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Living a Life of Meaning

Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray

In a recent article in the *New York Times*, political pundit David Brooks draws a distinction between résumé virtues and eulogy virtues.

His essay entitled “The Moral Bucket List” reflects on how our society is really good at teaching résumé virtues, skills and characteristics that help one build a successful professional life. Yet we spend little time teaching eulogy virtues, those that people will lift up about you at your funeral. Obviously, eulogy virtues are far more important than résumé virtues, yet they get far less attention. I suspect these eulogy virtues are the ones that hold the greatest key to creating lives of meaning.

These deeper eulogy virtues are not qualities that we are just born with. Like résumé virtues, we develop them. We develop them through a combi-

nation of moral adventures and deep self-awareness. One of our Unitarian Universalist principles affirms the “free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” It’s important to understand that this “search” is not just an external one. The discovery of truth and meaning is an interplay of our experiences of the world as they interact and sharpen our own self-awareness. In other words, we create meaning as we intentionally seek to integrate our experiences of the world, including our own personal successes and defeats, as an opportunity for a growing self awareness.

Brooks describes what can happen when we neglect this internal journey:

“If you live for external achievement, years pass and the deepest parts of you go unexplored and unstructured. It is easy to

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Envisioning Our Next Ten Years

Vision Taskforce

The UUCP Vision Taskforce would like to thank everyone from the congregation who has taken the time and interest to contribute to the visioning process for our congregation, either at one of the “listening” and data gathering sessions or through participation in our congregation-wide survey.

We are on the path toward defining a vision of who we want to “be” in the future. We’ve heard many ideas of what we would like to “do” and are now moving toward the vision of who we are called to “be” in order to do our work in the world.

The task force is comprised of Jenna Bellantoni, Susan Frederick-Gray, Susan Goldsmith, Janet Jenkins, Sam Kirkland, Matt Thiesing and John Marshall Valentine. We have been meeting since January and been hosting meetings with the

congregation since February.

The next phase in this process is to distill the thoughts, feelings, hopes and aims that you have all shared with us into the language of our vision statement.

We will have a draft (or maybe more than one) vision statement ready to share within a few weeks. We invite you to attend one of the following open meetings to share your thoughts about the draft or drafts we create:

Sunday, May 3 at 11:45 AM

Sunday, May 10 at 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 and 11:45 AM

We are hopeful that your work and dedication will result in a Vision statement that can be adopted at the June Congregational Meeting. □



Songs of Love, Hope & Wonder

Benjie Messer

Music Director

Paul McCartney wrote, “You’d think that people would have had enough of silly love songs. I look around me and I see it isn’t so.” UUCP’s all-music service on May 3, “Love Songs,” is a collection of love songs, built around Eric Whitacre’s choral work “Five Hebrew Love Songs,” a beautiful piece that is too long and involved to fit into a regular worship service.

Whitacre is perhaps the best-known contemporary composer for choir. His harmonies are shimmering and rich, always beautiful and often surprising. He wrote “Five Hebrew Love Songs” while he was dating Hila Plitman, a fellow music school student who he would later marry. An Israeli, Plitman had been teaching Whitacre Hebrew. While she was in Israel during a school break, she sent him a series of postcards, each with a short original Hebrew poem. Her poems are evocative, fragmentary love notes, and the music that Whitacre set to them rings with the sudden creative excitement of finding oneself suddenly close to someone.

Many of our hymns speak of love being a force that works for good, that we use to create the world we want, but we rarely speak at UUCP about romantic love. Religious organizations often refer to the Greek terms for love (*agape*, *eros*, *philia*, and *storge*) in order to be clear that “Love thy neighbor” is an encouragement to treat your neighbor with kindness and goodwill, not to start a swingers club on your block. But many qualities of romantic love

can be an inspiration to us, even in a thoughtful religious context.

