

# Advance

June 2024



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Via ZOOM at [uuclb.org/service](https://uuclb.org/service) — or — FB LIVE at [facebook.com/UUCLB](https://facebook.com/UUCLB)

**June 2, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM Only

### *Religious Education Sunday* with Rev. Lissa and Robbie Osa

Come celebrate a wonderful year of Religious Education for Children, Youth and Families with our teachers, facilitators, and families. Special guest Long Beach Drag Artist Robbie Osa offers a special story time. Children and youth are invited to dress up in their favorite outfits, pirates, mermaids and under the sea theme encouraged. Religious education celebration at the picnic tables to follow. This service will be live-streamed on ZOOM only. Bio on page 5

**June 9, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live

### *Music Sunday*

Join Director of Music Ministries Gavin Thrasher, the Wylder Spirits and the UUCLB Choir for a special “best of” celebration of the year’s repertoire.

**June 16, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live

### *Juneteenth: Stories of Agency and Resistance* with Baba the Storyteller and the Racial Justice Team

Learn about the history and significance of this holiday to the African American community and beyond. Discover the traditions of this annual celebration through storytelling, music, and song with Baba the Storyteller. Bio on page 5

**June 23, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live

### *ONLINE: Gathering in person is optional*

Join us for the largest online annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will stream on Sunday, June 23, 2024 on our Zoom and Facebook. Wylder Hall will be open for gathering to watch on our new screens. Regular live worship will resume next week. The Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, MO will lead the Sunday Service at General Assembly 2024. Bio on page 5

**June 30, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live

### *“Celebrating the Anniversary of Stonewall Riots”* with the LGBTQ+ Caucus

Join with us for the national celebration of the 55th Anniversary of Stonewall with a Prideful service and celebration. During these troubling times we like to remember the words of Quinten Crisp “In an expanding universe, time is on the side of the outcast. Those who once inhabited the suburbs of human contempt find that without changing their address they eventually live in the metropolis.” The LGBTQ+ Caucus is building bridges with our LGBTQ+ and Ally family.

Look for welcoming activities in the near future that are inspirational, educational and multigenerational. The foundation is one of education and lived experience with workshops on LGBTQ+ History and How to Be an Ally.

New Members and UUCLB Annual Awardees will also be celebrated on June 30.

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### UUCLB Concert Series Finale

**WOVEN IMAGE**  
**Concert**  
**Sunday, June 2**  
**4:00pm** in Wylder Hall

### ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

**Wednesday, June 5**  
**5:30pm** (see page 15)



### **2023 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**June 20 - 23**  
Virtual: Online Only

### **NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION**

**Thursday, June 30**  
**11:30am** (see page 19)



## Communications/ Marketing Listening Session

**June 6, 2024**  
**7:00pm**  
**via ZOOM**

For ZOOM link go to  
[UUCLB.org/calendar](http://UUCLB.org/calendar)

The Board of Trustees is hosting a virtual meeting to understand the communication and marketing needs of our UUCLB members, friends and visitors. The goal is to understand what methods people use to get information about events at UUCLB. Do you read the weekly announcements, the newsletter, or the Sunday Order of Service? Do you use our website, Facebook or Instagram? What social media platforms or websites do you use to find events in the local area?

If you are committee, what are you doing to advertise your activity? Do you only advertise at UUCLB? What social media groups do you use? Have you used Meet-Up, Reddit, NextDoor, or Eventbrite? Has anyone used City of Long Beach Events Calendar? How might a communication committee be of service to our teams and committees?

Get the ZOOM link from our website calendar: <https://www.uuclb.org/news/calendar/>

Questions? Email [board@uuclb.org](mailto:board@uuclb.org)



2024

## HAPPY JUNE!

Thanks for the amazing turnout at the first ever Saturday combined worship service and annual meeting. We welcomed five new leaders and passed a budget that was positive and celebrated the future of UUCLB. On Sunday, 5/19 we had an amazing turn-out at the Long Beach Pride Parade and showed the world how to “Side with Love”.

June is the month that many groups at UUCLB get re-imagined. New members and friends stretch themselves and find ways to be of service, bringing new energy and ideas to all corners of UUCLB. There's no shortage of volunteer opportunities including commitments in social justice, membership, religious education (youth & adult), music, worship, website and facilities. You'll meet new friends and help us bring our message of love to the world.

On June 6 at 7:00pm, the board of trustees is hosting a virtual listening session to understand the communication and marketing needs of UUCLB. How do you find out what is happening at UUCLB? What is the best way to communicate this to you? How did you find UUCLB? How might we best share our activities with our local neighbors? Please join us!

I am a firm believer that UUCLB is best served when members a) limit the number of groups they serve and b) change their service commitments every (3) years. I've witnessed members who over-commit and have a difficult church vs. life balance. We should feel inspired and satisfied by being of service, not overwhelmed or resentful. As for changing teams or committees, we gain a new perspective when a former religious education committee member joins our membership or social justice teams.

Let's round out the church “school” and fiscal year with celebration and fellowship. Join us for RE and Music Sundays, General Assembly Worship, a Potluck Picnic, and Membership Sunday on June 30.

Thanks for all you do to make this a welcoming, energetic place!

Peace,

*Edie*

Edie Mickey-Silveria





June 2024

# MINISTER'S MISSIVE

with Rev. Lissa Anne Gundlach

## Our Congregation's History: 2023-2024

Historian Report 2023-2024 | Fred Kushner, with Rev. Lissa Gundlach

**Affinity Groups:** the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Fellowship group became established with a monthly meeting and several vibrant fellowship events. The LGBTQ+ group grew with monthly movie nights and community educational programs.

