



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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June 2022

We are offering both in-person and virtual worship services at 10:30 a.m. The link to each service will be posted on our website every week. Visit [COVID Guidelines](#) for our in-person policy.

Sunday, June 5
Rev. Sarah Person preaching
Living Boldly

Join us for our Pride Sunday. We'll honor and reflect on living as LGBTQ+ in these times with music, readings and reflections. Special music will be provided by Bet Giddings and Patty Simon.

Sunday, June 12
Youth Sunday

Religious Exploration Youth leading

Join us as we launch two groups of our youth. All of the RE program is participating in the service, and we will celebrate our Coming of Age youth and mentors as well as our Seniors. There will be a Bridging Ceremony as part of the service, and we will hear from some of the youth this morning. Special music will be provided by Owen Kidd on trumpet.

Sunday, June 19
Rev. Sarah Person preaching
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On the last Sunday of her ministry, Rev. Sarah will share some of her joys and memorable moments during her time at UU Middleboro. We will celebrate the contributions of all who have helped to hold our church together in these challenging times. Finally, we will also honor the memories of those who have passed during the past years of this pandemic. The Elsie Gaudette Award will be presented this morning. Special music will be provided by the Chalice Choir.

SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN
Sunday, June 26, at 9:00 a.m.
in our air-conditioned Parish Hall

Minister's Meditation

The Light Ahead

On Friday, December 14, 2012, our country was devastated by the Sandy Hook tragedy in Newtown. Two days later, this church held our Christmas Pageant with our precious children and with heavy hearts. On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, we were confronted yet again with the ravages of calculated rage. I remember, and grieve that I have to, some of that sermon from so long ago:

"I came upon a magic wand while I unpacked the boxes of our lives the other day. A magic wand that Alan and I had used a long time ago to cure our daughter's tears and make life bearable again for a four-year-old. She was feeling miserable because she didn't want to move from our old home to our new one. Together, we made up a story of a little girl who dies and a magician who waves a magic wand and a mother who cries tears that bring the little girl back to life. We played that game for hours, taking turns with all the parts. When we finally moved out of our home a few weeks later, she was okay with it – but she kept a hold on that magic wand." I said, "If only life were this simple. If only I could stand up here and wave that magic wand and make all the bad things go away and the good things come again. Well, I can't and they don't and still we come to church."

We come to church knowing that too many mothers and fathers will never wake their children with their tears. We are, as we have been for a long time, walking a long road in the dark. We are not alone, but we are not sure of the way, and we are hurting. In the distance we can see a candle in the window.

A congregation is an expression of the will and the dreams of its people. Let us be with one another, talk about this life we have imposed on ourselves and our children, and resolve to do what we can together.

May we be the road, may we be the window, may we be the candle to guide the weary travelers home.

Rev. Sarah

Just a reminder

You are cordially invited to Sarah's Shindig!
A celebration of

Rev. Sarah Person's Retirement

After 9 years of ministerial service to UU Middleboro,
Rev. Sarah is retiring from her position.

Come join us in person or on-line as we send her off
with good wishes for a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Saturday, June 11, 2022

The program will begin in the sanctuary at 2:00,
followed by an outdoor reception with light refreshments.

Remote participation will be available via Zoom.

We look forward to you being a part of Sarah's Shindig!



JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER!

There are just three worship services in June before we finish out the formal church year. Throughout this year, the Chalice Choir has been rehearsing on Tuesday evenings and singing for church services. At first it was just the musicians, worship team, and tech team in the sanctuary on Sundays, but we've been steadily moving back to some form of normalcy with a hybrid form of worship including congregants in the sanctuary. We have followed safety protocols and maintained a vibrant program against the restricting odds of masks, distancing, and ventilation. Although we are a bit smaller than before Covid, we are a tight village at the core of our community, supporting one another, making beautiful music, and finding purpose in being together.

Hats off and kudos to all the FUUUS Music Makers!

Susan Hotchkiss, Director of Music



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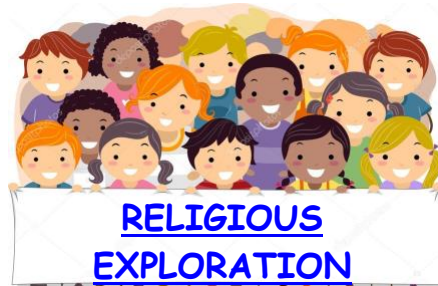
VIRTUAL **ANNUAL MEETING** **Friday, June 10, 2022** **7:00 p.m.**

We will be holding the Annual Meeting of our Society on Friday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. Information about how to connect will be sent out later. All are welcome to participate. Only members of FUUSM as of May 10, 2022, who have made an annual contribution to the Society are eligible to vote on any matters that will be decided at this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Parish Committee.