For example, Whitacre’s second movement, “Kala Kalla (Light Bride),” is a picture of hope, with exuberant bouncing melodies and lyrics (playing with a pun between the Hebrew words for “light” and “bride”) that translate as:

Light bride, she is all mine, and lightly she will kiss me!

The fourth movement, “EYZE Shelleg (What Snow),” describes wonder at the world’s beauty, with whispered lyrics that translate simply as:

What snow! Like little dreams falling from the sky.

And the final movement, “Rakut (Tenderness)” speaks of gentle affection and caring. The harmonic movement is patient and warm, and the lyrics translate beautifully from the Hebrew as:

He was full of tenderness; she was very hard. And as much as she tried to stay thus, simply, and with no good reason, he took her into himself, and set her down in the softest, softest place.

Many of UUCP’s other musicians and groups will be contributing love songs as well, and I hope that the service sends us into the summer with a positive reminder to be hopeful, to see the world with wonder, and to be caring, no matter what projects or relationships we pursue. □

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slip into a self-satisfied moral mediocrity. You grade yourself on a forgiving curve. You figure as long as you are not obviously hurting anybody and people seem to like you, you must be O.K. But you live with an unconscious boredom, separated from the deepest meaning of life and the highest moral joys.”

In our tradition, the idea that truth and meaning are not just handed to us, but a result of an

openness to seek them out, a willingness to approach our lives as a journey of discovery and meaning making, invites us to live lives that balance the résumé and eulogy virtues—making time for both our education and professional development, as well as the development of our capacities for courage and kindness, generosity and love. This month, as we explore what it means to live a life of meaning, we’ll look at ways to live our lives in ways that integrate external experiences with, as Brooks says, “the deepest meaning of life and the highest moral joys.” □



A Free & Responsible Search

Anne Byrne

Director, Children's Ministries

A standard part of every religious education class for children at UUCP includes singing the Seven Principles song, and I have often discussed what each of the principles means with our kids. Almost always, children get a bit tripped upon Principle #4, A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning, or as described in the song, "Search for what is true."

The concept that truth may vary from person to person or change over time is a difficult notion for children who are not developmentally ready for a great deal abstract thinking. We can help by trying to break down abstract concepts like meaning and truth into more concrete ideas, and a great place to start is helping children (and ourselves) identify feelings and the links between feelings and needs. While all human beings share some basic human needs, our feelings are diverse and the needs expressed by these feelings can begin to paint a picture of what is true and meaningful for each person.

This concept is central to the work of Marshall Rosenberg and Nonviolent Communication, which suggests that when feelings are positive, needs are being met and when feelings are negative or uncomfortable, needs are not being met. In either case, recognizing feelings and the associated need is valuable for understanding a basic truth about ourselves. Here are some major categories of both feelings and needs:

Feelings

Peaceful
Affectionate
Happy
Playful
Interested
Rested
Sad
Confused
Scared
Uncomfortable
Angry

Needs

Subsistence
Security
Freedom
Well-being
Relaxation
Connection
To Matter
Community
Awareness
Meaning
Transcendence

Suppose your child is feeling sad after being excluded from play at school. The sadness could present itself in many forms—anger, blaming, fear, embarrassment. Encourage your child to talk it out a bit to identify the feeling itself and once you land on the root feeling, think about what need was not being met. Maybe in this case it was a sense of belonging (Community) or to be seen (To Matter). If the need is named, it can help form a sense of what has meaning for your child. As internal needs are recognized and accepted, this concrete understanding forms the foundation for more abstract meaning in the larger sense. If your child has a strong need to feel a sense of belonging, this may develop into a lifetime truth for him or her, one that may show itself by working to build community with others.

Recognizing the relationship between feelings and needs can be easier said than done, but the benefits are significant in terms of processing feelings, getting needs met and finding meaning in life. Here is a resource list of feelings and needs to get you started: <http://www.rabe.org/downloads/Feelings%20&%20Needs%20Inventories.pdf>. Other resources are available through the Center for Non-violent Communication at cnvc.org.