**Fun and fellowship:** Fall Boutique and Plant Sale, Service auction dinner (1/27/24), Halloween Trunk or Treat & Spaghetti Dinner (10/28), no talent/talent show (9/16/23), St. Patrick day (3/17/24), BIPOC Poetry Reading event 4/28/24.

**Social Justice:** Saving Democracy group was established, just in time to focus on our upcoming November election. A Native Justice group also formed to educate and deepen indigenous solidarity. Heather Vickery from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee visited, inspiring the development of our own Pink Haven Coalition chapter to support transgender individuals and families relocating to seek gender-affirming care.

Our partnership with Clergy and Laity for Economic Justice led members to support the hotel workers strike and were arrested committing civil disobedience in support of the workers. Our LA Voice Local Organizing Committee was involved in the successful "Home is Sacred" campaign to promote SB 4, a bill to promote development of affordable housing on faith lands. Their interfaith efforts made the New York Times! Rev. Lissa served as a "Deeper Roots" LA Voice fellow alongside other justice-centered interfaith clergy.

Our congregation continued commitments to environmental justice, including a fall solar tour and Earth Day program. We got out of the carbon producing business by selling our oil lease assets. Sold on 9/8/2023 for \$15,186 to Community Minerals II, LLC of Houston, TX. Proceeds from sale were moved to the Opportunity Fund. Other justice efforts included a large contingent in the Long Beach Pride Parade, a congregational presence at the historic Long Beach City Council meeting to pass a Ceasefire Resolution, and booth participation in the Long Beach Martin Luther King Day Parade. Through these commitments and outward facing fellowship events like Trunk or Treat and Easter, we increased our reach and impact in the greater Long Beach community.

**Staff:** We are so grateful for our hard working, talented, and dedicated staff. Over the summer and early fall, we were sad to lose three long-tenured staff members: Ronin del Castillo, accompanist, Naomi Yoshida, director of Religious Education and Francisco Ruiz, director of Music Ministries. Having these transitions at the beginning of the church year brought challenges and opportunities. Our programs continued to thrive with interim leadership support and strong volunteers. Danny Pravder served as an outstanding Interim Director of Music Ministries, serving from October-February. Search processes for open positions energized the congregation through feedback and engaging with

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# MINISTER'S MISSIVE *con't.*

with Rev. Lissa Anne Gundlach

exciting candidates. Thank you to the Music Search Committee Jimmy Brink, Mack Scott-Baron, David James and Diana Tercero. Our successful search for a new Director of Music Ministries brought us the wonderful Gavin Thrasher, who started Mar 1, 2024. Under Gavin's leadership, the choir has grown from 16 members to ~20 members. We also welcomed new Religious Education Staff: Nneka Ahmad (Religious Education Assistant) & Kris Gomez (Nursery Caregiver.) We are hopeful that our new Religious Education Director should be joining us in June. Thank you to our Religious Education Search Committee April Rosario (Consultant) Laura Scully, Steve Sodders, Ruth Goodwin and Priscilla Ortiz.

**Music and Arts:** We had six successful concerts. Which contributed to our reach out in Long Beach and to other music lovers. Of note was Emma's Revolution, a UU favorite. We gave a stage for talented artists to perform, and incredible musical guests who uplifted our worship and mission.

**Worship:** Inspired by our 8th principle call to build a "diverse, multicultural Beloved community" our services included authentic cultural expressions, including Arab American, Asian American and Pacific Islander, Black History, Persian, and Native American. We also had member-led services from Green Team, LGBTQ+, Atheists, Buddhists, Saving Democracy, Banned Books (UUCLB Librarians) and Rooted in Reverence. We saw new membership in our Nature's Path Pagan group, and uplifted multiple faith traditions within our annual worship calendar, including celebrating the Jewish holidays, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Equinoxes, Christmas, Easter, and Beltane. Services are involving more participation and empowering our members to share authentically, rooted in our Unitarian Universalist values and principles. We heard powerful testimonials from members sharing their faith stories and identities. Joys and sorrows was enhanced by a roving microphone, encouraging newer people to share. With facilities & Church Office Administration assistance we installed a shaded area for people to sit outside and enjoy the service, a commitment to extending inclusive Covid precautions.

**Small Group Ministry** encouraged members to connect with one another guided by Soul Matters monthly theme-based Curriculum. The monthly themes this year were dedicated to exploring the values embedded in the Article II discussions. Worship, Religious Education and Small Group Ministries all followed the Soul Matters themes.

**Conclusion:** Thank you for a wonderful year, everyone. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for your leadership and dedication, and our Board President Edie Mickey-Silveria. Thank you to all of our amazing committees and volunteer leaders. Together, we make UUCLB a welcoming, anti-racist, Beloved Community: a safe haven for a diverse congregation. Our 2023-2024 historian's report is complete.

With love,  
Rev. Lissa



# GUEST BIOS JUNE 2024

**June 2, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live



**Robbie Osa**, has a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of California, Riverside. Robbie has actively helped fundraise for many organizations, such as The Center of Long Beach and The United Waves Scholarship Fund. He has performed as a drag queen entertainer for the past 11 years in the city of Long Beach.

**June 16, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live



**Baba the Storyteller** has been a professional speaker since 1994 and is one of the few recognized U.S. born practitioners of the ancient West African storytelling craft known as Jaliya. He has received numerous awards over the years for his work as a folklorist, traditional harpist, storyteller, community activist and volunteer. He is a recipient of a California State Assembly Certificate of Recognition for his creative uses of storytelling and

his commitment to community in working with troubled teens. The City of Long Beach recognized Baba as their municipality's Artist of the Year. He has earned commendations from both the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress. In 2017, Baba was presented with the prestigious Heritage Award by the Aquarium of the Pacific during their Annual African-American Heritage Month Celebrations

**June 23, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on ZOOM and Facebook Live



**The Rev. Molly Housh Gordon**, of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, MO will lead the Sunday Service at General Assembly 2024. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist from Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Rev. Molly Housh Gordon is the minister of the UU Church of Columbia, Missouri, where she is currently suing the state of Missouri for their unconstitutional abortion ban alongside 13 other multi-faith clergy co-plaintiffs. Molly

is passionate about red-state UU ministry, community organizing, and mutual aid. In addition to her ministry and organizing work, Molly is a published essayist and poet completing a Doctor of Ministry in Creative Writing and Public Theology. Alongside her wonderful spouse, she is the delighted parent of two very fierce young children and one very chill old dog.