PLEASE NOTE:

The details in this Newsletter are up-to-date as of the publication, but there may be changes/updates, so be sure to check the weekly "UU Updates" for any updated information. If you are not subscribed to receive the "UU Updates," send an email to office@uumiddleboro.org, and we will add you to the mailing list.



June 2022

Sunday School Classes: An Amazing Journey, On the Road Again

We are wrapping up our pilgrimage of faith. We have explored how Unitarian Universalism translates into life choices and everyday action. Our lessons will culminate at the youth service on June 12. Has your child completed any activity that aligns with our seven principles? Please be sure to come downstairs in the Parish Hall and add the activity to our path. We have begun to meet on the grass weekly at 9:45 in person. There is a virtual link that is opened at 10:00 a.m. for any who prefer a virtual meeting.

Craft Club

May 15 at 12:00 p.m. we finished painting our pots and planting our marigolds. The foster parents loved our gifts and felt very appreciated. Thank you for participating in the Craft Club this year! This was part of our Faithful Footprints curriculum; and if it was something the children like, we can talk about how to grow the concept next year.

RE Parent Meeting

We will continue with the RE Parent Meeting in the fall. Please stay for Coffee Hour on June 12 after Youth Sunday to take some time to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and get excited for next year. We will have at least one gathering over the summer to share fun with our children and each other.

Youth Group

Greg Stevens, Kelly Lownds and Barbara Bancroft are currently working with the youth. The youth will be getting together in June to coordinate our volunteer efforts at Pride Fest. More information to follow in the Updates.

Coming of Age

Coming of Age will be meeting to practice for youth Sunday on June 11 at 9:30 a.m. This is a meeting for the children. Mentors and children and parents are invited to church on June 12 at 10:30 to enjoy the culmination of our Coming of Age program.

Volunteer Efforts

Thank you to everyone who has painted pots and taken marigolds to grow. I will be reaching out to all RE parents and other helpers who might be willing to volunteer for an hour or two on June 18 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Battistini's Bakery. We will be setting up for Pride Fest, helping to man a table at the event, and then helping to break down the event.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration

UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

The Social Justice Team has been busy, and there are a lot of events you will not want to miss for the month of June. Most will be posted in subsequent Updates as they unfold.

TWO FLAG RAISING EVENTS

BCCR (Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights) invites you to support and celebrate the diverse LGBTQ+ community on **Wednesday, June 1, at 3:30 p.m.** and the recognition of the end of slavery in the U.S. on **Wednesday, June 15, at 3:30 p.m.** at the Academy Building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater. A brief ceremony will follow each flag raising.



JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR 2 FLAG RAISING EVENTS!



The PRIDE flag will be flown from
June 1st – 14th

WHEN: June 1st at 3:30 PM

WHERE: The Academy Building in
Bridgewater Center.



The JUNETEENTH flag will be
flown from June 15th – 30th

WHEN: June 15th at 3:30 PM

WHERE: The Academy Building
in Bridgewater Center.

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### JUSTICE, EQUALITY & PEACE VIGILS

**Saturdays: June 4, 11, 18, 25**

**11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**



We will continue scheduling weekly ½ hour vigils on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In addition, we will be offering training to help us respond to folks with strong opinions. If you are interested in standing with us but would like the training first, please add your name, but put an X in the first column. All are invited to join in.

Sign up for training and/or the vigil by visiting [Vigil Sign-Ups](#).

## UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS *(continued)*

### VIRTUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM DISCUSSION

**Monday, June 6  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**



On **Saturday, June 18**, our team is partnering with BCCR (Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights) for their [Juneteenth Event](#) to be held outside at **UU Bridgewater from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** In preparation for this event, we are offering a film and discussion based on the documentary, **Juneteenth: 1865 – 2021**.

The film is available on YouTube (**Juneteenth: 1865 – 2021**), and a [virtual film discussion](#) will be facilitated on Monday, June 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. We encourage you to join us in learning about what happened on Juneteenth so you can fully appreciate the significance of this day in history and enjoy the events in Bridgewater commemorating that day.

The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.

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You're invited to Middleboro's First Annual

PRIDE FEST

Saturday, June 18

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Battistini's Bakery

16 Wareham Street, Middleboro

Vendors, Raffles, Live Music, Food, etc.



More information to follow on this and other opportunities coming up.