By all means, let us encourage our children to search for truth and meaning and to start within the wealth of concrete knowledge that comes with self-understanding. □

Life is without meaning.
You bring the meaning to it.
Being alive is the meaning.

Joseph Campbell



UUCP Leadership Nominations Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is excited to offer this year's amazingly talented and committed slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees, UU Foundation Board and Nominating Committee. Elections will be held as part of our June 7th Congregational Meeting. Many thanks to the Nominees for their dedication to UUCP leadership.

Board of Trustees



Rajeev Arora: Rajeev has been a member of UUCP for over 10 years, and a UU for approximately 20 years. His involvement with the Congregation has mostly centered around Religious Education as an OWL teacher and a Coming of Age Mentor for 2-3 years, as well as a

Small Group Ministry member. In terms of his leadership qualities, Rajeev writes: "I have extensive experience in startups and nonprofit organizations which have limited resources but boundless possibilities. Such organizations often need to focus precious resources on the things that really matter. I can help set goals, metrics and strategies to achieve our highest priorities rather than spreading our precious resources too thinly and not making an appreciable difference." Rajeev's daughters, Asha and Meera, have been active members in UUCP and denominational youth ministry. Rajeev wishes to serve on the Board because, "UUCP has done a lot for me and my daughters. It's time that I return the favor and give back more than I have been able to." *The Nominating Committee recommends Rajeev Arora due to his vast professional experience with nonprofit organizations and his demonstrable commitment to the vitality of UUCP.*

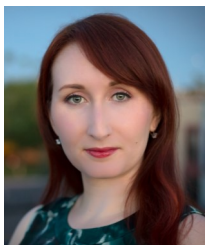


Sarah Carlson: Sarah has been a member of UUCP since 2003, which is when she also became a UU. In the mid-90s, she was involved with the UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada for several months and that experience later prompted her to seek out UUCP. Sarah has been a member of multiple small group ministries and the Sanctuary Team; chaired the social action committee; served as president and board member; served as Council Chair for three years. Sarah thinks that UUCP is successfully welcoming non-members to explore our Congregation and UUism and sustaining outreach efforts such as UMOM, OWL, and Community Nights. UU leadership experience Sarah brings to the Board is past service as a committee chair and a past Board president, which provide a broad perspective concerning effective governance and strategic planning while considering the needs and concerns of members of the community. UUCP exists due to the commitment of its members in time, energy, skills or abilities. In Sarah's words: "Every member can serve UUCP in a variety of roles; serving as a trustee is a way in which I can help maintain and enhance UUCP and is the reason that I would like to serve as a trustee." *The Nominating Committee recommends Sarah as a Board Trustee because of her considerable expertise with Board functions and her thoughtful, service-oriented leadership.*



Glen Lockwood (President elect; re-nominating for second term): Glen has been a member of UUCP for about 20 years and is a lifelong UU. Glen has been prolific in his leadership at UUCP, ranging from serving on the Board of Trustees twice, special tasks forces, and the Nominating Committee twice. He has also contributed to Children and Youth ministry in myriad ways, and has been a Small Group Ministry facilitator. He

is heartened by UUCP's growth and the expansion of various ministries as we strive to meet our Mission and Strategic plan, which remain central to how we plan and prioritize our work, worship and fellowship together. Glen is excited about the renewal of our Vision statement and the establishment of a new Strategic Plan, both of which speak to a maturity of the Congregation, our processes and our leadership when it comes to staying focused on where we are while not losing sight of where (and who) we want to be. Glen is committed to the work of putting in place systems, including development of a lay-leadership pipeline that is actively engaged in the work of our mission, ministries and governance. In Glen's words: "As a lifelong UU and long-time member of UUCP, I am committed to our current and long-term success. I believe that what we achieve is only important if, in the achieving, we are building community—if, in short, we are following our mission. It's great to be visible to the community and to have a voice and feel that we are making a difference in the world—but it will mean so much more, and we'll be more effective, if we engage in that work together. If we engage our community (UUCP) fully and regularly in the process of developing/renewing our Vision/Mission and in carrying it out, we will be successful. I love this community. I get energy from doing this work." *The Nominating Committee recommends Glen because his experience and passion for moving UUCP forward in its Vision make him the ideal Board President.*