## Thank You!

**Thank you to all of our wonderful musicians for a fabulous season of music at UUCLB. The final choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 5, and the choir will resume August 14. If you are interested in offering summer music or joining our musical groups, please email Gavin at [musicdirector@uuclb.org](mailto:musicdirector@uuclb.org).**



## Annual Awards Ceremony

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024**  
after Sunday Service

This will be a joyous time to present our annual awards to church members and to celebrate the year's new members.

(Note: Awards Ceremony has been rescheduled to June 30, not June 2.)

**See you in church!**





## JOIN THE LGBTQ+ RECERTIFICATION TASK FORCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

**After service at 11:30am in the Lounge**  
(No LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting in June)

**The LGBTQ+ Caucus thanks those who have joined with us for Long Beach Pride.** Over 80 UUCLB members with allies and friend joined in the joyful occasion!

**No LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting on Sunday, June 2, 2024.** In place of the Sunday meeting join us for the LGBTQ+ Welcoming Congregation Recertification Task Force on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 11:30 am in the Lounge. Help us Certify for this calendar year!

**Call for volunteers to help with Pride Worship on June 30, 2024,** LGBTQ+ Caucus, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and World AIDS Day on December 1, 2024. If you can volunteer send an email to [lgbtq.chair@uuclb.org](mailto:lgbtq.chair@uuclb.org).

**Join the UUCLB LGBTQ+ Caucus for a Pride Month movie night Friday, June 7, 2024,** in the Lounge 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We have a fun movie lined up to make you want to get up and dance.

**Upcoming community events:** Long Beach Trans Pride (July 2024), West Hollywood Pride (6/2/24), Los Angeles Pride (6/9/24).

There will be many Pride activities throughout Long Beach via our Public Libraries.

- Stonewall Displays at all Branch Libraries
- PaWalk for Pride - June 1st - for you and your furry friends
- Pride Bingo - Dana Branch June 20th, Harte Branch June 22nd
- Storytime for children - check with your local Library Branch
- Chill Pride Night - check with your local Library Branch

The Long Beach Public Library Digital Resources has approximately 1.5 million pages of primary sources of social, political, health and legal issues that impact the LGBTQ+ community around the world. Learn more at [www.lbp.org](http://www.lbp.org) click on the Learn Tab, Find Archives of Sexuality and Gender Studies.

How does one become an LGBTQ+ SAGE? Join an online webinar on Thursday, June 27, 2024: [The Path To Being/Becoming A Gay \(LGBTQ+\) Sage](#). Click the link to learn more and to register.

*Lifting up our voices, Living our authentic lives, Sharing our Queer selves,  
We are stronger together In Queer Space*



## Social Justice Collection June 2024



**For more than 15 years, The Heart of Ida has helped low-income seniors in Long Beach stay connected, healthy, happy, and loved.** Their programs are designed to address both seniors' physical health and mental wellbeing, including providing farm fresh foods, groceries, and hygiene items; access to basic technology, training, and support; connections to dozens of critical resources; and ongoing, heartfelt, personal connection. These programs include Fresh Foods, Essential Needs Pantry, Digital Inclusion, Pet Care, Personal Connections, and Holiday Hearts.

The Heart of Ida envisions a community where every senior has the support they need to live independently and thrive, including feeling heard, appreciated, connected, cared for, and safe. You can help bring about this vision by volunteering. Opportunities include AgeWell Magazine deliveries, fresh produce deliveries, holiday gift deliveries and visits, Pet Walking & Care, resource application support, stay connected personal phone calls (English, Spanish, and Khmer), stay connected Recorded messages (English, Spanish, and Khmer), technology set up and troubleshooting, and more.

For more info, go to <https://www.heartofida.org/>

**Our social justice collection** takes place on the second Sunday, but you can support Heart of Ida until the **last Sunday of the month**, by mail, text, or online. If by mail, note "Social Justice Collection" on your check, and send it to UUCLB, 5450 E. Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90808. Using Text-to-Give, text the words "25 Special Collection" and the amount to 833-931-1845. To give \$25, for example, text "25 Special Collection \$25." To cover any convenience fees for the church, you can add the word "cover" (so "25 Special Collection \$25 cover") or simply text "Cover fees on" to cover fees on all text gifts.

## RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM

**July 9**

**July 30**

**August 13**

**August 27**

**September 10**

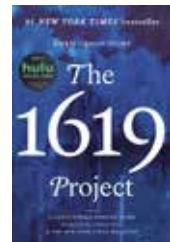
**Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30**

**In-Person and on ZOOM**

for more info, meeting location and ZOOM link please go to [UUCLB.org/calendar](http://UUCLB.org/calendar)

Last October, the Racial Justice Team asked who would deepen their knowledge of racial justice issues by participating in a common read. We asked those who "checked the box" to rank six books.

The winner: ***The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*** – a Pulitzer Prize winning collection of essays created by Nikole Hannah-Jones.



The title comes from the historical fact that in 1619, enslaved people from Africa arrived in the Colony of Virginia. Mauricio Moreno and Michael Sallwasser will guide a discussion of selected sections from the book over five sessions starting Tuesday, July 9, at 6:00 on ZOOM.

