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From the Minister's Study

I'm headed off to General Assembly (GA), the national gathering of Unitarian Universalists from all across the country. By the time you read this, it will all be history.

This particular GA has implications for Arizona. SB 1070 has put Arizona under a national microscope. So it will be at GA. On the agenda is a decision about holding GA in Phoenix in 2012. All the while, the business of GA will go on as usual.

While there, I will carry our congregation's banner in the opening ceremony, sing in the choir at the Service of the Living Tradition and attend a breakfast for Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association chapter leaders, as I am now the president of our local ministers chapter.

I will attend a reception for ministers of congregations working collaboratively with community organizations and attend a workshop co-sponsored by our congregation, Crossing Borders: Congregational Ministry in Immigrant Communities. Leila Pine will be a workshop presenter, along with UUA president, Peter Morales. I will be honored to receive the Bennett Award for Social Action on our congregation's behalf.

I will attend a mini-assembly on the Study/Action issue proposed by our congregation: Immigration Reform as a Moral Issue. I will also be part of the Arizona delegation speaking in favor of keeping GA in Phoenix in 2012.

I will probably spend way too much money on books in the exhibit hall and laugh too much over meals with friends and colleagues; rekindling old friendships and making new ones. I will be nourished by amazingly moving and inspiring worship services.

Most importantly, I will come home with a deepened love and a renewed commitment to this liberal religious faith of ours.

By the time you read this, it will all be history, and I will be glad to have been there.

Fondly yours,

Diane

Sunday Services

Sunday, July 4

Independence and Interdependence: Thoughts on both Topics

Bruce Saunders

Sunday, July 11

The Meaning of Welcome

Margot and JD Garcia

How is it that we come to feel welcome in a group or setting? What does it take for that to happen? Is the 'clencher' the action of one individual within the group, or is there a group 'ambience' that is also necessary? Do we sense it before any specific actions occur? Can it change suddenly as a result of something specific? Is Arizona a welcoming place?

Sunday July 18

Rabbi Helen Cohn

Sunday July 25

Rev. Charles Gaines

COMMITTEE MINUTES SOON TO BE AVAILABLE ON LINE

Want to know what's going on in the church? Go to the UUCT webpage, click on "Home" and check out the new section entitled "Minutes". The Board has received positive feedback about ease of access to Board of Trustee minutes which have been available for over two years on our UUCT website. Now the Board of Trustees has both requested and approved posting of minutes from some of the ministries of the church. The Board adopted this in the interest of transparency and to improve communication between and among our many leaders and the congregation. The postings have already begun with documents from the *Board of Trustees* (in this new location), *Buildings and Grounds Committee* and *Finance Committee*. Soon to come are minutes from *Committee on Ministry, Membership and Empowerment Team*. If other committees want to post minutes or other work products this is the place to do it. Note please that final approved minutes are posted so there may be a delay of up to one month.

In faith,
Board of Trustees

Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President, Speaks Out on Immigration and SB 1070

The Rev. Morales writes that he has never felt as proud of being a Unitarian Universalist as he did in Phoenix on May 29.

He joined nearly 500 UUs, more than fifty of them ministers, in a long hot march to protest Arizona's SB 1070. He says, "This law is clearly anti-immigrant and aimed at Latinos. I have attended many public witness events. What made this one special was the fact that the 30,000 people at this march were overwhelmingly Latinos, most of Mexican ancestry. I marched with my fellow UUs, many of us wearing brilliant yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" T-shirts. We also had large banners and hundreds of placards. We not only stood on the side of love, we stood out. No other faith group had the presence that UUs did. What an act of commitment! "

He points out that SB 1070 has fired up a debate over whether or not the UUA should hold our General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012. The question of changing locations will be discussed at this year's GA in Minneapolis. While there are strong arguments both for and against an Arizona boycott, the UUA has been invited by Puente (Bridge) and the National Day Laborers Organizing Network (NDLON), the Latino organizes of the May 29th rally, to partner with them and to make our General Assembly in 2012 something far more than a normal GA. The leaders of these two organizations wrote to Rev. Morales, "We ask that your 2012 General Assembly here in Phoenix be a convergence in cooperation with us and that together we design the best ways that UUs can witness, learn from, take action, and serve the movement here. "

For more information about this topic, read Rev. Morales' entire letter on the UUCT website at www.uuctucson.org

To All Escapees:

As you take off this summer to cooler terrain, remember that you can use your Fry's card at any Kroger store in the country. Also Safeway cards can be used in any Safeway store or Basha's in stores in Arizona only.

To Frys Participants: July is the final month of this 6 month rebate period, so don't forget to load your cards as much as possible to help bring in a great rebate for this period.

