



Camp de Benneville Pines

Connection

Spring/Summer 2008

Your Unitarian Universalist Mountain Retreat

Making a Lasting Contribution

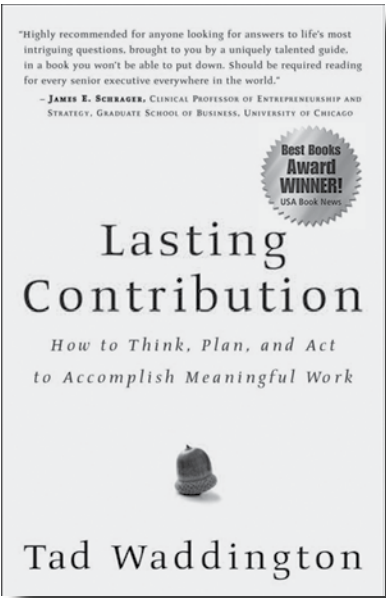
by Caroline Quintanilla
Camp Administrative Assistant

Tad Waddington is a de Benneville camper. He began attending LRY camp (Liberal Religious Youth---the precursor to our current YRUU or Young Religious UU's Sr High YoUUth Camp) in 1978. He remained active as a camper, counselor and facility staff until he moved to Taiwan in 1987. After many years away, Tad returned to de Benneville for the LRY Reunion in October 2005. Since the reunion, he has been attending Family Camp each summer, bringing his 14 year old son with him from their home in Chicago.

During Family Camp last summer, Tad offered to donate 250 copies of his new book, *Lasting Contribution: How to Think, Plan, and Act to Accomplish Meaningful Work*. De Benneville gratefully accepted his donation and put the books in the camp store. After sending a thank you letter, it seemed that would be the end of the transaction.

After several months, Laura Janes, the camp's Artist-in-Residence who also helps stock and

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Progressive Education as a Key to Global & Social Change

This spring's PSWD District Assembly, "Weaving the Tapestry of the Beloved Community" will be held in Del Mar, near San Diego, April 25 - 27.

De Benneville will again be hosting the Friday evening social with a no-host bar and munchies. The camp will also be sponsoring a Saturday workshop with Sally Carless, M.Ed speaking on "Progressive Education as a Key to Global & Social Change".

Sally's innovative indepenent study program for K-12 students, the Global Village School (www.globalvillageschool.org), is an example of education's power to promote global and social change. During the workshop, Sally will discuss how she came to create the Global Village School, how the school's program works and will share some of her student's success stories.

The school's accredited diploma program includes peace, justice and diversity studies as an integral part of the curriculum. With a goal of fully engaging an individual's interest in his or her studies, the program is flexible and customized for each student's needs and learning style.

The school's goal is to prepare their students to be wise and capable stewards of the planet and each other. The program is geared toward nurturing and protecting a student's natural passion for creating a better world while empowering him to lead an authentic and meaningful life, confident in his ability to change the world.

Sally hopes that her workshop at District Assembly will interest a wide spectrum of people. She sees her homeschool program as an alternative for youth and families who want



Sally Carless

their social justice values to be supported and an integral part of their academic environment. As well, she sees her academic program as a blueprint for educators wishing to strengthen students' learning.

De Benneville hopes that Sally's presentation will appeal to adults concerned about education policy, parents and youth exploring educational alternatives, adults who are youth advisors or religious educators and anyone who wishes to be inspired by Sally---a woman who lives her spiritual values, acting for social justice in her every day life.

Sally, as well as being the founding Director of the Global Village School, is a musician, writer and dreamworker. She lives in the foothills near Ojai, CA. De Benneville hopes that you'll take time from your busy schedule at District Assembly to meet Sally Carless and listen to her presentation.

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Camp de Benneville Pines

Calendar of Events 2008

March 2008

- 2/29-2 **Long Beach UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (562) 597-8445 or office@uucfb.org
- 7-9 **USC Presidential Scholars** (Private)
- 14-16 **Girl Scout SongSwap Weekend** w/Leader Training Workshop
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org
- Conejo Valley UU RE Retreat** (Private) - Craig's
- 21-23 **Camp Available for Lease** (Easter Weekend)
- 28-30 **Rainbow Family Camp**
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

April 2008

- 4-6 **San Dieguito UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (858) 755-9225 or office@uufsd.org
- 7-10 **Camp for Homeschooling Families**
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info
- 11-13 **Camp Getaway for Mothers & Others**
See advertisement on page 7 for additional info
- 18-20 **UU Men's Retreat**
See advertisement on page 8 for additional info
- 25-27 **Camp Recovery 2008**
See advertisement on page 7 for additional info

May 2008

- 2-4 **UU Women's Retreat**
See advertisement on page 9 for additional info
- 5-8 **Prototypes Womens Recovery House** (Private)
- 9-11 **Work Weekend**
See advertisement on page 8 for additional info
- 15 **Pathways Academy** (Private)
- 16-18 **Monte Vista/Orange County UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (909) 626-0520, mail@montevistauu.org
or (714) 999-1077, judy2write@yahoo.com
- Scrapbooking GetAway**
See advertisement on page 9 for additional info
- 23-26 **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Educators' Weekend**
For info, contact www.campbravo.org
- 30-6/1 **First UU Church San Diego Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (619) 298-9978 or mail@firstuusandiego.org

June 2008

- 3-5 **New City School** (Private)
- 6-8 **Pacific Unitarian Church Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (310) 378-9449 or admin@pacificunitarian.org
- 13-15 **Santa Monica UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (310) 829-5436 or office@uusm.org
- 18-21 **Anaheim Stake LDS Young Women's Camp** (Private)
- 22-28 **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Middle Schoolers** (Week 1)
For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

July 2008

- 6/29-5 **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens** (Week 2)
For info, contact (888) 442-78286 or www.campbravo.org
- 6-12 **PSWD Elementary Summer Camp**
Counselor-in-Training Program (Ages 15+)
- 13-19 **PSWD Jr High Summer Camp**
Adult Advisor/Counselor-in-Training Program
- 17-20 **Sr High YoUUth Backpacking Trip**
See advertisement on page 10 for additional info
- 20-26 **PSWD/YRUU Sr High Summer Camp**
PSWD YoUUth Camps - See advertisement on page 11 for additional info
PSWD CIT/Advisor Trainings - See advertisement on page 10 for info
- 27-8/2 **UU Family Camp with Rev. Greg Ward**
See advertisement on page 12 for additional info