Every Monday we will send an email reminder for the next meeting and the chapter that we will discuss. Michael or Mauricio will pose questions. Sometimes we will invite you to respond to the whole group with your thoughts via email. Other times we may ask to share your answers during the ZOOM meeting.

Mauricio will also include excerpts from a book of poetry written by Ron Dowell, DTM, a local poet who explores the meaning of the Watts Rebellion (aka Watts Riots) and recounts growing up in Watts and Compton in the 1960s.

Join us for the whole series or just attend when you can make it. If you are interested, reply to :

[michael.sallwasser@gmail.com](mailto:michael.sallwasser@gmail.com) or  
[maurrriciomo@gmail.com](mailto:maurrriciomo@gmail.com).



## Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice's Democracy Movement

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice's Democracy Movement is composed of individuals and groups that are concerned about the current state of our country and our democracy, and want to make things better. It is not a political party. Independents, Republicans, Democrats, and individuals who dislike and don't want to participate in politics, are all invited to participate in this movement.



The Democracy Movement's goal is to create a society where everyone's basic needs are met, and people have the opportunity to grow and thrive.

Use this link, <http://bit.ly/uusselection2024>, to download Your Personal Plan to Help Save Our Democracy, select some items, then select some more... **If you believe that:**

- There is too much money in the hands of too few people
- All people are created equal and should have equal rights
- There is power in coming together in support of a common goal
- We need to stop being polarized - we are all different, that's ok - most of us have a lot in common - we need to discuss and understand our differences, not fight over them
- People should be encouraged to vote and make their voices heard
- Although flawed, democracy is still a better system of government than autocracy / authoritarianism / fascism.

**Then you should consider supporting the Democracy Movement.**

**Here are three things you can do:**

- Download and fill out the Personal Plan Checklist.
- Find and join a local group that supports democracy.
- Email: DemocracyTeam@UUCLB.ORG to be put on our e-list to receive updates.

**Questions? E-mail Pat Marr at [DemocracyTeam@UUCLB.org](mailto:DemocracyTeam@UUCLB.org)**



## **NATIVE JUSTICE GROUP**

Next Meeting:

**Sunday**

**June 9, 2024 at 2:00pm**

**In-Person  
and on ZOOM**

for more info, meeting location  
and ZOOM link  
please go to  
[UUCLB.org/calendar](http://UUCLB.org/calendar)

**Native Justice Group Reads:  
“After One Hundred Winters”**

Our next meeting is planned for June 9. We will discuss the book, *After One Hundred Winters* by Margaret D. Jacobs and continue discussing projects we'd like to work on, such as preparing a Native Justice service for church in October, recommending a social justice collection recipient, and checking in with local Tongva and Acjachemen elders on a possible physical / tangible land acknowledgement, plaque, sculpture or etc.

Our group is still in the process of forming, so it is a good time for interested people to visit and join. In-person location and zoom information is in the church calendar: [uuclb.org/calendar](http://uuclb.org/calendar)



## **BIPOC NEWS!!**

**NEXT BIPOC**

**MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**June 18, 2024 at 6:00pm**

(an hour earlier than usual)

For July and August we return  
to our regular 7:00pm time.)

**In the Lounge  
and on ZOOM**

Next Bipoc Fellowship Meeting will be on June 18 at 7:00pm. We have hybrid meetings! You can join us live in the church lounge or on ZOOM. See the church calendar at [uuclb.org/calendar](http://uuclb.org/calendar) for the ZOOM link. Email us at: [bipoc.chair@uuclb.org](mailto:bipoc.chair@uuclb.org)



**SIDE WITH LOVE**  
**Explore the**  
**Side With Love**  
**Action Center**

<https://sidewithlove.org/actioncenter>

The Unitarian Universalist Association sponsors “Side with Love” a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love’s power to stop oppression. All are welcome to join online for the latest updates explore and sign up for the online webinars.



# LOC

## Local Organizing Committee

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Local Organizing Committee is to build coalitions with interfaith communities around common interests, related to economic justice. We foster leadership in organizing.

We are working to prevent homelessness - join us.

**Meets First Wednesdays at 3:00pm on ZOOM**  
For link go to:  
**UUCLB.org/News/Calendar**

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Awaken people to their power in social justice activism and advocacy

**Pledge to Vote March 5 and November 5 at the Table or in the Office – one step to preserve our freedoms to speak !**

LA Voice “Listening Campaign” & “Home is Sacred” narrative has resulted in SB567 being Signed into Law in 2023 – Thank you for supporting this effort:

- Listening to our Congregants
- Postcards & Letters
- Rally at the Capital in Sacramento
- Meetings with our State Representatives & Senators, Long Beach Mayor
- News Conferences with the Press

When we started this journey together back in 2022, we knew the fight to get SB567, the Homelessness Prevention Act, through the legislative cycle and signed into law would be an uphill battle. Through the Senate and the Assembly, through the ups and downs, we hung on, grounded by our faith, and our conviction to build an LA county, and a California with equity and abundance for all.

Email Kathy Adams at: [LOC@UUCLB.ORG](mailto:LOC@UUCLB.ORG)

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## Energy Production Report

(On Wylder Hall - Site ID 715192)

Energy Produced:  
**3.3 MWh**

UUCLB Carbon Offset:  
**2.42 tons**

We've offset the equivalent of  
**41 Trees!**

Year-to-Date Production: 10MWh  
Lifetime Production: 248.3 MWh

(On Offices - Site ID 4636961)

Energy Produced:  
**1.2 MWh**

UUCLB Carbon Offset:  
**1916 lb**

We've offset the equivalent of  
**15 Trees!**

Year-to-Date Production: 4 MWh  
Lifetime Production: 6.0 MWh

UUCLB uses ENPHASE Equipment to measure our solar energy production. Our monthly energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.