Sarah Montgomery (Vice President elect; re-nominating for second Board term): Sarah is a lifelong UU and an active member of the UUCP community since 2004. Over the last decade she has served as the chair of the Children's Ministry Committee, a member of the Ministerial Search Committee, an usher, a Religious Education teacher, and an advisor for the high school youth group. Sarah's first term on the board has offered her insights into the strategic planning process, and she is eager to serve a second term. Sarah is committed to UU values and to our beloved community. In her own words, "I love UUCP, and I am committed to

supporting and improving our beloved community." *The Nominating Committee recommends Sarah as she consistently demonstrates a deep love and understanding of UUCP's strengths and growing edges along with her witty sense of humor and amazing organizational skills.*



Caitlin Tuffin Gaspar: Caitlin has been a member of UUCP and a UU for about 7 years. She has been involved with the religious education program as a Coming of Age teacher, and as the leader of the Young Adult Small group ministry.

Caitlin thinks UUCP is doing an excellent job at building a community called to share journeys, and she would like to see UUCP continue to work to build a larger community. She brings a very unique perspective to the board as she considers herself "a bit of an outlier to a religious congregation" and as a young adult. A former teacher, Caitlin is deeply thoughtful and data driven, as teaching required her to look at information, analyze a situation and make strategic decisions. Other leadership strengths include that she is well versed in balancing a professional yet kind rapport through enthusiasm and sharing honest opinions, while still treating everyone with respect and kindness. Caitlin is motivated to be a Board trustee because, "I want to serve and grow in a community that I deeply love. UUCP was a sacred escape when I first moved to the valley for my first job. I would enter the sanctuary and remember that the world was bigger than my life and job. Over time I've changed, and UUCP has still been there for me. I am challenged to push my thinking and more deeply to live my values. Serving as a Trustee will allow me to serve this community in a new and exciting way." *The Nominating Committee recommends Caitlin for all the above reasons and for the fresh perspective she will bring to the Board.*



Karin Quinn: Karin joined UUCP shortly after she and her family moved to Arizona in April 2010 and she has been actively involved in the congregation ever since, serving as a worship associate and singing in the choir. She attends worship services and community night al-

most every week, and has taught and assisted in RE classes and has been involved in overseeing childcare for members of the choir. She first found Unitarianism in 1995 when she and her husband, Brian, were searching for a spiritual home in which to get married, and joined a tiny congregation in Northampton, England. In 2002, after the birth of her daughter, Katie, she and Brian became members of a larger congregation, where she contributed to worship, children's ministry, and served as a Trustee before moving to the USA. According to Karin, "I care deeply about UUCP and value highly the support and opportunity for growth it has given my family through both good times and very difficult periods since moving to Arizona. Having just completed my Masters in Professional Counseling, I want to put my awareness of the needs of others, and my ability to empathize, to good use by being part of a team which adds value to the mission, vision, and ministry of UUCP, and by caring for the welfare of its members, in order that UUCP remains a valuable place which promotes the spiritual well being and rights of all those who enter its doors." *The Nominating Committee recommends Karin because of her amazing commitment to UUCP and her gift for interpersonal communication.*



Vince Waldron: Vince is a professor at ASU, has been a UUCP member for seven years, and has served on a wide variety of university and community leadership boards. At UUCP he has been involved in grounds maintenance, Right Relations Committee, Small

