and utilize basic services that have moved to digital platforms. Find out more, here: <https://buff.ly/2X0Bnrm>.

**Mutual Aid of the Midlands** -- Mutual aid projects are a form of political participation in which people take responsibility for caring for one another and changing political conditions, not just through symbolic acts or putting pressure on their representatives in government, but by actually building new social relations that are more survivable. Most mutual aid projects are volunteer based, with people jumping in to participate because they want to change what is going on right now. Mutual Aid of the Midlands is focusing currently on providing resources and support to the community in light of the CoVID-19 pandemic. For more information on [Mutual Aid of the Midlands](#), contact us at: [info@mutualaidmidlands.org](mailto:info@mutualaidmidlands.org). Please note, this email is for information about the organization. If you need help, please call the hotline (888-927-6679) or submit an aid request form online at (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qzZOI8hGPC3qyPLbmIPfMyvMfHLiLVJF3jt7voRReq8/edit>)

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If you have a special need or know of someone who does, please email [caringchair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:caringchair@uucolumbia.org) or call (or text to) 803-605-8625.

If you would like to help the Caring Network on an occasional or as needed and available basis, please email [caringchair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:caringchair@uucolumbia.org).

*Please note that during this time of sheltering in place to prevent further spread of Covid-19 some activities of the Caring Network may be suspended. Visits, rides to medical appointments, shopping – all will be determined on a case by case basis with the safety of Caring Committee members and all members and friends of the congregation our primary concern. We are often able to help members and friends find community resources to fill the gaps in the services we usually provide in person. **Moral support and a listening ear are always available.***

*“Even in a swarm, one divergent voice can cause others to act independently. You are influenced by others, but do not be fooled — others are also influenced by you. That’s why your actions and choices matter not only for your own life, but for the behavior of those around you.”*  
*Tali Sharot, cognitive neuroscientist*



# Denominational Connections

August 2020

## A Word About UUA Regions and Districts

New members may not be aware of the fact that our UU congregations are organized into five *regions*. Mid America, Central East, New England, Pacific Western, and our own Southern Region. These regions and their staffs are coordinated by the Director of Congregational Life, Jessica York, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, of the Unitarian Universalist Association, headquartered in Boston,

Each region approaches congregational collaboration and identity differently. Some regions have districts with distinct governing boards, others retain their district identities but have transferred governance to our UUA Board, and still others have let go of districts and focus simply on one single regional identity.

Each region is served by a Regional Lead and a team of Congregational Life Staff, who provide a wide variety of congregational services.

### Southern Region

The Southern Region has consolidated staff and efforts to equip congregations with the effective leadership and training they need to build and nurture strong, dynamic congregations for the 21st century throughout the South, from Texas to Virginia. The region comprises the former Florida, Mid-South, Southeast, and Southwest districts, which many of us recall.

For current information about goings on in our region, you can subscribe to the Southern Region Newsletter at <https://www.uua.org/southern/blog>

## A Word About UUA Common Read for 2019-2020

Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Common Read is chosen by a committee including both headquarters and field staff of the UUA. Generally, these books are picked for their relevance to initiatives for action developed at our annual General Assembly (just held on-line in June). The books picked for 2019-2020 are *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019). Please consider checking out the Common Read at <https://www.uua.org/read>

Check Denominational Connections pages: (<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>) for updates and connect with our wider UU world. (<https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/>)

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org).

Bob Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2020/2021

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Building and Grounds <i>BandGChair@uucolumbia.org</i>	Shannon Edwards/ <i>John Logue</i>
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Board Liaison to Staff <i>President@uucolumbia.org</i>	Linda Brennison

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	TBA	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Board Meeting	Wednesday, August 19	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	
Choir – Prism (women)	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Choir - Encore (men)	Cancelled	9:30 am	
Christian Heritage	TBA	Noon	
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Cancelled	7:30 pm	
Funeral Consumers Alliance	Cancelled	5:30 pm	
Forum	Sundays	9:30 am	Online Meeting
Green Team	TBA	12:30 pm	
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Visitor Orientation	Cancelled	12:20 pm	
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, July 26	1:00 pm	Online Meeting
Technology Committee	TBA	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	
UU Book Club	Sunday, August 16	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
UU Humanist	TBA	7:00 pm	
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Women's Book Club	TBA	7:00 pm	
<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	Cancelled	6-8pm	
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Buddhist Insight Meditation	Mondays	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Men's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Women's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Men's AA II	Cancelled	5:00 pm	



# The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. We covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relationships
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part

If these principles reflect your understanding of the world and appeal to your sense of spiritual fulfillment, we invite you to consider membership in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia. If you would like to discuss membership or if you would simply like more information, please speak to any member of the Membership Committee or of the Board of Trustees.

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