August 2008

- 3-9 **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens** (Week 3)
- 10-16 **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens** (Week 4)
For info, contact (888) 442-78286 or www.campbravo.org
- 17-22 **PSWIRL Adult Summer Camp**
See advertisement on page 12 for additional info
- Laura Janes' Art Camp**
See advertisement on page 13 for additional info
- 22-24 **Neighborhood UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (626) 798-1375
or Melinda.Goddard@clearmansrestaurants.com
- 26-28 **Camp Available for Lease**
- 29-9/1 **UU Young Adult Retreat & Gathering**
See advertisement on page 13 for additional info

September 2008

- 5-7 **Yoga & Wellness Weekend**
See advertisement on page 14 for additional info
- 9-11 **New City School** (Private)
- 12-14 **12-Step Fall Mountain Retreat**
See advertisement on page 14 for additional info
- 19-21 **Camp Getaway for Mothers & Others**
See advertisement on page 7 for additional info
- 22-26 **Odyssey Charter School** (Private)
- 26-28 **Channel Cluster UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (805) 415-4919, david@barker.nu

October 2008

- 3-5 **LA-Valley Cluster UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (661) 273-1068 or louisepell@yahoo.com
- 10-12 **Tapestry/Orange Coast UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (949) 581-0245 or admin@tapestryuu.org
- 13-17 **Camp Bravo/La Jolla Country Day School** (Private)
- 17-19 **Riverside UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (951) 686-6515 or uuchurchriv@gmail.com
- 24-26 **Camp Available for Lease**

November 2008

- 10/31-2 **Work Weekend**
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org
- PSWD Renaissance Module**
For info, contact (626) 840-5412 or teralittle@worldnet.att.net
- 7-9 **Music in the Mountains Folk Music Weekend**
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org
- 10-13 **Camp for Homeschooling Families**
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info
- 14-16 **Chalice/Fullerton UU Congregational Retreat**
For info, contact (760) 737-0393, office@chaliceuu.org
or (714) 871-7150, www.uufullerton.org
- 21-23 **Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance** (Private)
- 27-30 **Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration**
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

Registration information for any of the retreats listed may be obtained by calling the camp office at (909) 794-2928, e-mailing caroline@uucamp.org, or from the camp's website at www.uucamp.org.

Most event details can be found in this newsletter.
Registration forms are on page 15.

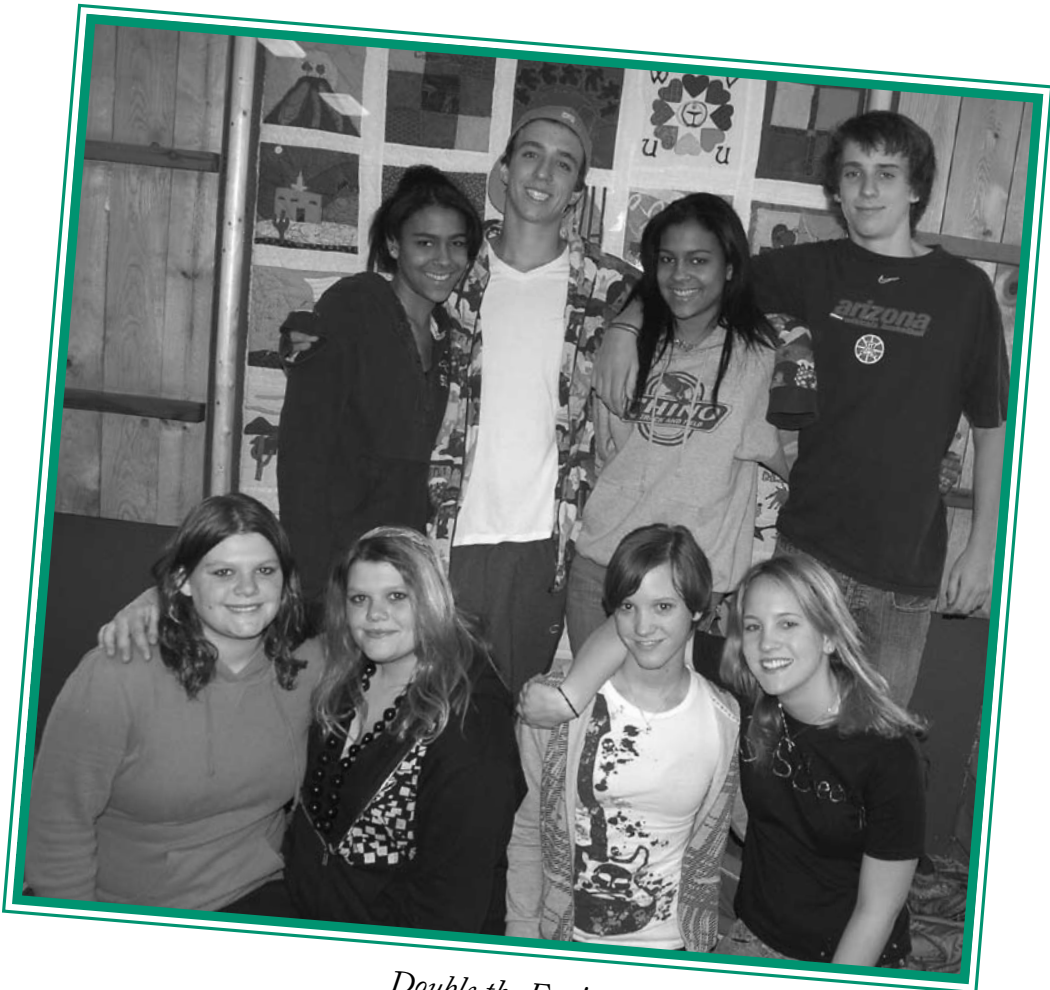
Camp Memorials

by Joan Stredler, Board President

Do you love the camp? One would assume so, since you're taking the time to read this article. Is there someone you love who also loves the camp?

We're initiating a memorial program that will honor the camp's extended family over time. Under the program, you can name a tree, a building, a special rock or a pathway in honor of someone you love. With your donation, we'll install a lovely plaque in an appropriate place to honor the person or entity of your choice. Churches and other UU organizations may have plaques as well.