## Call to Action on Gaza

*for committees and individuals at UUCLB*

Our Saving Democracy team at UUCLB urges you to write, phone or email President Biden, California's Senators, and your Congressperson with your UU values and the [February 14, 2024 message](#) from our Unitarian Universalist President Reverend Sofia Bentancourt in mind.

Let our elected officials know that our values do not support war, especially on civilian populations and that we do not want our aid to Israel to be used to attack Gaza.

The U.S. can use its power, influence, and foreign aid to Israel to promote peace over war, and the protection of civilian populations over military attacks that constitute potential acts of genocide.

***Here is a possible script you might use:***

As a member of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach or UUCLB Saving Democracy Team or UUCLB Social Justice Council]: [I am/we are] called to “affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings,” and “work for a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.” [I/we] join our Unitarian Universalist Association President in her statement that:

- condemns Israeli military's ongoing violence against Gaza,
- joins the growing chorus of voices across the United States and the globe in urging an immediate and total ceasefire,
- calls for the free flow of massive emergency humanitarian to Gaza and the safe return of all hostages and prisoners.

#ceasefirenow #caringnotkilling

*Call or email*

**Congressman Robert Garcia**

**Washington DC Office**

Phone: (202) 225-7924

**Long Beach District Office**

Phone: (562) 512-8489

Email: [Click here](#)

*Call or email*

**US Senator Laphonza Butler**

**Los Angeles Office**

Phone: (310) 914-7300

**Washington DC Office**

Phone: (202) 224-3841

Email: [Click here](#)

*Call or email*

**CA Senator Alex Padilla**

**Los Angeles Office**

Phone: (310) 231-4494

**Washington DC Office**

Phone: (202) 224-3553

Email: [Click here](#)

Find your representative: [Democracy.io](#)

**For Further Reading:**

- [UUA Condemns Violence Against Gaza, Urges Immediate and Total Ceasefire | Press Releases | UUA.org](#)
- [UUA Statement on the Humanitarian Catastrophe in Gaza and Israel](#) (October 17)
- [Why We Cannot Turn Away: Resources for UUs Engaging Palestine and Israel](#)
- [UUSC Joins Calls for an Immediate Ceasefire in Israel/Palestine](#) (October 2023)
- [UUSC Response to Human Rights At Risk in Palestine and Israel](#)
- [UUSC Response to International Court of Justice Decision](#) Regarding Genocide in Palestine
- Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministry's (DRUUMM) [Open Letter to UU Colleagues on the War and Occupation in Palestine](#) (November 15, 2023)

Contact [DemocracyTeam@uuclb.org](mailto:DemocracyTeam@uuclb.org) with any questions



**Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
**9:00am to 1:00pm**

Join Us for the  
**UUCLB Facilities  
 WORK PARTY!**

The Facilities Committee invites you to the monthly UUCLB Work Party. This is an event where volunteers of all ages gather to maintain our campus and make minor repairs. Show up any time during the party to do just one task or many tasks.

The Facilities Committee prepares and posts a list of tasks that need to be done. These include recurring tasks and those requested by the staff or committees or congregants. Tasks that are not completed will be on the list for the next work party. Following are the types of tasks on the list.

**Gardening** – It's spring and things are growing! Weeding is always needed, plants need trimming, and we welcome help in the organic veggie garden.

**Cleaning** – Every cleaning chore you do at home is needed at UUCLB; stains on the patio and walkways are cleaned, windows washed, dust bunnies chased, cobwebs removed, etc..

**Checking and replacing** – Replacing lights and air filters are always on the list.

**Maintenance** – We fix, modify and assemble things where volunteers have the needed skills, and you can learn new skills too!

**A light lunch will be served after we finish our tasks. Please join us if you feel so inclined!**

# JUNE TOWN HALL COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday,  
 June 27, 2024  
 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
 on ZOOM**



[uuclb.org/meetings/thc](http://uuclb.org/meetings/thc)  
 Meeting ID: 869 6720 0610  
 Passcode: 732091

## On the Agenda

- Board Actions & Updates
- Committee Updates – what should the Board & Congregation know? — Please submit information by June 20 so participants can study the issues before the meeting.

## Open Discussion

This is the place to learn what's going on at UUCLB!

- Committees & Task Forces share what you're doing!
- Newcomers meet fellow congregants & get to know the workings and processes of UUCLB!
- Fellowship Opportunities for ALL!

\*\* Go to the Town Hall Council folder in the Members Only Google drive for information about agenda items \*\*

Questions or to place an item on the agenda contact Jan Goodwin at:

[jan.goodwin@uuclb.org](mailto:jan.goodwin@uuclb.org)



## CONTEMPORARY BOOK CLUB

### THIS MONTH:

**June 23 - The Arrangement**

Kiersten Modglin (2021). How to repair a broken marriage with silence, deceit, suspicion, and temptation.

### READ AHEAD:

**July 28 - Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**

Gabrielle Zevin (2022). A modern love story in which two childhood friends reunite as adults to find love in the digital world..

**We meet in person every  
4th Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Room I.**

Please read the book and come ready to discuss.  
All are welcome.



## ATHEIST / FREE THINKERS GROUP

**First & Third Mondays: 2:30pm**

**Join Us in the Lounge or via ZOOM**

**For ZOOM link  
please go to [uuclb.org/calendar](http://uuclb.org/calendar)**

**If you want to find out why we don't believe,  
join us in discussion or give us your argument!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

[atheist@uuclb.org](mailto:atheist@uuclb.org)



## Membership

### Interested in Membership?

**Please Join our Next  
“Starting Point”  
Class**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024,  
11:30 am in the Lounge**

Presented by the membership committee, the UUCLB “Starting Point” class provides information about Unitarian Universalism and what it means to become a member of our congregation. Visitors and newcomers are encouraged to attend. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am in the lounge. The next Starting Point is Sunday, May 5, 2024.

