

Date, Time: Tuesday, Jan 4th, 4pm

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Joanne Sterling, Jan Thomas, Karin Elofson (scribe), Linda Capone-Newton, Tookie Harris, Jeannie Ashmore

- 1) Call to Order, Reading of the Covenant, Lighting of Chalice – Rev Will
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes – January 4th minutes approved as written.
- 3) Sermon Topics
 - a) February 13th - Meal Made with Love (Chocolate Communion) - In coordination with a community financial appeal to support the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition.
 - b) February 20th – Black History Theme; get inspiration from *Castes*.
 - c) February 27th - Transfiguration Sunday - exploring themes of the divine spark/Inner Light/Imago Dei
 - d) March 6th - April 3rd - Healing Season: Braiding Sweetgrass; team members will take one section and provide ideas:
 - i) Section 1, Planting Sweetgrass – Rev Will has already prepared from this material
 - ii) Section 2, Tending Sweetgrass – Karin
 - iii) Section 3, Picking Sweetgrass – Joanne
 - iv) Section 4, Braiding Sweetgrass – Anne; Will to let her know.
 - v) Section 5, Burning Sweetgrass - Linda
 - e) April 10th – Palm Sunday
 - f) April 17th – Easter; Son Rise Service definitely planned!
 - g) April 24 – Sermon on Disability
 - h) Move into topics of Rebirth during weeks leading to Pentecost (June 5th).
 - i) Will on vacation Sunday May 22nd; plan to find a guest speaker. Suggestions include Cheryl Anderson (UCC) and Ed De Longue (UCC) and (less likely) Donna Dolham (UUA).
- 4) New Business
 - a) Recording/broadcasting of reading and sermon – As Linda puts it, “Let’s spend the money to make it happen!!” Will to contact Henry Wilson, Loni’s son, to see if he can offer some technical support. It was also suggested that A²U² or Hope Gateway may offer some guidance on broadcasting/recording parts of the service.
 - b) Joanne shared that a member of MUUSAN described NBC as a “Church without Borders”. Wonderful – how can we incorporate this image into our messaging?
 - c) Choir Safety – Jan shared Dr. Shah’s message about choir singing, that churches should consider the age of choir members and the congregation. Jan feels that members of the choir and congregation are already making their own decisions to maximize their personal safety.
 - d) UUA History – Rev Will to purchase the UUA History course that was led by Donna Dolham.
 - e) UCC History – Rev Will to review his UCC Polity resources and share what seems relevant.
- 5) Adjournment, 5:05pm
- 6) Next Meeting: **Thursday, Feb 24th at 4pm by Zoom**; changing recurrence to be ahead of Star deadline.