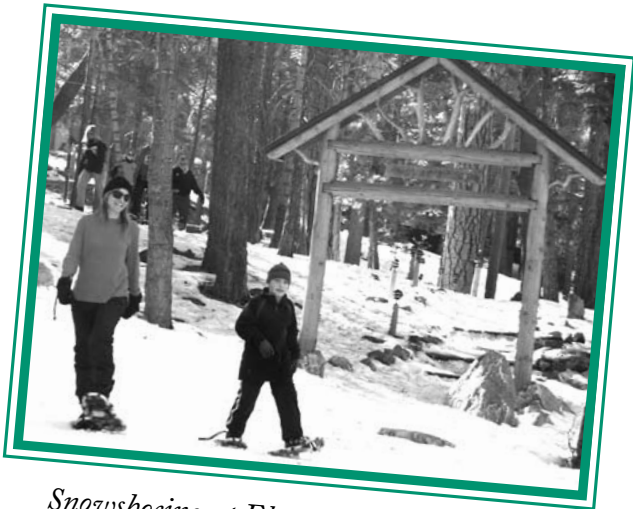
To participate in this program, contact the camp office at (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org for more information.



Double the Fun!
4 sets of twins at Sr High Winter Camp
December 2007



Arizona Campers & Staff
Sr High Winter Camp
December 2007



Snowshoeing at Elementary Winter Camp
February 2008

Camp de Benneville Pines Donation Form

Donor Name(s):				
Donation Type	Pledge/Donation 2008	For 2009	For 2010	Amount
Raise the Roof Capital CAMPAign	\$	\$	\$	\$
Share the Vision Annual Fund Drive	\$	\$	\$	\$
Campfire Lighter's Endowment Fund	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Donation	\$	\$	\$	\$
			Total Enclosed/To be Charged	\$
Address		Home Phone		
City/State/Zip		Cell Phone		
If you would like to receive confirmation that your donation has been received or if you would like to charge a credit card for your donation, please include an e-mail address		E-Mail		
UU Congregation/Camp Affiliation		Camp de Benneville Pines is a 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. Your donation may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.		
To use a credit card, complete the following: Card#		Expiration Date	Security Code: 3 digits M/V/D 4 digits AMEX	
To make your donation with a credit card Phone: (909) 794-2928 Fax: (909) 794-2418 E-Mail: caroline@uucamp.org		To make your donation by mail (check or credit card) Camp de Benneville Pines 41750 Jenks Lake Road West Angelus Oaks, CA 92305		

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run the store, gave me a copy of *Lasting Contribution*, saying, “You’ve got to read this book! You should write something about it in the next Connection.” I took the copy she gave me and put it away on my to-read shelf.



Tad Waddington

It sat there for several months. When deciding what to read next, I passed it over many times. I read few non-fiction books, particularly avoiding anything that fits in the “self-help” genre. As a person who happily left the business/commercial world to work in a lower paying but highly fulfilling job at camp, I was casually interested in Tad Waddington’s subject but didn’t think I needed help “accomplishing meaningful work”.

I kept passing over the book until it was time to start working on this issue of the *Connection*. Thinking I could pass on reading the book myself, I asked Laura to write a review. When she gave me the review, she included a copy of a speech she gave at the UU Church of Ventura in January. During her talk, she discussed how

Tad’s book had impacted her life. Although I knew Laura’s story and have seen her growth while living at camp, I was so inspired by her speech, I immediately picked up Tad’s book, reading it in two evenings.

I was profoundly moved by this little book. In slightly more than 100 pages, Tad discusses a wide range of concepts (this is a partial list and not necessarily in the order of importance!) such as the meaning of truth, the value of redundancy over efficiency in meeting your goals, the importance of honing your perceptions, the value in seeking mastery and knowledge, and how the ability to move focus between the big picture and details allows for complex action and solutions to complex problems. Most importantly, Tad discusses why we can and should care to make a lasting contribution and seek meaningful work in the world.

Starting with Aristotle’s 4-part understanding of causality---that all actions or results are

caused by the interplay of material cause, efficient cause, formal cause and final cause, Tad goes on to explain why this is so and how we can use this knowledge in our journey toward making a lasting contribution.

Laura says, “*Lasting Contribution* is the most serious ‘quick little read’ I’ve ever seen. It’s a giant idea--to make a lasting contribution in the world--with steps to help make that happen; a how-to book for a meaningful life. It’s also fun to read with lots of examples and quotes.”

This is a book to read over and over, to chew on, to disagree with, and then use that disagreement to find a deeper understanding. If it’s not in your local library, donate a copy. Read it yourself, discuss it with your book club and share it with your friends. It’s worth the time and your attention.

Tad Waddington’s book *Lasting Contribution: How to Think, Plan, and Act to Accomplish Meaningful Work* is available in the de Benneville camp store. Proceeds support the camp.

For more about Tad and his book, go to www.lastingcontribution.com

Making a Lasting Contribution - Laura’s Story

Excerpts from a talk given by Laura Janes at the UU Church of Ventura on January 13, 2008

The first reason I am here today is to bring you the traveling show of my paintings of de Benneville Pines and its surroundings, which I have been painting during my time at camp. This is the first show to be hung in your new building. I am delighted to be the first of what I expect will be many art shows.

The second reason I am here is to talk to you about how we can create meaning in our lives and make a lasting contribution to the world.

I began to travel throughout the district with this show in early 2004. My original intent was to bring de Benneville to the congregations in a gentle way, to remind district members that they own a camp, and to give people an opportunity to ask questions so they could find out what the camp is all about. The show is also a way to raise a little money. The art is for sale and half the proceeds are donated to the camp and the hosting church.

I found as I traveled to the different congregations that people were curious about me and why I was at camp. I began to share my story during the church service and in gatherings afterward. I discovered that sometimes people found the story of how I came to create this body of work more interesting than the art itself. As I thought about it, it seemed that people were interested in hearing about a person doing something that they considered worthwhile and meaningful.

I was a bit shocked by this. While I felt I was on the path to meaning, I had never really considered that I was THERE...until last fall, when a de Benneville camper, Tad Waddington, sent us his book, *Lasting Contribution*.