VIRTUAL

LET'S DO LUNCH

Thursdays: June 2, 9, 16, 30

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Meet with Rev. Sarah over Zoom. Links for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



VIRTUAL
JUST THIS SANGHA

Fridays: June 3, 10, 17, 24
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Just This Sangha meets virtually (via Zoom) nearly every Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 for silent meditation and sharing of our practice experience. From a Buddhist, particularly Zen, perspective, we focus on bringing practice to daily life; exploring letting go of our usual habitual reactivity and opening to our selves and others as we actually are.

Not a drop-in group, we do welcome potentially new members to join us for a few sessions to see if the group is a good fit. Contact Tom Tanguay at Thisjustthis@gmail.com for more information.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Saturdays: June 4 & 18
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join the Gardening Team on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of June. We'll be "playing" in the Memorial Garden and Walkway from 9:00 to 11:00. Together we can help all the emerging plants brighten up our church property.

Bring your hand clippers, gloves, etc. Hope to see folks on June 4, and June 18. Newcomers welcome!



VIRTUAL
COFFEE WITH THE MINISTER

Tuesdays: June 7, 14, 28
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet with Rev. Sarah over Zoom. Links for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, June 12

The deadline for the Summer Newsletter (July & August) is **Sunday, June 12**. This deadline is firm, as the church office closes for the summer on Friday, June 17. You may submit your information by sending it to office@uumiddleboro.org.





VIRTUAL
FULL MOON MEDITATION

with **Natalie Johnson**
Tuesday, June 14
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

This Full Moon falls in the sign of Sagittarius, the Archer, the higher octave of Aries and the sign that takes our aspirations and goals and elevates them to a more altruistic level. With the help of Sag, we can aim our arrows higher and surer, sending them aloft in service to our highest ideals for the benefit of all life. This celestial being assists us in reaching beyond what we think we can achieve and reminds us of the importance of working in concert with other people of goodwill and in synchronicity with natural law in order to achieve the changes we wish to see in our world.

Join us tonight as we gather together to explore the ways in which we can hone our arrows of justice and love and make sure we send them ahead on the path of truth and justice. All are welcome. The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



VIRTUAL
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 15
6:30 p.m.



All members and friends are invited to attend the Parish Committee meeting. The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



THE ELSIE GAUDETTE AWARD

There *will be* an Elsie Gaudette Award presentation during the worship service on **Sunday, June 19!**

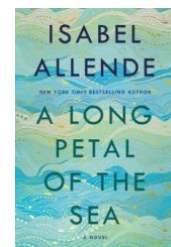
The Elsie Gaudette Award is given to a person who exemplifies the service and dedication to this church that Elsie did for many years.

Come and see who the mystery recipient is!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, June 20
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall



The UU Book Club, which celebrated its 4th anniversary in May, continues to meet on the third Monday of each month at 5:30. Our June 20th title will be *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende, and Carleen has multiple copies. For more info: Carleenml@aol.com.



CUUPS
SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL

Monday, June 20

7:00 p.m.

in the Parish Hall

CUUPS will celebrate Summer Solstice as the sun appears to stand still in the sky. At Solstice the power of the sun is at its zenith. From this point on, the height and warmth of this great lifegiving celestial being begins to slowly wane, and each day its influence on Earth lessens as we move toward Fall.

Although it would seem that we are in high summer, we recognize that the Wheel has turned once again and that the time of growth is diminishing. We will busy ourselves with harvesting and preserving the abundance all around us while remembering that soon enough we will again be chasing away the cold. For now, though, let us gather to enjoy the gifts of Mother Earth and revel in the sweetness of all she has to offer. Join us this night in celebration of Mother Earth and Father Sky.

Following the ritual, we will enjoy a shared simple feast of food and drink while following the guidelines for gathering. All are welcome.



VIRTUAL
NEW MOON MEDITATION

with Natalie Johnson

Tuesday, June 28

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.



This New Moon falls in the sign of Cancer, the watery, emotional, feeling sign of the Zodiac. At this time, we have entered fully into Summer, having celebrated Solstice the week before; and we are in the height of growth, abundance, heat and haziness.

At this time our consciousness tends to slip more easily into the higher realms, and our physical bodies step up to enjoy the earthiness of soil and sun and storms and the gifts of the plant and animal kingdoms. The elementals are in their glory, and everywhere we are surrounded by beauty and color and life. It is a time to relax and revel in what it means to be human, to be in a body that is sensual. It is a time to give our intellectual selves a much needed rest and instead remember that we too are animal.....and as such we can delight in the pleasures of our five senses and our instincts. Soon enough it will be time to return to our mind-selves, but for now let us revel in the beauty of full summer and allow ourselves to enjoy a time of ease and delight. Join us this night as we travel to the garden.

