

There will be a Summer Solstice Celebration at CUUC on June 19th.

New York Dance for All People, a spiritual circle rooted in the revitalization of the Shoshone Naraya ceremony, contacted me and asked if they could hold their Solstice Ceremony on our land. I helped start this circle decades ago, and know them to be good people.

The CUUC Reopening Committee has given permission for the event.

The Naraya arose among the Indigenous nations of the Great Basin and spread to the Plains nations as they noticed that the colonialists were devastating the patterns of life across their lands. The ceremony is an affirmation of life, and a commitment to reinvigorate our ecosystems, biological and social, through both spiritual and practical action.

On the summer solstice their observance is less formal than the full Naraya ceremony itself, entailing a social gathering, a prayer ceremony with tobacco, a talking circle, singing and a potluck meal. I have encouraged our guests to bring hammocks so they can, um, hang out afterwards.

Members of the CUUC community are welcome to join the ceremony. For each participant the ceremony begins when you commit to attending. Every moment after that commitment is part of weaving life into the ceremony itself. The Elders ask those attending to be clear about their intentions in participating. Why are you called? What are you committed to in this way? Are you open to the changes that might arise?

I have agreed to make CUUC's Place available and comfortable for those gathering. While it is not anticipated to be a large gathering, attendees will be traveling from all over the east coast.

I can certainly use some help from the CUUC community in preparing our Place and taking care of our guests.

If you are called to help and/or to join us, please let me know:  
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Blessed be.