This little book changed how I see my life. It allowed me to understand that I AM contributing in my way. From the book, I learned that once you identify your gifts and imagine the change you would like to see in the world, it is possible to work to bring that change about, no matter how large or far fetched the plan may seem.

To begin my story: I was born an artist but it took me almost 45 years to accept that fact. I grew up in a family that encouraged safety and making conservative choices. I was encouraged to go to school to be a teacher (safe) and not follow art as a career (risky). I was a dedicated teacher until I saw that the faculty in the public school system were often bureaucrats waiting for retirement. I also discovered that the beautiful wedding my mother planned for me produced a disastrous marriage. At that point, I threw all my family’s ideas out the window, got a divorce, and found a job typing for \$1.65 per hour.

I stumbled through the next 20 years, very clear about what I didn’t want but not being able to validate what I did want. I continued to make bad choices in careers and partners, until I found myself, at 45, selling high tech equipment, putting a second husband through school (so he could follow his dream of being a photographer) and painting, when I could find the time. I knew I could always get to it later.

Then my mother had a stroke, my stepmother was diagnosed with lung cancer and my ex-husband died, all within six weeks. I was stopped in my tracks. I suddenly realized I wouldn’t live forever. I knew if I was going to be a painter it had to start right then.

I quit my job and started to paint. Sadly, the world didn’t knock itself out to buy my work. The first few years were a financial disaster. My husband and I moved in with my mother, he eventually found work as a photographer, and for several years we struggled. It was bad but I was convinced that if I gave up and went back to the old kinds of jobs, my soul would shrivel.

To survive, I started a business painting murals and custom canvases for hotels, restaurants and model homes. I was quite successful but for 10 years, instead of painting the paintings that were inside *Continued on page 5*



Art Camper
“Drawing & Painting in the Forest”

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of me, I painted copies of other artists' work--the Sistine Chapel, Monet's Water lilies, Van Gogh's Starry Night. It became worse than returning to the old jobs because I was using my technical skills but not my heart and soul. Eventually, it all fell apart.

Remember, when I had made this life change I didn't do it because I thought it was a logical next step in the course of my career. I thought I would die if I didn't make the change. But here I was, 10 years after I had quit the "real job" to follow my heart, and I still wasn't "there".

Interestingly, I never once imagined going back. Instead, my thoughts were filled with a longing to find the time and place to paint 30 or 50 paintings so I could show them in galleries that I didn't even know existed.

But I had that Sistine Chapel to paint again. Like so many others in our current culture, I continued to do something I didn't want to do because I thought I had to in order to pay the bills.

Eventually, I became physically ill and unable to keep up with the business. I said "enough" and went to visit my minister at First UU Church in San Diego. As I explained that I felt trapped and didn't know how to stop, she listened and said "Call Janet". I had no idea who Janet was or why I should call her, but I was at such a low point, I took the number and made the call without doubting.

Janet turned out to be Janet James, Camp de Benneville Pines' Executive Director. At the point I made the call, she had been working for 7 years, trying to bring the camp back from the brink of bankruptcy, shoring up the buildings, recreating the programming, keeping the camp alive.

With no idea why I was calling, I spoke with Janet and explained what I had been doing with my business and what I longed to do. Janet explained that volunteers could come and stay at camp, exchanging work for room and board. She said that I could help her improve the looks of the cabins and spend time on my personal art as well.

I was stunned. I spent the next six months finishing up projects, throwing away, giving away, shutting down and storing my old life in San Diego. With a little money in the bank, a round trip plane ticket to anywhere in the USA and 3 suitcases, I arrived at de Benneville in August of 2002, planning to stay only for a few months.

I crashed. I arrived in the middle of summer, the busiest time of the year. I was given a tent in the woods and told to spend the month learning about camp. I slept, I wandered, I learned, and I painted. After a month I did my first sample for a room remodel. It made such a



*Laura James
during Art Camp 2007*

positive impact, that Janet asked what it would take to get me to stay. At that point, we made an agreement that has allowed me the time and space to paint from my heart, while volunteering to help improve the camp.

The camp is not part of mainstream living. The closest store is 7 miles away and a real town is 25 miles away. Mail is delivered to a box on the highway, phones are shared and SOME staff quarters are hooked up to satellite TV. If you choose to be unplugged, you may. For the first few years, I had no radio, TV, computer or cell phone. That time and quiet and space allowed me to hear myself and think. As the paintings came, I began to feel less anxious. I quit smoking and drinking. And I painted from my soul.

After a few years I had enough paintings to take my work on the road for the camp as well as to hang in galleries. Through my first gallery, I began to teach. I had found, through working with volunteers at camp, that I WAS teaching, and that I loved it.

As I stopped running and became more contemplative, I had the time to process the changes in my life. I was able to hear

people's responses to my painting. I came to understand that my work is an expression of the interdependent web. No matter how I may try to do other things, I have to paint.

Because I had more time to think, I could wonder what I was doing, not just in camp but in the world. While I thought the projects I was working on for the camp were fun and made the camp look better, I didn't quite see how they helped the world be a better place. I didn't see how teaching volunteers to paint a wall to look like stone was anything more than amusing.

Then, along came Tad. He donated 250 copies of his book to the camp as his

contribution to a place that is part of his own growth and development. We put the book in the store and people began buying it. Then they began to talk about it, so I had to read it. WOW!

Tad asks us to think about why we're here, what our gifts are and what changes we would like to see in the world. Tad talks about HOW we can make those changes.

Tad had my attention on page 15 when he suggested we come up with "To Don't" lists instead of "To Do" lists in order to help us to stay focused on our goals. How simple is that? The book is simple ideas, presented with quotes and references from venerated elders and pop stars.

The key to Tad's ideas is the WHY of our actions, what he calls the "final cause" or motivating force behind our actions. He encourages us to think differently about how we act, to consider the outcome of our actions in global terms and to know that in doing so, we become more engaged and more invested in the outcome.

As someone who acts, then thinks later, I used Tad's ideas to look backward at what I had done, work forward to observe my current actions, and to make a plan to stay on course.

Tad quotes William Ellery Channing:

"Be true to your own highest convictions". I have been praised for the courage I showed in giving up my former life to follow my dream, but I never felt I deserved the praise. I knew I had no choice. I had to follow my heart, no matter what the cost.