Group ministries, Welcoming Ministry, and has taught classes on such topics as forgiveness and parenting. Vince writes: "Much to my regret, it took me many years to find my way here. I have always

been a "seeker" of sorts, reading widely on religion and spirituality. I first came to a UUCP service so my then daughter Laura (now my son Lucas) could see that religious people could be open-minded and welcoming to all people. I am deeply grateful that Lucas was embraced by the community. Soon I realized that this was a religious community I wanted to be deeply enmeshed in. We have a visionary leader in Rev. Susan and a very dedicated staff. The organization and responsiveness of administrative procedures have increased tremendously in my years at UUCP. I take great pride that UUCP strives to welcome people of all sexual orientations. We are a unique and safe place for LGBT people and their families. I find the Sunday services to be well-organized, beautiful, and thought-provoking. The volunteering ethic of the congregation has always impressed me. I think it is time to revisit and reenergize our social justice mission. We need to raise more money to support our staff and pursue our strategic goals. The UUCP community has welcomed me and transformed my life. I'd like to help it grow and thrive." *The Nominating Committee recommends Vince as his warm manner and wise insight will make him a superb Board member.*

UU Foundation



Robert M. Back: Robert has been a UU informally since childhood; his family regularly attended a UU Fellowship where his mother and father were members. Robert became a member of UUCP in 2005. His involvement has been attending Sunday services, occasional hiking

some years ago with the congregation's hiking club, and relatively recently hanging art in the Sanctuary. Robert brings to the UUF his experience in serving as trustee of three family trusts, training/education dealing with trust law and related issues. Robert is also a licensed attorney, with skills developed over many years that would nicely dovetail with the functions of the UU Foundation. Robert "would like to serve as a UUF Board Member, because generally

I want to be of service to the UU Congregation of Phoenix, and specifically, because I believe my professional background and experience makes me fairly well-suited for the tasks that go with the basic function of the UU Foundation. My interest in the UU Foundation stems from the facts that our Congregation is vital to our community and it deserves to be protected, that a substantial fund gives our Congregation better security for the future, and that I think my experience would help the UU Foundation strengthen the long-term future of the Congregation." *The Nominating Committee is nominating Robert to the UUF board because of his professional background and knowledge of the field of estate and financial planning and his concern for UUCP's future.*



Don Weir: Don has been a member of UUCP for 20 years. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2002 and served as President of the Board in 2003-04. He has been a member of the Buildings and Grounds, Sanctuary Sound, Stewardship, Renovation, and Finance Committees. He chaired the 2005 Combined and the 2006 Stewardship Campaigns. Don is from upstate New York and graduated from Penn State. Don and his wife Sandy recently moved to downtown Phoenix, where they enjoy the urban lifestyle. He is retiring this year after 25 years as an Acoustics Engineer and Manager for Honeywell. His work contributed to making aircraft engines more environmentally friendly, and he served on national and international environmental standards committees. Sandy is an active member of the congregation and their children, Greg and Pam, grew up at UUCP. *The Nominating Committee is nominating Don because of his deep knowledge of the financial needs of UUCP and his long-standing commitment to the well-being of our community.*

Nominating Committee



Lydia Yanek: Lydia began attending UUCP around 1995, and joined in 2005 (she thinks!). Lydia has worked on the New Day Center committee, Membership and Welcoming, Green Sanctuary, and co-facilitated a Covenant Group (Small Group Ministry) for several years. Lydia also works hard to make prospective members feel welcome by being the Calligraphy Name Tag Maker for our regular visitors. She also served on Nominating Committee before and enjoyed it immensely. Lydia would like to serve as a member of Nominating Committee again because, "This service gives me the opportunity and mission to know more UUCP members, and to know them better. A good leader (in my mind) is thoughtful, and listens, and knows how to express himself/herself at the right time. A wonderful sense of humor helps—a lot! We can encourage multi-cultural and generational participation by asking a wide variety of members to serve in leadership positions, and by considering *all* members." Lydia has "no problem with talking to prospective leaders/nominees about service. It is important to the health and future of our congregation to have eager and thoughtful leadership!" *The Nominating Committee is nominating Lydia because of her demonstrated leadership abilities and caring service to the people of the congregation.*



