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FROM THE MINISTER

General Assembly happens each year and is an important time in our movement. It is a time to do business, make social justice statements, meet other UUs, do workshops, and be part of the democratic process of making decisions for our faith movement.

This year was especially important because we were considering if the Article 2 Commission's report would be accepted, with amendments, and if we would continue to study Article 2 for another year so that we can vote in 2024 whether to accept it or to begin all over again.

As you read the above, there are some significant questions that you may be asking – what is Article 2? Why was a commission created to create a new Article 2? And what does this mean for congregations.

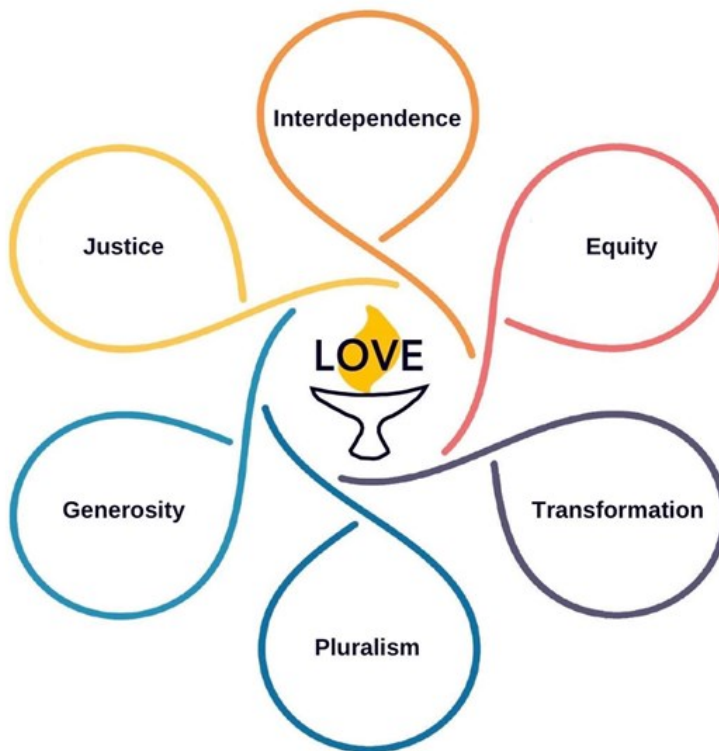
Firstly, Article 2 is the section of the UUA bylaws where we lay out what we believe and the sources we draw from. Within Article 2, we presently have the 7 principles and our 6 sources. As you know, our congregation and many others have added the 8th principle (<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org>). Because we are a congregational system, each congregation could add the 8th principle, but it takes the entire General Assembly to make changes to Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws.

Through a 5-year process the Article 2 commission was set up which studied, examined, interviewed thousands of individuals and hundreds of congregations, to determine what Unitarian Universalists believe today. The Article 2 commission generated a report which was accepted with amendments, this year. (The report can be viewed at <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>.) This means that we will have a year to study, discuss, and examine, so that we as a congregation can determine if it expresses our values.

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So what is in Article 2 commissions' report? The report names that the primary value of Unitarian Universalists is Love and there are 6 values through which we express this love. Those values are equity, transformation, pluralism, generosity, justice, and interdependence.

The visual at the end of this article is one of the ways of understanding the report. Another is for you to examine the report for yourself and join in discussion groups that we will be setting up this fall.



Grace and Peace,

Rev. Amy



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Good news! I survived my first Board meeting as President! Actually, it was not only productive, but enjoyable. We all got to know each other a little bit better, and we will continue to do that as part of each monthly meeting. Knowing each other's unique perspectives, as well as approaches to problem solving, will help us work together as a team.

At our July meeting, we discussed:

- How we can support our re-emerging Religious Exploration (RE) program for kids (the UU equivalent of "Sunday School"). This project is headed up by Sherry Dean and Bekah Waters. But they will need the support of ALL of us to make this the success we know it can be. The Board is fully behind this in every way including financially, but it will take your help, too.
- Dividing up the 40+ inquiries about CUU resulting from the Cedarhurst booth at public events this summer – what a wonderful challenge! Hats off to Cindy Hirshberg for coordinating our outreach efforts, and to all our volunteers at the booths. Way to go!
- Maintenance of our AC/Heating units in the sanctuary.
- Repair/replacement of dehumidifiers downstairs. Since the lowest part of our building is below ground level, humidity is an issue that always has to be addressed.
- David Pittman, our Treasurer, let us know that our *number* of pledges is up, as well as the rate of *payment* of pledges. This is great news, and while it may be in part due to being back in person in the building, it also indicates increased support of Cedarhurst.
- Related to that, please know that your Board takes seriously our responsibility to use your pledge dollars frugally. There are necessary monthly expenses, but we will keep you informed and where appropriate, involved, regarding unexpected large ticket expenditures.

In my own journey, let me share that I had the pleasure of directing the adult choir again this year at CERSI (Central East Region Summer Institute). This is a UU regional week long "camp" (dorm rooms, not tents...) for ALL AGES, that includes eight states (Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, northern Virginia) plus the District of Columbia.