I now know that the important thing is what I do with my time, that my actions and my work have meaning. When I work with volunteers, I am not just teaching someone to paint a wall. I am encouraging an artist.

My work is getting out in the

world. People I have never met have purchased my art. They tell me in letters or through gallery owners that I have touched them. Before I read Tad's book, I didn't see the connection. Now I realize how my work makes a difference. What I do has meaning beyond just being an expression of my imagination.

In summary, it's not necessary to quit your job and move to a Third World Country to accomplish meaningful work. It will be necessary to take stock of what you love to do, think about why you were put on the earth and to form a plan for following Tad's advice. We all have the opportunity to make a Lasting Contribution.



*Laura teaching in the forest
during Art Camp 2007*



Rainbow Family Camp

A Weekend Camp for LGBT Families

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Arts & Crafts Hiking Talent Show Movies Parent Socials
Outdoor Sports Activities Indoor Games Community Meals LOTS OF FUN!!!

Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2008

Adults \$117 * Teens (13-19) \$89 * Kids (3-12) \$49 * Under 3 Free!

Includes meals, lodging and all activities

**Non-refundable cancellation fee - \$50/family before March 15, 2008
No refunds after 3/15/08**

Make check payable to "Camp de Benneville Pines"

Mail to: Lisa White, Family Services Program, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

Reservations will be taken until the camp is full

For questions, call (323) 860-7342 or e-mail familyservices@lagaycenter.org



Rainbow Family Camp is sponsored by the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Family Services Program and Camp de Benneville Pines. Funded in part by First 5 LA for children 0-5 and their families.



Registration:

*\$80/person, max \$320/family, children under 2 free
Includes all activities, lodging & meals*

Upgrade: \$20/person for Craig's Cabin/Cabin 6

Cancellation Fee

*\$50/family before 3/17/08 or 10/10/08
No Refunds after 3/17/08 and 10/10/08*

Camps For Homeschooling Families

Join families who homeschool
for a fun week at camp!

The schedule is relaxed, allowing plenty of time for
kids to explore and parents to talk.

Hiking, archery, crafts, tie dying, nature, games,
talent show---volunteer to offer your favorite event.

There is always plenty of fun and
wonderful new friends to meet.

Sold Out!
Call to check for availability

Monday - Thursday

April 7 - 10, 2008

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November 10 - 13, 2008



No stress • No cooking • No makeup • No chores



For Mothers
& Others

April 11 - 13 & September 19 - 21 , 2008

For more information or to register call (310) 471-3138 x 103

www.CampGetAway.com info@CampGetAway.com



Pamper yourself... Manicures, pedicures, facials, massages

Be active*... Canoeing, dance class, yoga, archery, hiking

Socialize... Group dinners, seminars, games, fireside fun, sing-a-longs

Create... arts & crafts, homemade gifts, tie-dye

Most importantly... **RELAX!**

*Every camp is a little different due to the season, the fun offerings are tailored to date and weather.

A weekend of self-care where you and your "inner" child can grow, heal, play, discover, and reflect. Workshops, 12-step meetings, crafts, music, drumming, hiking, body movement, dancing, and fellowship. All persons from ACA, CODA and similar 12-step programs are invited.

Camp Recovery

Emotions in Motion

Camp 2008 

April 25 - 27, 2008

Cost: \$150/person

less \$15 before 3/31/08

less \$5 for 3 registrations sent together

\$110 additional for Craig's Cabin
(please send via separate check)

For additional information or to register, go to:

www.camprecovery.org



My Story, Our Story

Individuals in Community

Unitarian Universalist
Mens Fellowship
Spring Renewal
April 18-20, 2008



Cost suggested: \$150

(or pay what you can afford)

\$175 Craig's Cabin

UUMF Annual Membership \$36
to join or renew

Contributions to the scholarship or endowment funds,
gratefully accepted

Send registrations to:

UUMF Renewal
4190 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103

It is our policy to support attendance by men who may have financial difficulties. For information on scholarship assistance or for questions about this event, please contact Mike Dorfi at (619) 466.5952 or mdorfi@cox.net.



Please join us for a weekend in the beautiful mountain setting which has come to mean so much to all of us. Together, we'll explore our stories and how they bring meaning to our lives.

The weekend will include workshops, deep sharing, music and drumming, silence, ritual, sweat lodge, song and laughter. Small "kinship" groups and large circles will assist us in discovering and developing that which makes us whole.



Work Weekend

Your Help is Need!

Skilled and unskilled, everyone is welcome and appreciated
(ages 11+ for safety)

Delicious food and comfortable accommodations
are provided - **FREE!**

Friday, May 9 - Sunday, May 11, 2008

RSVP to

caroline@uucamp.org
or (909) 794-2928





UU Women's Retreat

Connecting to the Goddess Within



**Keynote Speaker
Rev. Teri Masters**

Which form of divine feminine energy calls to you?
She could be a sensual lover like Oshun from the Yoruba religion of West Africa or a fearless Egyptian warrior like Sekmet. She could look like the Hindu diety Lakshmi, promoter of prosperity, or like the Sioux White Buffalo Woman, a sacred pipe carrier. Or you could allow a whole new goddess to be made, through you. Using song and chant, talk, ritual, and a big dollop of humor, we will connect with this luscious feminine energy inside each of us, the energy that our world needs so much.

Cost: \$165.00/person * Add \$20/person for Craig's or Cabin 6 * Add \$20 for Thursday arrival
Deduct \$15 before 3/15/08 (lodging only-no food service)

Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4, 2008

Scrapbooking GetAway

Imagine 48 hours in an intimate, homey environment to relax and crop 'til you drop. The \$285.00 registration fee includes 2 nights' lodging, 5 hearty home-style meals, a souvenir t-shirt, plentiful supplies available for purchase, expert instruction/assistance and personal cropping space just paces from your bunkroom. When you need a break, chair massages and the hot tub will be available as well.

