

Workshop on developing a Mission Peak Covenant of Right Relations Saturday, March 14th.

On Saturday, March 14th Rev Jo and I will facilitate a workshop on around developing a Covenant of Right Relations for Mission Peak UU. We will meet in Ockerman rooms 7 and 8 starting at 9:00 am with snacks, coffee and check-in. It should last till about Noon. We hope as many people can attend as possible, so we have a good cross section of the congregation.

Why are we working on a Covenant now? For one thing, it is a time of change and that can lead to conflicts and differences of opinion as decisions are made. Our Principals call on us, among other things, to behave in ways that affirm and promote: The inherent worth and dignity of each person, compassion in human relations; and acceptance of one another. Covenants of Right Relations (also called Behavioral Covenants) help us treat each other. A Covenant of Right Relations provides guidelines for how we can resolve differences in ways that are congruent to our principals. Following the covenant to the best of our abilities will allow us to discuss and resolve the inevitable conflicts associated with living in community in respectful, constructive and creative ways. They help build trust and even closer community. And now, while the congregation is thriving, is the best time of all to create one.

The UUA website has a couple of short (one and a half pages each) articles on what covenants are and why a congregation needs one (or more). [CREATING CONGREGATIONAL COVENANTS](#) and [COVENANTS HELP MEMBERS RESPECT, HEAR EACH OTHER](#). Please read these if you are planning to attend, or if you are considering attending.

We will start with some presentations and discussion of what a Covenant of Right Relationship is and why we might want one. then review some from other congregations and spend the rest of the time on exercises designed to help us determine what a covenant for MPUUC might include. We hope to end up with a consensus on what should be included in our covenant so a draft covenant can be created.

This is just the start of the processes. We will give the entire congregation ample opportunity to participate, and eventually hope to adopt it at a congregational meeting.

Please email me if you are planning to attend at drewwilson@comcast.net