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In conversations throughout that week, I learned what's happening (or not) in lots of UU congregations. This knowledge, and these network connections, will be very useful as I serve on the Board over the next two years. CERSI attendees were impressed with what is happening at Cedarhurst. One thing we have that serves us well is future orientation, and a positive attitude.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Becky Zimmerman

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443-789-1886 9 am – 9 pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

2 August	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
2 August	Wednesday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
6 August	Sunday	In-Person Lay-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
6 August	Sunday	Trail Walk	12:00 PM
7 August	Monday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
8 August	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
9 August	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
9 August	Wednesday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
11 August	Friday	In-Person Dinner and Play	5:00 PM
12 August	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
13 August	Sunday	In-Person Lay-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
13 August	Sunday	CUU Book Club	12:00 PM
14 August	Monday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
14 August	Monday	UUA General Assembly Ware Lecture on Zoom	7:00 PM
15 August	Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
16 August	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
16 August	Wednesday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
16 August	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
18 August	Friday	Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
20 August	Sunday	In-Person Lay-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
21 August	Monday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
21 August	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
23 August	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
23 August	Wednesday	Minister Summer Office Hours—by appt. only	
25 August	Friday	Drinks & Dessert	7:00 PM
27 August	Sunday	In-Person Lay-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
27 August	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
28 August	Monday	UUA General Assembly Conversation with Brian Broome on Zoom	7:00 PM
30 August	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM

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Join Us in Sending Birthday Wishes!

August 22nd is CUU member Henry Koch's 101st birthday!

We send much love and congratulations to Henry!



Henry and Patty Koch, June 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CEDARHURST UU

LADIES WHO LUNCH – Every Wednesday at noon on Zoom



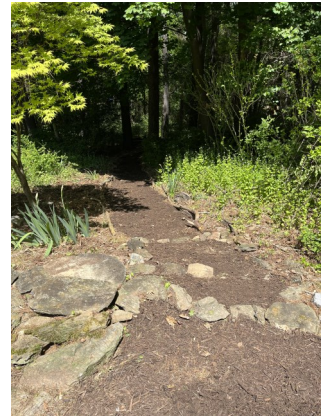
LADIES WHO LUNCH is a social Zoom that is open to ANY woman who is a member or friend of CUU. We invite you to drop in any Wednesday between 12:00-1:00 pm. Whether you have 10 minutes to spare, or the full hour, you are welcome here! Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

Trail Walk – Sunday, August 6th after Service

Take a stroll with friends or in silent contemplation through the beautiful CUU trail.

Remember to stay on the path and wear appropriate shoes; poison ivy is growing in places so be extra careful.

The rain date will be the following week.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – Tuesday, August 8th at 5:30pm on Zoom



On the Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm is the Cedarhurst Caregiver Support group. If you are or have been a physical or emotional caregiver, please Zoom in to share your experiences, vent a bit or just listen. Our goal is to support each other. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 if you have trouble getting onto Zoom.

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IN-PERSON DINNER and PLAY — Friday, August 11th at 5:00 PM



First, we'll meet for dinner at 5pm at Little Georgia for authentic Middle Eastern cuisine. Next, we'll attend 6 or 7 one-act plays; our CUU friend, George Marsalek, will be performing in two of them. The play is *DejaVu* at Open Space Arts and will be performed outside, unless it rains, then it will be indoors.

The suggested donation for the plays is between \$8 - \$12. Please call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 by 4pm on August 10th if you can attend dinner so a reservation can be made. Anyone is welcome to attend one of these events, or make it a night out and attend both. The restaurant is located at 2 Hanover Rd in Reisterstown; the play will be two houses away at 16 Hanover Rd.



CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT – Saturday, August 12th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Zoom in to play games with CUU friends! We usually play Tribond, Taboo, or Scattergories, but are always open to new ideas. We do not keep score - just have a lot of fun! Contact Beth Schilpp with questions. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

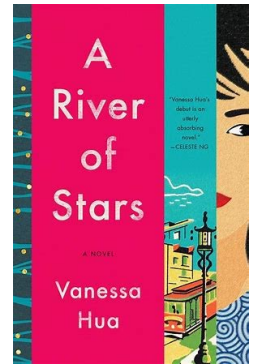


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CUU BOOK CLUB – August 13th at noon on Zoom

The book for August is *A River of Stars* by Vanessa Hua. Zoom in to discuss!

"*A River of Stars* splits 'the Chinese immigrant story' into a kaleidoscopic spectrum, putting human faces to the many groups—rich and poor, privileged and marginalized, documented and not—who come to America. Vanessa Hua's debut is an utterly absorbing novel about the ruthless love of parenthood and the universal truth that sometimes family runs deeper than blood alone." Celeste Ng, *New York Times*-bestselling author



If you would like a list of the selections for 2023, please contact Pamela Malkin. We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00pm

Interested in helping to create the Sunday worship services?