May 16 - 18 , 2008

For more information or to register call (310) 471-3138 x 103
www.CampGetAway.com info@CampGetAway.com

*Do you love working with kids? Do you have tremendous leadership skills?
Do you want to be just like your favorite counselor? CIT is for YOU!*

Counselor-in-Training Program

with co-facilitators Kim St Clair & Kit Petrie

Sunday, July 6 thru Saturday, July 12, 2008

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is accepting registrations from prospective counselors between the ages of 15 - 18. The CIT program provides training in a range of leadership skills with hands-on experience during Elementary Camp. In addition to learning how to be top-notch counselors, CITs get time to bond with each other and to become an integral part of the Elementary Camp community.

After registration, prospective counselors will be sent an application form. This must be returned by June 1, 2008, along with two references. Only 10 spaces are available, so a selection process will be utilized. Preference will be given to applicants 16 and older and those with experience working with children.

Acceptance notifications will be made by June 15, 2008. The deposit will be refunded for applicants not selected.

A CIT is considered a camper and must complete all camper forms. A confirmation packet with the required forms will be mailed to successful applicants prior to the camp start date.

Cost: \$195 per person (includes food, lodging and all program materials).

Optional: Sweatshirt \$25, T-shirt \$12. Include size request

Donation: Any amount to help campers with limited funds.

Submit by 5/25/08 with **\$50 per person non-refundable deposit**

For additional information: contact Kim St. Clair
(602) 741-2539 redirector@phoenixuu.org

Adult Advisor/ Counselor-in-Training Program

with facilitator Kim St Clair

*DRE-UU Congregation of Phoenix, Sr High Camp Adult Dean
YoUUth CIT Trainer - 7 years*

Sunday, July 13 thru Saturday, July 19, 2008

By popular request...the first ever Adult Advisor/CIT Program will be offered during Jr High Camp this summer. If you've dreamed about being a YoUUth Camps counselor or advisor but weren't sure you'd know what to do, this training is for you! An accelerated version of the youth program, the topics covered will include behavior management, human development and risk management.

Adult CIT's will have discussion and training in the morning, then will work with campers the rest of the day. A magical week of bonding with each other and the campers! Those 18 years and older are encouraged to apply.

For additional information:
contact Kim St. Clair
(602) 741-2539
redirector@phoenixuu.org



Cost: \$195 per person (includes food, lodging and all program materials).
Optional: Sweatshirt \$25, T-shirt \$12. Include size request
Donation: Any amount to help campers with limited funds.
Submit by 6/1/08 with **\$50 per person non-refundable deposit**



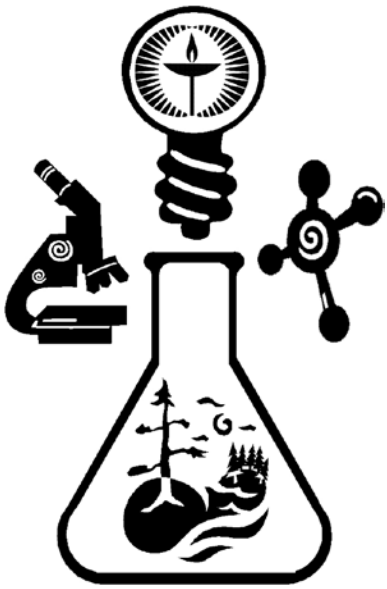
youth backpacking trip

An opportunity for Sr High aged campers to climb the peaks of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Backpackers arrive on Thursday evening for an early start on Friday. After 2 nights in the wilderness, they return in time for Sr High Camp check in. **Cost: \$80/person.** Limited to 6 youth.

thursday. july 17 • sunday. july 20. 2008



They Blinded Me With Science



ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP 2008

Youth completing grades 2 - 6

Sunday, July 6 - Saturday, July 12, 2008

Where can you go to have fun in the forest and learn about all the great contributions of Unitarian Universalists to science and inventions?

I tell you where: *PSWD Elementary Summer Camp!*

We're going to do cool experiments and great camp activities.

Dean - Kevin Drewery

GLOBAL SUMMIT

INTRIGUE, CONSPIRACY, PEACE, JUSTICE!

Camp will be transformed into a global learning experience where campers decide the fate of their nations. The morning program will consist of role-playing/gaming time. The afternoon and evening workshops will offer hiking, arts & crafts, swimming, canoeing, theater games, Global Summit Delegation meetings (HUUP groups), and special events such as the talent show, dance, and night crossing.



JR HIGH SUMMER CAMP - SUNDAY, JULY 13 - SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

DEAN - BARBARA BRASWELL * YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 6 - 9



FocUU Using Our Faith

YRUU / Sr High Summer Camp July 20 - July 26, 2008

YoUUth Deans - Davina Allen & Briana Noonan

Adult Dean - Kim St Clair

As UU youth, we spend a lot of time focusing on important issues. The reasons we do this are based in our UU faith. What we believe is crucial to how and why we help the world. This week at camp, we'll look at what UU's have believed in the past and our own beliefs. We'll invite youth from other faiths as guest speakers and ministers who have spent a great deal of time building their beliefs. Cool workshops, a great staff and a fun week at camp! **For youth completing grades 9 - 12.**

Registration

Cost: \$370 per person

Deduct \$35 per person

if postmarked/received by e-mail or fax by 4/20/2008

Donation:

any amount to help campers with limited funds

Sibling Discount: \$15

Same form/One per family

Optional: Sweatshirt \$25 / T-shirt \$12

Please include size request on form

**Submit registration with \$50 per person
non-refundable deposit or pay in full**

All camps run Sunday afternoon - Saturday noon



Joy!

as a Spiritual Practice

with **Reverend Greg Ward**

Deans Amy Brunell and Lisa Ward are returning for another magical week in the mountains! This year's Theme Speaker is Lisa's brother, Rev. Greg Ward. Greg grew up at de Benneville and worked here several years before finding his calling as a UU minister. Amy & Lisa hope that this year's theme will inspire campers to explore what is joyful for them. Our lives down the hill can feel very busy. Family Camp will give us the space to reflect on how we manifest joy within our families and out in the world. At camp, we can connect and together expand our understanding of Joy.

As always we'll play Capture the Flag, canoe, swim, hike, do crafts, tie dye, and archery, express our talents at the No-Talent Talent Show, dance at the banquet, sing, worship and enjoy our time together.

Welcome to Family Camp 2008!