Julie Smart: Julie Smart has been a UU for 30 years and a member of this Congregation since 1994. She has served on the Board, headed the committee to make our building handicap accessible, chaired Unicare for more than ten years and has been active in promoting the hiking group since becoming a member here. Currently she assists with memorial services, volunteers a half day a week in the office, and serves as a greeter on Sundays, along with the Eritrean Refugee Initiatives. Julie would like to serve on Nominating Committee

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because, “I have not served on a committee for a few years and I would like to serve my UUCP community in this way. In my view the most important quality of a good leader is to be a good listener. Respecting the opinions of others in forming a consensus is vital in keeping true to our UU values. Having a sense of the history of this congregation while being open to new ideas is important for all leaders. I possess these qualities, and I understand that that is the work of the Nominating Committee. I have great respect for the current members of the Nominating Committee, and I look forward to working with them.” *The Nominating Committee is nominating Julie because of her many years of caring service to UUCP, her knowledge of the congregation, its people and history, and her concern for its future.*



Jim Sorgatz: Jim has been a member of UUCP since 2010, and appreciates its inclusiveness, mission of service, and music, among many other things. Jim has been involved in Interweave, New Day Center, Welcoming Ministry, Covenant Groups, and has served for the past two years on the Board of Trustees. Outside of UUCP, Jim works as an executive for the Home Builders' Association of Central Arizona and volunteers with Valley Big Brothers, one of his proudest achievements. Jim writes, “I am honored to be considered for the Nominating Committee, and look forward to the opportunity to both serve and grow.” *The Nominating Committee is nominating Jim because of his experience on the current Board, his leadership in a nonprofit organization, his non-anxious presence and calm thoughtfulness.* □

Unicare News

In remembrance:

- Bernice Kesselman, grandmother of Wendy Metcalf Anderson passed away in March.
- Milton Plattner, father of Duke Plattner, passed away on March 17th.

Milestone celebrations:

- Matt and Melisa Thesing celebrated 10 years of marriage in March.

Other news:

- Dylan and Colin Lifshitz were on Odyssey of the Mind team at the regional competition. Their teams both placed first and went to the state finals on March 20th.
- Jenna Bellantoni was accepted and awarded a scholarship to John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

For more information on significant events in the life of UUCP members/friends, sign up to be on our Unicare email list at unicare@phoenixuu.org.

Maureen Jeffries,
Unicare Coordinator



To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition...
To know that even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived... This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

May Worship Theme: **Living a Life of Meaning**

Services bring our community together at 10:30 AM

May 3: *All-Music Sunday: Love Songs*

Service Leaders: Benjie Messer, Music Director and UUCP Musicians

UUCP's music program joins forces to create a musical meditation on romantic love and how its hopeful spirit can be an example for us in all of our relationships.

May 10: *Love, Family and Meaning*

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

In honor of Mother's Day, we explore how love, not just as parents, but in the context of relationship and family, can lead to greater meaning in our lives.

May 17: *Coming of Age Sunday*

Service Leaders: Coming of Age Graduates, Teachers and Mentors

The 7th and 8th grade Coming of Age graduates share their credos, statement of the core beliefs and values that guide them. They will also share how their adventures together this year visiting different faith communities, interviewing UUCP members, and exploring Unitarian Universalism has shaped them.

May 24: *Making Meaning from the Ashes of War and Tragedy*

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Some ideologies make war meaningful. War can create emotional payoffs of solidarity and danger that may mimic feelings of meaning. What is truly heroic is those who are able to grasp the tragedy and immorality of war and yet still find pathways to hope and meaning out of that tragedy.

