Rev's Reflections

Fast Changes

Last week was the Pagan cross-quarter celebration of Beltane, otherwise known as May Day, which falls halfway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. During this time of year, the time between sunrise and sunset changes dramatically from day to day. In our part of the world, each day we're getting 15 minutes per day more sunlight than we did just a week earlier.

That's a lot of change, and yet it's easy to miss if we aren't paying attention, like so much in life.

Our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is the same way. As with most religious groups, change is meant to be slow and steady, so that we change with epochs over time, not with the fashions of the season. And yet, because the whole world is changing so fast, and so much is expected of us, we're evolving faster than I ever thought we could or would. Like a lot of the cultural institutions and social safety nets we've built to rely on, we're having to figure out how to stay relevant, effective and ALIVE. That means we're having to figure out how we've contributed to the mess, and what is ours to do to fix it.

That's why now, perhaps more than ever, our association of congregations needs the involvement of people **from our congregations**! Our UUA needs us to step up and be part of the conversation. To ask tough questions when necessary; to listen, reflect, listen some more, and respond with thoughtful words and deeds.

The UUA needs our congregation to show up, and our congregation needs at least three of you to show up on behalf of our congregation for General Assembly (GA) June 18-22, in Baltimore. You can go in person to enjoy the festive gathering, but you can also (perhaps more effectively) represent UUCSC at the daily general meetings **online as a delegate**. We had full representation last year, and Mary Fulton and I enjoyed meeting after every session to reflect together.

If you would like to represent UUCSC in determining the future of our Association of Congregations, please talk to me or to Nancy Richman, board chair. We can get you set up.

In Peace
Rev Denis