Registration:

\$320/adult
\$295/teen (13 - 18)
\$285/child (3 - 12)
\$100/infant-toddler (0 - 2)

Upgrades

- Craig's Cabin: add \$80 per adult/teen/child
- Cabin 6: add \$50 per adult/teen/child
- Double bed in 5/7/8: add \$50 per room

UU Family Camp * Sunday, July 27 - Saturday, August 2, 2008



Pacific Southwest Institute of Religious Liberals

presents

Reverend Jim Grant

on

The Struggle to Become Human

Sunday, August 17 - Friday, August 22, 2008

Theme Talk Back * It's About Time and Radical Repatterning

*** Creative Writing * Folk Dancing * Massage * Astronomy ***

Dream Work * Yoga * Qi Gong movement/exercise * Self-Expression through Art

*** Improvisation * Nature Hikes * Drumming * Origami * Watercolor ***

Pool * Hot Tub * Silent Auction * Evening Programs * Music

*** Happy Hour * Talent Show * Video Programs * Trip to Big Bear and much more!**

Cost: \$335 - \$440 per person, depending on accommodation

To register or for additional information go to:

www.pswirl.org

or contact Marcia at (909) 597-1037 or marcia@pngusa.net



An intensive six-day camp for only 16 adults, organized by Laura Janes, de Benneville's Resident Artist.

The program includes two hours of "Life Drawing", two hours of "Drawing & Painting in the Forest" and a one hour discussion with a guest lecturer each day. In the evening is a two-hour session of critique and a recap of work accomplished during the day. Early

mornings and late afternoons, Art Campers are free to attend PSWIRL events, relax in the hot tub, swim in the pool or work on projects begun during scheduled classes.

The week-long program concludes with an exhibition of work produced during the camp for the PSWIRL campers and each other.

All levels of artists are encouraged to attend. Beginners will receive instruction in

fundamental skills, intermediate level artists will gain more skills to build on those already developed and the advanced artist will have an opportunity to brush up on anything he or she feels needs work.

In addition to a wonderful art program, enjoy spending time with other artists in our beautiful forest environment. This is a rare opportunity for only 16 artists to experience.

*Sunday, August 17 -
Friday, August 22, 2008*

Art Camp *for Adults*

*6 Day Intensive
Limited to 16 adults
All Levels Welcome*

Cost: \$450 per person

Includes all activities, meals, lodging & art supplies

Cancellation: \$50 fee before 7/15/2008
No Refund After 7/15/2008

Encountering the Spirit

Young Adult Retreat & Gathering

Labor Day Weekend: Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1, 2008

A UU retreat for young adults (ages 18 - 35) from the Pacific Southwest, Pacific Central, Pacific Northwest, and Mountain Desert Districts.

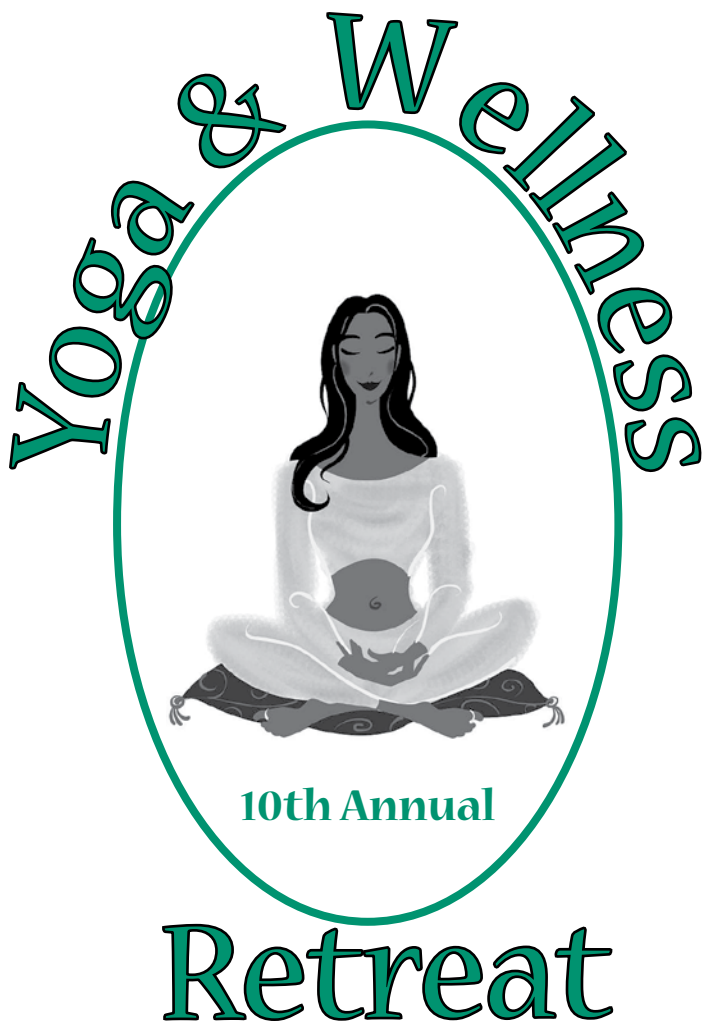
Worship, hiking, games, learning, arts, crafts, and FUN! See old friends, meet new ones and make connections. Deepen your faith while in the serene mountain atmosphere and get recharged for your *REAL* life.

Join us for a first-ever-in-a-long-time ***Young Adult Retreat & Gathering*** at Camp de Benneville Pines

Cost: \$195/adult * \$175/teen * \$165/child (ages 3 - 12)

To Register, go to:

www.connectuu.com



Yoga & Much, Much More!

with Dean Lisa Harris

This year's retreat has a new format. There will be plenty of Yoga and you'll see favorite teachers from previous years, but we've added new wellness workshops and some new faces to our teacher lineup.

Along with several levels of Yoga instruction, including beginner and multi-level classes, we will be offering acupuncture, foot reflexology, herbology & nutrition, massage, meditation, reiki, tai chi, water relaxation, water aerobics, and a special pre-camp wilderness hike.

There's no additional activity fee for the pre-camp hike. You may arrive on Friday morning in time to hike at 9:00 am or you may arrive Thursday evening to stay overnight for an additional \$20.00. Please provide your own food. The first meal served by the camp will be dinner Friday night.