May 31: *We Are Meaning Makers*

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Perhaps the task in learning to live a life of meaning is not to discover meaning, but to create it. How do we make life meaningful?





Welcome New Members

The ministers and Membership Committee were delighted to welcome 11 new members to our congregation following the April Pathway to Membership class. Please say hello and get to know them when you see them on campus and elsewhere.



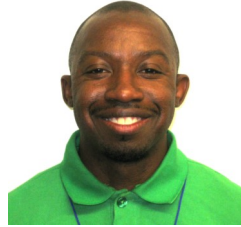
Fred & Susannah Garza come to UUCP from First Unitarian Church in Dallas, TX where they served together as YRUU advisers for over seven years. Fred also taught Coming of Age

and participated in the music ministry through the jazz ensemble. Susannah is also trained as an OWL teacher. They have one daughter, Janie, who is a freshman at the U of A in Tucson and was president of her YRUU. They bring a lifelong belief in service to a liberal faith community and look forward to many years of service at UUCP.



Bill Kesler worked with computers starting in 1969 in many areas from hardware to software. *Linda Kesler* has taught school, been a stay-at-home mother and an accountant. The Keslers moved to Dallas in 1966.

They retired in 2008 and started their nomadic lifestyle. They had owned an RV for many years before, but in 2008 they went on the road and only visited their home in Dallas for one to two months a year so they sold the house and downsized to living in an RV totally. They decided to grow some roots again last summer (2014) and purchased a condo in Mesa, but they kept the RV and plan to go north in the summer.



William Lester and his son, David, moved to Tempe a little over a year ago. They were looking for a sense of community and a positive environment. William researched UUism and all things pointed toward UUCP! William has been with Aetna for 11 years and works for Mercy Maricopa. David is a sixth grader currently involved in track. William tries to do an annual humanitarian trip every year, is passionate about volunteering, and is exploring UUSC and College of Social Justice for himself and our youth.



Elena Perez and *Katie Resendiz de Perez* live in Central Phoenix with their three children, Ashley, Nigel and Bela. Elena is a radical home-maker and sound engineer. Katie works in Anti-Trafficking. Ashley paints things. Nigel climbs things. Bela bites things. The family enjoys laughing, building, gardening, singing, and going to an abnormal number of protests.



Lynn Raabe has been coming to Phoenix for 15 years to visit her son, Kevin, and his family. She is a retired teacher and enjoys volunteering at DVLC, where her grandchildren were students. When not in AZ, you will find her in Michigan, spending summers at her lakefront home. A member of the Ann Arbor Unitarian Congregation, Lynn looks forward to being an “official” member of UUCP and continuing to participate in the Small Group Ministry and Unicare programs.



Patricia Reed has been a UU for over 50 years. She was introduced to UUism at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. She was active in and served on the boards of both the Unitarian Universalist Church of Evanston and the Northshore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, IL. She has now moved to Mesa permanently after spending many winters here square dancing. Her primary interests are dancing, reading and earth-based religion.



Paisley Rossetti calls herself a “heat Houdini.” A permanent resident of Scottsdale, she escapes the heat by summering in Massachusetts. More than 30 years ago, she was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester (MA) and is pleased to find a similar liberal, welcoming, and enriching environment at UUCP. Paisley is married with one son, one

daughter-in-law, two stepsons, and two small grandchildren. She looks forward to increased participation upon her return to AZ in September.



Carter Youngman is a native to the state and works in the construction industry. Carter wants to make the world a better place through focus on the environment and by helping ease poverty and homelessness. Carter looks forward to being part of the growth and development of this community. □

He who has a why to live for
can bear almost any how.

Nietzsche



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly 2015 June 24-28, Portland, OR

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend. The theme for GA 2015 is *Building a New Way*. Most events will be held in the Oregon Convention Center, 777

NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Portland, OR 97232. To view the program of events and to register please visit www.uua.org/GA.



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