For more information, please email:

[Membership@uuclb.org](mailto:Membership@uuclb.org)

or visit our webpage at

<https://www.uuclb.org/connect/become-a-member/>

Will you be attending via ZOOM?

Please let us know so that we can  
welcome you virtually.

email: [membership@uuclb.org](mailto:membership@uuclb.org)

Meeting ID: 921 8298 5381

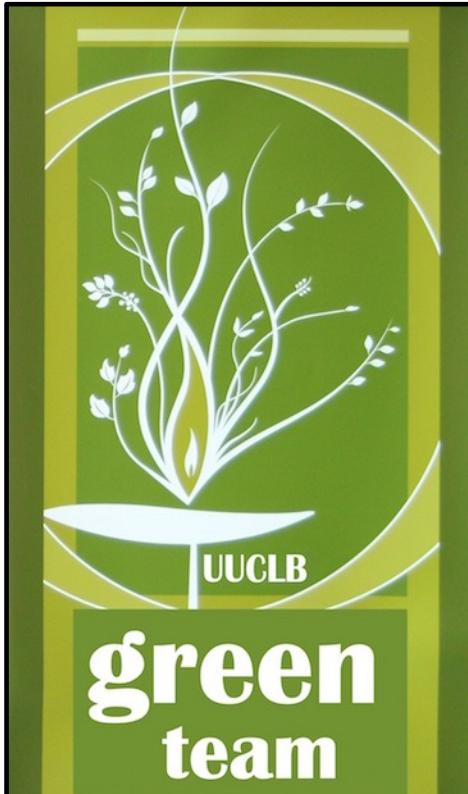
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For more info, see our webpage at  
<https://www.uuclb.org/connect/become-a-member>  
Or email: [Membership@uuclb.org](mailto:Membership@uuclb.org)



Join us, your Delegates, for Conversation about the proposed Article II Revision  
June 9, in Wylder Hall, after Service, approximately 11:30am.  
Please complete your opinion poll by June 10.

## Article II CONVERSATION June 9, 11:30



At the Table

*Where's  
the  
Info?*



Online

# Rooted in Reverence

AFFINITY GROUP

**Saturday, June 2, 2022**  
**9:30 am – 11:00am via Zoom**

Rooted in Reverence is an Affinity Group that meets virtually on the first Saturday of each month from 9:30-11:00am. Members come from a variety of spiritual backgrounds and use music, poetry, religious texts, prayers and meditation to deepen our UU Faith & Practice.

Join us on Saturday, June 2, as we explore how our faith is shaped and renewed when we ask questions – of ourselves, our faith, our family, our “work” and our experiences. Find the meeting link on our website <https://www.uuclb.org/news/calendar/> under June 2. Questions? Need more information? Contact [rootedinreverence@uuclb.org](mailto:rootedinreverence@uuclb.org)

## VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Your Adult Faith Development Team Requests

**UUA Common Read Facilitators**  
**Discussion Facilitators**  
**Arts and Crafts Leaders**  
**Event Planners, Helpers and Hosts**  
**Event Videographers and Photographers**  
**Event Summary Writers**

**To Support Upcoming Programming**

Contact Kathy Adams & Michael Lyde at  
[afd.chair@uuclb.org](mailto:afd.chair@uuclb.org) for more information

UPCOMING  
UUCLB MUSIC & ARTS

## 2024 Concerts

**June 2, 2024**  
**Woven Image**

**June 9, 2024**  
**Recorder Concert**

[uuclb.org/calendar](https://www.uuclb.org/calendar)

**UYAN**  
**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Young Adult Network**

**See you Sunday, June 16!**

For more information contact Kathy Adams  
[katole@uuclb.org](mailto:katole@uuclb.org) | 562-619-8612 cell



# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE UUCLB SUMMER 2024 CHURCH POTLUCK PICNICS

**Join Us for the UUCLB Summer 2024 "Potluck Picnics"**

**June 5 (first Wednesday)**

**July 10 (second Wednesday)**

**August 7 (first Wednesday)**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**At the picnic tables beneath the Olive trees,  
adjacent to the playground.**

**VERY IMPORTANT Potluck Details:**

- Please bring a hearty dish to share – one that feeds several people.
- Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair, if you prefer that to picnic tables.
- Note: The church kitchen will not be available for use and we won't have a grill/BBQ this year.
- Items provided by church: Plates, silverware, cups, napkins, serving utensils, and serving ware, cookies, chips, and non-alcoholic beverages (iced tea & lemonade)

This is a potluck, so whatever folks contribute, will be what we all enjoy communally.

Please take your potluck food and dish home with you, when you go home.

For more information, please contact  
Laura Scully at 562-822-0200 or email: [lbscully1@gmail.com](mailto:lbscully1@gmail.com)



# Adult Faith Development

*Identity*

*Purpose*

*Meaning*

Questions? Comments? Contact Kathy Adams or Michael Lyde at [afd.chair@uuclb.org](mailto:afd.chair@uuclb.org)

## Juneteenth: A Day of Reflection for Unitarian Universalists

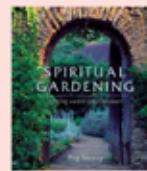
For Unitarian Universalists, Juneteenth holds profound significance as it commemorates the end of slavery in the United States on June 19, 1865. This day, when Union General Gordon Granger announced the freedom of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, aligns with our core UU principles of dignity, justice, and equity for all. Juneteenth is a powerful reminder of the historical and ongoing struggles for racial equality. It underscores the importance of continuous advocacy for social justice, reflecting our commitment to dismantling systemic racism and fostering a society where every person's inherent worth is recognized and celebrated.