Registration Fee: \$180 per person

postmarked/faxed/emailed by 8/5/2008, **deduct \$15**

Includes food, lodging & activities

Upgrades: \$30 per person

Craig's Cabin or Cabin 6

Thursday Arrival: \$20 per person

Lodging Only - no food service

Cancellation Policy

\$50 fee per person before 8/5/2008

No refund after 8/5/08

Friday, September 5 - Sunday, September 7, 2008

You Are Invited!

Orange County ACA with CoDA & other 12-Step program members welcome

20th Annual 12-Step Fall Mountain Retreat September 12 - 14, 2008



Workshops, Talent/No-Talent Show, Dance with a DJ, Hiking, Crafts, and lots of 12-step meetings!

Registration: Cost

\$130 before 8/15/08

\$140 before 9/5/08

\$150 after 9/5/08

Do not mail registration after 9/5/2008. Call registrar and bring your payment to camp

Craig's Cabin - add \$110/room * Cabin 6 - add \$60/room

Please pay for upgrades with a separate check

Fees are non-refundable after 8/15/2008

Make checks payable to ACA-OC and mail with registration form to:

ACA Orange Co Intergroup
ATTN: Fall Mountain Retreat

Contacts: Denise E Chair 714.323.0124 suneyes@gmail.com
Madeline M FMRchair@gmail.com

PO Box 10683
Irvine, CA 92602

Adult Event Registration Form

Event Name:				Event Dates:				
Attendee Names	Special Diet, Allergies or Medical Needs	Fee	Upgrade	Extra Day	Early Reg Discount	Friend Discount	Donation	Total Due
								\$
								\$
								\$
Total enclosed/to be charged								\$
Address				Home Phone				
City & State				Cell Phone				
Zip	If you would like to receive confirmation that we have received your registration or if you would like to charge your fees, please include an e-mail address.			E-Mail				
Circle Requests:	Craig's Cabin	Cabin 6	Double Bed	(upgrade may apply)		Bottom Bunk	Carpool (if available)	
Roommates:				Additional Information:				
UU Congregation								
To use a credit card, complete the following: Card#			Expiration Date:		Security Code: 3 digits M/V/D or 4 digits AMEX			
To pay via credit card, call, fax or e-mail your registration information to: Phone (909) 794-2928 Fax (909) 794-2418 or caroline@uucamp.org								

Family Event Registration Form

Event Name:				Event Dates:				
Attendee Names	Special Diet, Allergies or Medical Needs	Adult=A or Child's Age	Fee	Upgrade	Extra Day	Early Reg Discount	Donation	Total Due
								\$
								\$
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Total enclosed/to be charged								\$
Address				Home Phone				
City & State				Cell Phone				
Zip	If you would like to receive confirmation that we have received your registration or if you would like to charge your fees, please include an e-mail address.			E-Mail				
Circle Requests:	Craig's Cabin	Cabin 6	Double Bed	(upgrade may apply)		Bottom Bunk	Carpool (if available)	
Cabinmates:				Additional Information:				
UU Congregation								
To use a credit card, complete the following: Card#			Expiration Date:		Security Code: 3 digits M/V/D or 4 digits AMEX			
To pay by mail, return your registration form with a check to: Camp de Benneville Pines, 41750 Jenks Lake Rd West, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305								

PSWD YoUUth Camp Registration Form

Camp Name:						Camp Dates:				
Attendee Names	Special Diet, Allergies or Medical Needs	Birth Date	Grade	M/F	Fee	Early Reg Discount	Sibling Disc (1 per family)	T-shirt \$12 Sweatshirt \$25	Scholarship Fund Donation	Total Due
										\$
										\$
										\$
If you have a special or high-needs child, please let us know. We will have someone contact you to determine the best way to support your child and the family.								Total enclosed/to be charged		\$
Parent's Name(s)										
Address						Home Phone				
City & State						Cell Phone				
Zip	If you would like to receive confirmation that we have received your registration or if you would like to charge your fees, please include an e-mail address.					E-Mail				
First Time Camper?		Yes / No		Do you need a PSWD Scholarship?		Yes / No		Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and a camper's willingness to raise money for him/herself. Please send scholarship requests to Tera Little at teralittle@worldnet.att.net or (626) 840-5412		
Cabinmates:						Additional Information: (shirt size, etc.)				
UU Congregation										
To use a credit card, complete the following: Card#			Expiration Date:		Security Code: 3 digits M/V/D or 4 digits AMEX					

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2007-2008

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Our Mission:

The mission of Camp de Benneville Pines is to provide a mountain retreat where Unitarian Universalist principles and values are lived and celebrated in community.

Camp Purpose

- To provide a place to relax and recreate in life-affirming ways
- To provide a central gathering place for the Pacific Southwest District
- To provide a place for promoting life-long spiritual growth
- To develop leaders through volunteer opportunities/experiences
- To conserve a wilderness setting
- To extend UU influence in the larger community
- To encourage the expression of diverse ideas in a safe atmosphere of mutual respect
- To facilitate the ongoing process of community building within and among UU societies

Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teaching which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolaters of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

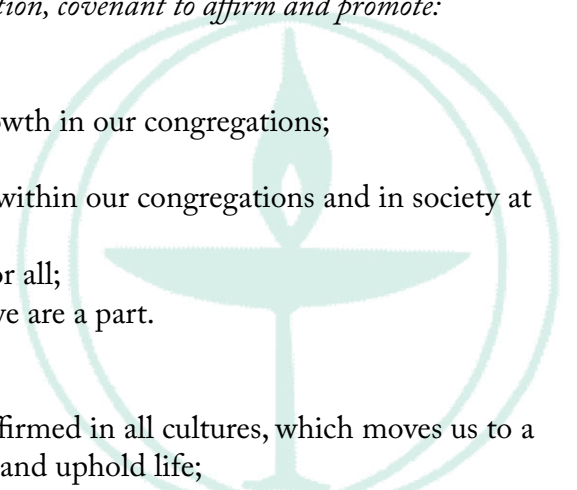
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In the Camp Trading Post

Beautiful, hand thrown ceramic chalices, made with special glazes.

Each is a unique work of art created by Dick Millspaugh (the father of Rev. John Millspaugh, Minister at Tapestry UU Congregation in Mission Viejo.)

Only a few are made each year. We are very lucky to have six of these wonderful chalices available in the Camp Trading Post.

Please see for yourself. Stop by the store or order yours from the camp website.

