

## COM Announces, “Roots and Wings” and a New Book Discussion Group

The Committee on Ministry plans to continue the congregational listening sessions that we began last year. Called “Roots and Wings”, these evolving conversations about our practice can both ground us and spur our hopes and aspirations. Our goals are to share and listen deeply, to get to know each other better as individuals, and to provide lay leadership and staff with knowledge about the needs of congregants so that they may better serve our community.

In addition to our **Roots and Wings** conversations, the COM invites you to participate in a congregation-wide book discussion. Over the past few months, it has become clear that many of us are especially drawn to seeking knowledge in community, with a shared commitment to justice. To ground these conversations, it helps to build a common foundation and shared language. **The Dawn of Everything** by David Graeber and David Wengrow, paired with an intentional, growth-centered book club, offers one promising way to do this—together.

By “intentional,” we mean this is not simply another book club. It is a space to meet, learn, and grow in the wake of the year we’ve just experienced. We chose *The Dawn of Everything* because many of us find ourselves somewhere on the spectrum between spirituality and science, and this book speaks to that range of curiosity. While it may look lengthy at first, its depth invites us to stretch our conversations over the course of a year—at a pace that feels relevant, meaningful, and accessible to everyone who chooses to join.

What do you think? The COM would like to hear from you. Join us for a chat at coffee hour or contact any of our members (Rev Denis, [revdenispaul@gmail.com](mailto:revdenispaul@gmail.com), Sarah, [sarahdinklage77@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdinklage77@gmail.com), Danielle, [dmbilecki@gmail.com](mailto:dmbilecki@gmail.com), Aline, [alinecouture@gmail.com](mailto:alinecouture@gmail.com), or Barbara, [nowicki.barb@gmail.com](mailto:nowicki.barb@gmail.com)).