Unitarian Universalists observe Juneteenth through educational events, community engagement, and activism. These activities honor the resilience and contributions of African Americans and provide opportunities to learn about the impacts of slavery and systemic racism. By reflecting on this pivotal moment in history, we are inspired to reaffirm our dedication to promoting equality and justice.

Juneteenth is not just a celebration of freedom but also a call to action. It urges UUs to live our values in the ongoing pursuit of true liberation and equity for all. This day encourages deeper reflection and renewed commitment to building a more inclusive and just world.

## Wait, There's More...

Visit our table on the West Patio following worship services to sign up and learn more about discussions of the UUA Common Read and other adult spirituality and education experiences.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Soulful Sampler

A Creative Kickback for All Ages

Saturday, June 15, 2024

10:00 AM - 2:00-ish PM

Lounge & West Patio

### Words of Our Own Writing Group

Sunday, June 23, 2024

11:30 AM - 1:30-ish PM

UUCLB Lounge

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Zoom links are available in Church Calendar at [uuclb.org](http://uuclb.org).

## In June we observe...

- National Gardening Exercise Day (6)
- World Elder Abuse Awareness (15)
- Summer Solstice (21)

Each of these observances affords us an opportunity to broaden and deepen our Unitarian Universalist identity, beliefs, and ministries through:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Reflection</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration</li> <li>• Support</li> <li>• Listening</li> </ul>
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Interested in the UUCLB Young Adult Network? (ages 18-35)  
Contact Kathy Adams for more information at 562-619-8612 or [katole@uuclb.org](mailto:katole@uuclb.org)

# Unitarian Universalist YOUNG ADULT NETWORK of Long Beach UYAN Ages 18-35

## Every 3rd Sunday

After Service **@the lounge**  
**~11:30am**

5450 E. Atherton St  
Long Beach CA, 90815



2024 UUCLB CONCERT SERIES FINALE

# JUNE 2 4PM IN WYLDER HALL WOVEN IMAGE

BLENDING AMERICAN AND CELTIC FOLK MUSIC WITH JAZZ AND POP,  
WOVEN IMAGE BRINGS MOVING AND MEMORABLE SONGS TO LIFE WITH  
RICH VOCAL HARMONY AND COMPELLING INSTRUMENTAL  
ACCOMPANIMENT.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE: FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT THE  
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL.  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT [USICANDARTS@UUCLB.ORG](mailto:USICANDARTS@UUCLB.ORG)



# YOU'RE INVITED!!

Enjoy lunch, dessert, fun lawn games for the family, company, & conversation

As we celebrate new members from  
January 2023-June 2024



**Sunday, June 30, 2024  
11:30am—1:30pm**

Please **RSVP** to provide headcount for lunch  
to [rsvp.membership.uuclb@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp.membership.uuclb@gmail.com)



Sponsored by: Leadership Committee,  
Membership Committee,  
& Stewardship Committee

# BOARD REPORTS

## Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

Minutes prepared by Gina Stephens, Clerk

### Board Report BOT Meeting Summary – April 2, 2024

#### Consent Agenda

[March 5, 2024 Board Minutes](#)  
APPROVED

#### Board Recognitions

Laura Scully and the RE Committee for the children's Easter activities

#### Minister and Head of Staff Report April 2024

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### [Denominational Assembly Delegates](#) – APPROVED

##### [8th Principle Scholarship Policy](#) APPROVED

Report from 8P Task Force  
\$1,680 remaining funds available

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### [New Communications Committee and Charge](#)

###### Discussion Only

Board to create committee to coordinate communication with members and community.  
Per Rev. Lissa: needs to carefully collaborate with staff person – Office Admin

##### [Pink Haven Coalition Fund](#) APPROVED

**Motion from Finance Committee:** Move that Pink Haven be designated as a Special Collection without a monthly limit until June 30, 2025. The funds will be distributed from the Minister's Emergency Fund bank account. The formal fundraising for Pink Haven can begin May 1, 2024

Minister's discretionary fund with oversight by Treasurer

### Board Report BOT Meeting Summary – May 6, 2024

#### Consent Agenda APPROVED

April Board Minutes not available

Approve continuation of Security Guard

Accept nominations from LDC:

BOT – Maria Hanson, Lisa Moore; Clerk – Gina Stephens;  
LDC – Phibun Ny, Norma Chinchills

Approve [Annual Awards Task Force Charge](#)

Approve [Denominational Affairs Committee Charge](#)

#### Board Recognitions

Finance Committee, RE Committee, Grace and Treacy for garden cleanup.

#### Minister and Head of Staff Report May 2024:

DRE Search, Curriculm, end of year planning,  
Saturday church 5-18.

Polling place \$500/day for 10 days

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### [Membership Celebration June 30th](#) – Add Annual Awards to Event APPROVED

##### [Set Agenda for Worship and Annual Meeting Sat 5/18 10 am - 1 pm APPROVED](#)

##### [Communication Listening/Discussion Meeting, Thurs, June 6, 7-8:30 pm](#)

##### [Groups Definition Policy: APPROVED](#)

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### [Approve 2024-25 Budget for presentation to congregation at Annual Meeting APPROVED](#)

Budget; Budget Strategy; Approve Affiliations

#### Misc Board Policies DEFERRED

##### [Church Fence Project DEFERRED](#)

Request to use some of the remaining 8th Principle Scholarship funds for food at a future Article II Information meeting with members/friends. Funds must be used before June 22, 2024.