To Those Who Have Not Yet Joined: You need to know that it costs you nothing extra for your groceries to join our rebate program. If you shop at Frys, Sunflower, Safeway, Basha's, Food City, AJs or Albertsons and are in our program, you help bring in additional funds to the church. It will take little of your time to join and all participation is appreciated. The Grocery Rebate Program table can be found in the back of the sanctuary after services for any questions or to join us. Please stop by.

*Marjorie Smith, Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program*

SWEET TOMATOES FUN RAISER IN JULY

When: Monday, July 12 from 5:00-8:00 PM

Where: Sweet Tomatoes at Broadway and Wilmot

Why? Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of our total sales to UUCT

How? Pick up a flyer at UUCT Sunday July 5 or 11th, bring it with your group on Monday the 12th, purchase a meal and a beverage (required), turn in the flyer when your group pays, and UUCT gets 15%!! Flyer also available on the UUCT website.

TUUR to Santa Fe and Taos

This November we will visit the adobe San Francisco de Asis Church, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

Possibly the most photographed church in the US! It was the subject of four paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe, and photographs by Ansel Adams and Paul Strand. Georgia O'Keeffe described it as, "one of the most beautiful

buildings left in the United States by the early Spaniards." We are now accepting registration for our Tuur. Check it out at this location: <http://www.uuctucson.org/index.php/sponsored-tours/> or contact Julia at perujourney@gainbroadband.com.



B-i-G News

Christmas in July? Well sort of. . . We'd like to identify folks who would kick off our winter holiday season with a decorations workshop/celebration and end it with a Three Kings Party. We'd like a list ready for Mary Wiese when she returns from her well earned holiday in August. Sign up through the church office.

Moratorium on Holland Sanctuary Projects: Byron Skinner is leading this effort. He is undergoing two knee replacements in succession. We wish him a full recovery. Until Byron returns, there will be no changes in Holland Sanctuary.

Tool Avenue Comes to UUCT

No, we're not re-routing a downtown street. We are asking for donations of tools for a new UUCT indoor, locked tool crib. If you have extra tools, double tools, tools you are no longer using, please leave them at the church office.

At its July meeting, the B and G Committee voted unanimously to purchase and dedicate a new bench for the memorial garden in honor of Barbara Tegethoff. With the approval of the Empowerment Team, we are soliciting donations. Checks should be made out to UUCT with "Tegethoff Memorial" written clearly on the memo line. Donations may be made through the collection plate on Sundays, in the church office, or mailed directly to the church. We will be accepting gifts from now through Labor Day. Let's all show our appreciation for Barbara and the many gifts she shared with us all!

From the Treasurer

In May, the church deposited \$31,124.28 into the checking account. This income is from pledge payments, rent, Sunday collection, donations, and income from selling grocery scrip. A total of \$36,045.12 was expended. Therefore we spent 4,920.84 more than we deposited. The balance in the checking account on May 31 was \$5,996.89.

Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life
Administrator: mwiese@uuctucson.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Catalina Park Annual Campout is back! We will head up to the park on the afternoon of Saturday, October 2nd, stay the night, have worship in the morning, and head out. For those of you that have not been able to experience this event in the past, it is not to be missed! RV's are welcome and there is a lot of tent space. Folks are needed to help plan menus, games, hikes, and activities. Musicians are always a welcome addition around the campfire. Please contact Mary Wiese, or Becky Keyes, scrapkeyes@yahoo.com, for more information.

Our Annual Service Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 13. Planning is still very much underway and help is needed. A planning meeting is scheduled in August, the date to be determined. Please email Jan Dowling, rubbytues98@hotmail.com, or Mary Wiese, mwiese@uuctucson.org, if you are interested in helping. Ideas that have already been discussed are a scaled down silent auction, doing a portion of the silent auction online, and serving a simpler menu. Got an idea? Participate and be part of the planning team. We hope to hear from you soon.

We plan on holding a rummage sale in the Spring of 2011. So, hold on to your treasures and trash that may be suitable for the sale if you can. Also, we plan to have the luncheon/book sale like we did this past year in late January or early February. Help, as always, is needed. Please contact Mary if you are willing and able to do so.

ALL of these events take work. Many of you have expressed an interest in volunteering for one time events due to busy schedules. These are all one time opportunities...here is your chance.

Wonderful Wonderful Workshop

Look around the Patio and you'll notice new clusters of pots filled with cacti and succulents which brighten the space in a sustainable way. These container gardens are the outcome of the wonderful Wonderful Workshop led by Judy Dare, on June 26, under the auspices of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Participants included: Richard Brodesky, Judy Dare, Chuck Gould, Carol Hubbard, Peggy McConnell, and Julia Mehrer. Additionally, J. D. and Margot Garcia donated cuttings from two different night-blooming cactus plants even though they could not attend.