All are welcome.

The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2022

Present: Bob Waterman, Rev. Sarah Person, Lois Aldrich, Jim Bonnar, Marc MacQueen, Nicole Sykes

Absent: Katie Allen

Guests: Susan Hotchkiss, Kelly Lownds, Dan Hotchkiss

Minister's Report: Rev. Sarah reported that Alan is home from the hospital and doing well. She has returned to the office and will be meeting with staff and is also lining up services for the summer. Sarah has just returned.

Treasurer's Report/Budget: Marc MacQueen reported that FUUSM's role as Fiscal Agent for Sustainable Middleboro has begun with the receipt of a grant check. The church's Pledge Drive has concluded, and Marc expects that the Drive will bring in about \$3700 more than last year, this despite some pledgers are no longer able to participate in the church. Marc projects we will be entering the new fiscal year with a deficit of \$20,000.

RE: Kelly Lownds provided an RE update. Youth have been meeting both in person and virtual. A field trip was held in April, and another one is planned for Boston this Saturday for the older youth. The group has been putting together colorful flower pots, which will be given to foster parents. "Coming of Age" will be wrapping up in June. RE will be officiating the Sunday service on June 12. Kelly reported that the youth group would like to focus on LGBTQ, maybe in the form of a support group. RE is working at reconstituting its Committee and on a youth curriculum for the next year. Greg Stevens will be working fewer hours next year.

Music Committee: Susan Hotchkiss reported on the Music Committee, which continues to meet 1 time a month. The choir will be taking a couple of Sundays off. Twenty people are now active in the choir. Mask-wearing has been challenging for many of the choir members. Susan commented on how few people are attending in-person (other than choir and tech team). Attendance can impact our church connections; it would be good to have more ability to socialize, maybe outdoors with good weather?

Interim Minister Search: Jim Bonnar and Bob Waterman provided an update on the search for an interim minister. Three candidates expressed interest to the UUA. Two declined to interview because they decided to accept other positions. One was interviewed by the Search Task Group, but we have been informed he has chosen another assignment. Jim reported that a Round 2 search through the UUA will begin Monday. Hopefully, we will see more interest in Round 2. Keith Kron from the UUA is also reaching out to retired ministers to see if they may return for another year or two.

Rev. Sarah said she plans to have conversations with some former ministers that she knows, brainstorming and hearing if they have any ideas, as there appears to be a limited supply of interim ministers in our area. Rev. Sarah will report back to the PC on her conversations. The PC discussed looking at other contract options for minister replacement - for example, specialized ministry, part-time ministry, sabbatical ministries, "task specific" ministries. Bob recommended we prioritize what type of interim ministry we are looking for - pulpit? Pastoral care? Grieving? Pandemic recovery? Membership growth? Are we willing to consider part time for the transition? Once we prioritize our needs, the search can more easily be narrowed down as we can focus on searching for someone who has the skill set to help us do what we need to do.

The PC talked about the importance of keeping the Congregation informed as to where we are at with the interim minister search. Bob will write up a summary of where we are at with the search, what are our options are, and publish as a separate UU Update for the Congregation.

Social Justice Team (SJT): The SJT has drafted a Mission Statement for the PC to review and comment. Jim suggested environmental justice be added in. The PC agreed and approved the Mission Statement. The SJT's final Mission Statement will be available to be distributed in our church packets and at community events.

Upcoming events in which SJT members are participating:

- **Juneteenth celebration** on June 18. Event will be held at the UU church in Bridgewater and is sponsored by the BCCR. FUUSM SJT will have a table, so this will be a UU outreach event for us, as well as a social justice event.

- **PRIDE FEST** on June 17 (eve) and June 18. Sponsored by Battistini's Bakery and held at the bakery property. RE youth may be volunteering at this event.

Information on both events will be posted in the UU Updates. People may also contact Natalie Johnson (Juneteenth event) or Dody Adkins-Perry (PRIDE event) for more information or to volunteer.

Jim reported that he recently received a mailing from the Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light. The PC agreed that any mailings we receive re: social justice matters should be forwarded to the SJT (Deanne Bonnar or Natalie Johnson). The SJT can then review the material and make any recommendations for follow up, as needed.

Gift from the Avis Clay Family: Jim is waiting to hear back from the Clay family. We do not know the final amount yet. We need to list our priorities that the gift could address. Something that could have Avis's name would be good. Suggestions include an endowment fund or renovation of the church parlor and stairway leading down to basement.

Fundraising: Bob Waterman reported the Spring Auction to be a huge success. He expects the auction will raise more than \$6200!!