APPROVED

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## BOARD REPORTS

### Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

Minutes prepared by Gina Stephens, Clerk

**May 19, 2024**

### Annual Congregational Meeting MINUTES

**Quorum Confirmed** (15% required) – 207 Voting Members / Quorum = 32 / 73 attending, including 7 online

#### **Election of Moderator:**

Edie Mickey-Silveria **APPROVED**

#### **Appointment of Parliamentarian:** Jan Goodwin

**APPROVED**

#### **Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meetings,** May 21, 2023 and Oct. 29, 2023 **APPROVED**

#### **Election of two new members of the Board of Trustees** for 3-year terms

Maria Hanson, Lisa Moore, Jonathan Sneller  
(nominated from the floor) **APPROVED**

#### **Election of the Clerk** for 1-year term -- Gina Stephens **APPROVED**

#### **Election of two members of Leadership Development Committee** for 2-year terms

Norma Chinchilla, Phibun Ny  
**APPROVED**

**8. Bylaw Amendment:** The Board of Trustees moves that the date of the Annual Meeting be changed, and bylaws amended as follows:

Article III, Section B “Annual Meeting”

“The Annual meeting of this congregation and corporation shall be held on the ~~third~~ fourth Sunday in ~~May~~ April in the main Church building, or at such time and place in April or May ~~May or June~~ as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees and announced as set forth in Section D below.”

#### **6. Adoption of 2024-2025 Annual Budget** **APPROVED**

#### **7. Historian Report 2023-24**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Annual Awards will be part of Membership Celebration of June 30th



**Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Long Beach**

## **UUCLB Delegates Selected for General Assembly**

The Board of Trustees has invited the following members to represent UUCLB at the upcoming denominational assembly.

#### **General Assembly**

**June 20-23, 2024**

<https://www.uua.org/ga>

LeRae Niell  
Priscilla Ortiz  
Treacy Gephart-Seeley  
Jimmy Brink  
Jonathan Sneller

- LeRae Niell will coordinate GA delegates in studying the issues and coordinating participation.

Watch for more information from our Delegates and the important Denominational work they will be doing on behalf of UUCLB!

Gina Stephens  
UUCLB Board of Trustees/Clerk



# Tributes

**Tribute to the****— Finance Team —**

From  
Kat & Ole

**Tribute to the****— Poetry Event Team —**

From  
Kat & Ole

**Tribute to****— Leadership Team Members —****— Welcome New Board Members —**

**“Thank You”**

**— Supporting Board Members —**

From  
Kat & Ole



## Make a Tribute!

Make a Memorial Tribute in memory of, or to say “Thank You” to someone for a gift, a good deed, a job well done, or just to tell someone “You are special!” You can make your Tribute by check or use tithe.ly. Checks should be made out to UUCLB and marked “Tribute To (insert name here)”. For text-to-give, text the words “Tribute for (insert name)” and the amount to 833-931-1845. If making a tribute by check, mail to: UUCLB, 5450 E Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90815

Your Tribute will be posted on the bulletin board and in the weekly announcement.

Is it time for you to revise your will or trust, or maybe to develop one for the first time?



When you do, please remember the important role the church has played in your life and your family's life.

Your bequest or other gift will make a difference to the church's long-term future. When you return the Confidential Bequest Form to the church, as directed, the Planned Giving Committee will joyfully welcome you into the UUCLB Legacy Circle.

Go to <https://www.uuclb.org/give/planned-giving/> for information. Email [plannedgiving@uuclb.org](mailto:plannedgiving@uuclb.org) with any questions.

# GIVING

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## ONLINE GIVING—TRY IT! GIVE AT

<https://www.uuclb.org/give/digital-giving/>

or Text-to-Give:

simply text "GIVE" to our dedicated 10-digit giving phone number (833) 931-1845 and follow the online instructions.

### Want to announce an Events or submit an article for Publication? Follow the instructions listed below.

Please use the following addresses to communicate events and announcements. Submit as text or MS Word .doc attachment or typed in the body of your email. No special formatting please. Graphics should be attached in .pdf, .jpg or .tiff formats. Please name your files relative to the content, ex.: Green Team March 2020.

**announcements@uuclb.org** — this is the e-blast that comes once a week in your email

#### DUE DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit by Tuesdays at noon. Please send a new email each week for each item you would like published because the announcements are created by checking each week's unread emails. We do not have time to go back to see how long each article or announcement should run. Thank you for understanding.

**advance@uuclb.org** — this is the newsletter that comes out monthly in your email. You're reading it now! See info at right.

**calendar@uuclb.org** — send your calendaring requests (room reservations) to this address

**[Click here to request a ZOOM room reservation](#)**  
or use this link: [uuclb.org/ZOOMres](https://uuclb.org/ZOOMres)

**[socialmedia@uuclb.org](mailto:socialmedia@uuclb.org)** — send your social media requests (facebook / church website) to this address

**[www.uuclb.org](http://www.uuclb.org)** — this is our website...Please take a look!

### ADVANCE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE CHANGE

**Due: Tuesday, June 18**  
for the  
**July/August 2024 issue**  
By 9:00 pm

**PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

Please send your articles and photos to:  
**advance@uuclb.org**

Submit as **text or MS Word .doc attachment**  
**or typed in the body of your email.**  
No special formatting please.

Graphics should be sent as attachments in  
.pdf, .jpg or .tiff formats.

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Your monetary gifts sustain our beloved community and enable us to further embody our values through our gatherings, programs, and community outreach. Please consider UUCLB in your charitable gifts for 2024-25.

**[UUCLB.org/GIVE](http://UUCLB.org/GIVE)**

### **UUCLB STAFF**

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### **2022-23 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President, Edie Mickey-Silveria, [boardpresident@uuclb.org](mailto:boardpresident@uuclb.org)  
...to address the Board, [board@uuclb.org](mailto:board@uuclb.org)

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm by phone, appointment or email  
phone: (562) 597-8445 (Please leave a message)  
email: [office@uuclb.org](mailto:office@uuclb.org)

**View past Sunday Services at [www.facebook.com/UUCLB](http://www.facebook.com/UUCLB)**

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