People do better when they foster growth. Speak to Judy Dare about adopting a cluster of pots. Your easy, gentle maintenance will nourish you as well as our church campus!

On May 12, 2010, Rev. Diane convened a search committee to hire a new Acting Lifespan Faith Development Director. Members were Rev. Diane, Peggy Smith, Becky Keyes, and Michael Greenbaum. Mike was elected chairperson of the committee which established a time line and began work that evening. The committee, with input from the AFD Team and the RE Council, finalized a job description which was published in an all-church email, on the UUCT web site, on the national RE list-serve, on the district RE list-serve, and on the national adult faith development list-serve.

From the four applicant letters and resumes which were received, three finalists were selected. References were checked, and the candidates were interviewed on June 12. The selection process was difficult and exhaustive--but it was thorough, fair, and the final choice carefully considered. The committee offered the position to Kathleen Hogue who has accepted the offer and will begin her duties on July 1. The Board of Trustees will finalize her selection at its meeting on Tuesday, June 22, by signing the Employment Agreement.

The search committee wants to thank those who applied and express its confidence that Kathleen, who brings to the job her outstanding background in religious education, will serve the congregation well as its new Acting Lifespan Faith Development Director.

Michael S. Greenbaum
Search Committee Chairperson

Personal Essay

The other day I drove along 22nd Street past the church and as I looked over at it, as I always do when passing, I noticed with sadness that the big Palo Verde tree on the western edge of the property had split in half. Left sticking up in the air were a trunk and two main branches, one with broken and shaggy edges. On the ground was the pile that had once been leaves and flowers eagerly growing toward the light. Now they would dry, wither, and die without the nourishment of sap from the roots.

While the line of Palo Verdes along 22nd Street looks as though they just happened, nothing could be further from the truth.

In the cool January of 1955 landscaping started. A gift, again from Samuel Goddard, Sr., spurred on the landscaping plan which had been presented by Mr. Hosaw. Palm trees were the first planted. In 1957 a row of Blue Palo Verde trees was planted along the front. A cactus bed was placed down the center strip of the drive off 22nd Street and Eucalyptus trees were planted to border the outside edges of the drive. A row of Aleppo Pines as placed along the east boundary, all with an underground watering system.

(from A Liberal Light in the Desert: Fifty Years of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson 1948-1998 page 14-15.)

So, as we enjoy the labors of our predecessors, so we must renew that which has served us well, but no longer is able to continue. We need the help of everyone to keep our beloved community, the Liberal Light in the Desert, functioning.

Margot Garcia

ART GALLERY SHOW

For the summer months of July and August, the Holland Sanctuary art gallery is featuring photographs taken by talented church members and friends. You can see beautiful photos of our exquisite desert, as well as interesting Florentine architecture. Be sure to see them soon.

ALLIANCE NEWS

In May we held our annual business meeting, starting off with a fun sing-along led by Gilbert Moore. Gilbert has a great music collection.

Getting down to business, we elected officers for next year;

President : Marcia Schenck

Vice President and Treasurer : Tom Warburton

Ways and Means : Marcia Schenck and Ann Schraeder.

Hospitality : Janet Boice

Next we had some preliminary discussion about our program for next year, the Christmas music program will be on Dec, 7th this year.

After this, the group adjourned to the Golden Corral Buffet for lunch.

Alliance activities will be rather quiet through the summer. We will continue the sale of magazines in the back of Holland every Sunday. Please continue to bring in your recent issues for re-sale and re-use. We will not be selling the jewelry and craft items until Fall.

Volunteer--the best job in the world.

ICS (Interfaith Community Services, of which UUCT is a partner) has many ways for you to make a difference in people's lives--drive seniors to appointments, answer phones in our eastside office, visit a homebound person, and more. Come to an ICS volunteer orientation to hear all about it. There will be an orientation on Saturday, **July 17, 10:00-12:00** at **Fountain of Life Lutheran Church** (710 S. Kolb Rd.). Call Sandi Brickley or Karen MacDonald for more information or to let us know you'll join us: 297-6049.

The Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society (SUUS) has been recently designated a Historic Cultural Monument by the Los Angeles City Council, at the request of the Los Angeles Conservancy. This year, the facility received first place in the Conservancy's "People's Choice" ecclesiastical category. > The Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society sanctuary was designed by Hungarian-born architect Frank Ehrenthal and completed in 1964. The building is widely known as "The Onion" for its unique bulbous shape.

The deadline for the next Tucsonarian is July 20 at 5 p.m. for the July 28th newsletter.



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