Possible future fundraisers: Summer Sip and Stroll (more an outreach opportunity), fall Road Rally, a yard sale at the end of summer or early fall.

PC Officer Vacancies: Seeking Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Please let Jim know of anyone who may be interested. Provide more information as to tasks/responsibilities involved.

Upcoming PC Meeting dates (all virtual):

- June 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. - check-in
- June 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (our last PC meeting for the church year)

Pastoral Ministry and Parish Care

Our church offers both Pastoral Ministry and Parish Care. If you have something weighing on your mind and would like to talk with a minister, please contact any member of our Pastoral Ministry Team. Parish Care help is available to assist with meals, transportation, emergency babysitting, and hospital visits during illnesses or other family emergencies.

We are a diverse, active and caring community; and we welcome your questions and your participation. You are always invited to call or visit our minister to discuss any matter of concern to you.

Sue Curtiss: Lay Pastoral Ministry Coordinator
Dave Kraemer: Lay Pastoral Minister
Sue St. Germain: Lay Pastoral Minister
Mal Marvill: Parish Care Coordinator
Rev. Sarah Person

Parish Committee

President: Jim Bonnar
Vice President: Bob Waterman
Treasurer: Marc MacQueen
Interim Assistant Treasurer: Gil Cote
Parish Clerk: Lois Aldrich
Members At Large: Katie Allen
Nicole Sykes



Click here to access the
[Church Calendar](#)



Sunday Services in the Sanctuary

All those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to attend our Sunday services in person. We're doing all we can to ensure the safety of those who attend:

- Masks are required in the church building, except for those who are speaking from the platform.
- All are expected to observe proper distancing of at least three feet.
- Windows will be kept open slightly to enhance ventilation.
- Entry will be by the front door and the downstairs parish hall door only. The Nickerson Street door will be kept closed.

With these precautions, we hope to enjoy one another's presence in experiencing worship together. We will continue to watch the trends carefully and adjust our guidelines as needed.



Mission Statement

We seek to provide a sanctuary where people can come together as a community to foster spiritual and personal growth through education and open discussion, to offer the opportunity for meditation and worship, and to serve as a liberal religious voice.

In our interactions with one another, we seek to build a strong community, great with acceptance, appreciation, caring love, respect, tolerance, trust, and forgiveness; to listen to one another and resolve our conflicts peacefully; to sympathize with and show compassion to one another; to express our creativity together; and to delight in fun and friendship.

As a religious community, we strive to help one another in our individual journeys to discover our spiritual selves; to find purpose, self-worth, and peace; to explore moral and ethical questions together; and to inspire, challenge, and to stimulate one another intellectually - with open-mindedness and without judgment.

As individuals and in the larger community, we will speak against injustice and cruelty. We seek to model tolerance and diversity; confront the fear of difference; and thoughtfully address the many difficult problems of our world.\

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			3:30 p.m. Pride Flag Raising, Bridgewater	12:00 noon Virtual Let's Do Lunch 7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha	9:00 a.m. Garden Work Party 11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn
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10:00 a.m. Virtual Religious Exploration 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	7:30 p.m. Virtual Social Justice Film Discussion	10:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee with the Minister 10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team 7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal		12:00 noon Virtual Let's Do Lunch 7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting	9:30 a.m. RE Rehearsal, Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn 2:00 p.m. Sarah's Shindig, All Church
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

Meet the Moment' Virtually or In Person at General Assembly 2022

The annual meeting will be multiplatform and now features a business-only attendee option.

After two years as an online-only event, participants at this year's UUA General Assembly can attend virtually or in person in Portland, Oregon. The theme of GA 2022, which will meet June 22–June 26, is Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community.

New this year, those who want to represent their congregations as delegates and participate only in General Sessions may register as business-only attendees and pay a donation instead of the full registration fee.

"We want to encourage individual UUs who are interested in this opportunity to notify their congregation's leadership as soon as possible since, also new this year, there will be several miniassemblies pre-GA," says LaTonya Richardson, GA and Conference Services director.

As excitement builds for GA, Richardson has a couple of requests for attendees:

1. **Book your housing within the contracted GA block.** Though she understands the temptation of going with a short-term rental, Richardson stresses that booking within the GA block—which includes hotels and dormitory-style accommodations at local universities—is essential for ensuring the long-term financial stability of the event and honoring contracts with local businesses.

2. **Have realistic expectations.** The GA office is creating an event that works optimally for both in-person and offsite participants. Still, Richardson says, "I would like for people to have a mindfulness that we're stretching our resources to accommodate this both/and."

[Register for GA here.](#) Both financial support for registration and a payment plan are available. See more [details and programming updates here.](#)