Then this is the committee for you! All are welcome. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Wednesday, August 16th 7:00pm on Zoom

Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM – Friday, August 18th at 6:15pm

Every third Friday of the month we provide dinner for approximately 30 homeless in Carroll County, a community service CUU has provided for over ten years.

Interested in helping provide food or drinks? Contact Pamela Malkin.



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Monday Musings – Monday, August 21st at 7:00pm on Zoom



This group facilitated by Rev. Amy was on hiatus over the summer. Quotations from *Soul Matters* are discussed, as they relate to the theme of the month as provided by the UUA.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

DRINKS AND DESSERT – Friday, August 25th at 7:00pm on Zoom

This is our no agenda social time – come with or without drinks and dessert to chat and enjoy each other. Maybe share your holiday stories or whatever you wish.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING — August 27th at 7:00pm on Zoom

The Congregational Life Committee sponsors a variety of activities for friends and members of the congregation. Many of these are on Zoom as the result of COVID, but we are moving toward more in-person events. The committee meets on Zoom on the 4th Sunday of the month at noon and anyone is welcome to attend. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

Interested in receiving more information? Contact Nalina at outreach@cedarhurstuu.org to be added to our weekly CUUpdate mailing list!

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GRIEF GROUP –

Grief Group will reconvene again this year. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Amy at minister@cedarhurstuu.org.

NEW MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

Mondays and Wednesdays by Appointment Only

IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM

Rev. Amy's Office Hours for the Summer are now Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

Reminder: Rev. Amy is always available for urgent pastoral matters and can be reached via phone or text.

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 980 9298 0551

Passcode: 121055

2023 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Francine Hahn and Maria Warburton will be hosting three Zoom events to show video recordings from this year's UUA General Assembly. The recordings are only available to registered attendees, however, we are allowed to show them in a group setting.

While there are many to select from, we narrowed it down to the following three. They will be shown on alternating Monday evenings at 7:00 PM starting on August 14. The topics are as follows:

- August 14: Ware Lecture - Imani Perry was this year's lecturer. The video includes her talk as well as the Q&A that followed. More information about her and the Ware lecture can be found here. <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/ware-lecture>
- August 28: A conversation with Brian Broome. Check out this link for more information <https://whova.com/embedded/session/VhcX5nroBwH70VFj29UEeVacPgAulecJuekl5rWaXWc%3D/2997271/?widget=primary>
- September 11: Disrupting Church. A though-provoking presentation by the Director of Religious Education and Senior Minister at the Community Church of New York.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

Hope to see you there!

2023 General Assembly Attendees



Rev. Amy, Board President, Francine, and Maria Warburton represented CUU at this year's Assembly.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM

All are invited to attend a short training session to learn how to use our A/V system. We will be resuming a zoom option for Sunday services in September and need a few more volunteers to ensure we have every week covered. Offering a zoom option is an important piece of being an inclusive, accessible congregation. Feel free to attend even if not volunteering on Sunday morning in case you ever want to use the system in the future. Please reach out to Maria Warburton (410-967-2100 mariawarburton@comcast.net) with any questions or if you need an alternative training date.

Sunday, September 10th at Noon

After coffee hour, all who wish are invited to carpool to Clyburn gardens for a nice walk to see the fall flowers and plants. No reservations needed. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Sunday, September 17th – Book Club on Zoom

We will discuss *The Mother In Law* by Sallie Hepworth. Please note that this is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Saturday, September 30th at 6pm - In-person Game Night at CUU

Bring your own dinner at 6pm and the games will begin at 6:30. Bring games you enjoy. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

October – Small Group Dinners are Returning!

Some of you may remember these from before the pandemic. The dinners will be held in our homes. The host usually prepares the main dish and asks the guests to bring sides, dessert, and beverages. Dinners should provide for 6 to 8 people. Everyone is encouraged to keep it simple; the goal is to enjoy dinner with a few CUU friends and get to know each other a little better.

So, think about how you would like to participate; do you want to be a host, a guest, or both? The Congregational Life Committee will have sign-up sheets available no later than **September 10th**. Talk to Beth Schilpp or other members with questions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



United Workers Justice Jam Picnic

We have a right to housing, healthcare, work with dignity, food, clothing, and education.

Join us for this special Justice Jam. Show your love for our class and lift up our human rights values that everyone should be treated with respect and dignity no matter how much money you make or where you live.

Free Picnic Dinner!

Kids' Activities! Family Friendly!

Saturday August 26th from 4:00 - 6:00PM

Westminster City Park Pavilion

Want to help? Have questions? Need a ride? Contact us @ 443-340-5403 or 443-605-9146.

COVID emergency measures meant to protect our communities from a worsening health and housing crisis are ending. Starting in March hundreds of thousands in Maryland got notices that their food stamps were severely cut. And we know Medicaid cuts are happening too. **We will be sharing information @ the Picnic on how we can file appeals to food stamp cuts and prepare ourselves for the Medicaid cuts.**

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