

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is a religious organization that combines two traditions: the Universalists, who organized in 1793, and the Unitarians, who organized in 1825. They consolidated into the UUA in 1961. Both groups trace their roots in North America to the early Massachusetts settlers and to the founders of the Republic. Overseas, their heritages reach back centuries to pioneers in England, Poland, and Transylvania.

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion with Jewish-Christian roots. It has no creed. It affirms the worth of human beings, advocates freedom of belief and the search for advancing truth, and tries to provide a warm, open, supportive community for people who believe that ethical living is the supreme witness of religion. Each of the 1,000+ congregations in the U.S., Canada, and overseas is democratic and self-governing. The UUA provides them services that individual congregations cannot provide for themselves.

Governance

The UUA is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of District and At-Large Trustees. General Assembly, the annual denominational business meeting, is held in various parts of the continent. The Board meets four times a year, three times in Boston and once at General Assembly. An elected moderator presides at the General Assembly and at Board meetings and represents the UUA on special occasions. An elected financial advisor also sits on the Board. An elected president (currently the Rev. Peter Morales, a former UUCD ministerial intern), an appointed executive vice president, a treasurer, and 10 others form the Leadership Council, which manages day-to-day UUA business.

Funding

Member congregations contribute each year to Annual Program Fund (APF) to support the UUA operating budget. This financial support makes up nearly half of the UUA's undesignated funding and provides essential programs, services, and operations. As a UUA fair-share congregation, the UUCD is contributing \$60/member to the APF for fiscal 2013-14.

Resources for UU Congregations

The UUA website, www.uua.org, has an extensive A-Z index & glossary of UU programs, resources, and organizations at <http://www.uua.org/directory/a-z/8945.shtml>. You are invited to subscribe to *InterConnections*, an email newsletter about vital congregations for lay and professional leaders, at: <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/21424.shtml>

UUA PACIFIC CENTRAL DISTRICT

As one of 20 regional bodies of the UUA, the Pacific Central District (PCD) provides services and resources to its 37 member congregations in northern Nevada, northern California, and Hawaii, with an official membership of 6,366 UUs (as of February, 2013). PCD is home to members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship and to two seminaries, the Starr King School for the Ministry and the Pacific School of Religion. The Oakland Office is open Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm, (510) 530-1437, e-mail at pcd@pcd-uua.org. Visit the PCD website at www.pcd-uua.org, where you can sign up for the PCD email newsletter, *PCD Currents*.

Governance

The PCD is run by a partnership of professional and volunteer leaders and led by an elected, 13-member Board of Directors. Steve Burns and Brittany Snow Hernandez of UUCD are now serving two-year terms on the PCD Board. The next District Assembly is set for April 25-27, 2014, at the Red Lion Woodlake Conference Center in Sacramento.

Funding

More than half of PCD operating revenue comes directly from “fair-share” congregations. As a PCD fair-share congregation, UUCD contributed \$26/member to the PCD Annual Program Fund for fiscal 2013-14 and will contribute \$29/member for fiscal 2014-15.

Pacific Central District Staff

District Executive (effective July 1, 2013) Joshua Searle-White holds a BA degree in Russian language and literature from Oberlin College and MA and PhD degrees in clinical psychology from Clark University. He was most recently Associate Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department and Moderator of the Faculty at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. Known for his popular workshops at UUA General Assemblies and at UU Ministers Association (UUMA) convocations and chapter retreats, he is the author of *Magic Wanda's Travel Emporium: Tales of Love, Hate, and Things in Between*, published by Skinner House. He has deep roots and many years of experience in UU congregations, where he has taught and served in a variety of leadership positions.

Director of Congregational Services Jeanelyse Doran Adams (jeanelyse@pcd-uua.org) joined the PCD staff in August 2009. The former Director of the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center and a 2008 M.Div. graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry, she was ordained in 2010. She serves the District and UU congregations by supporting efforts to strengthen and grow vital religious communities, youth and young adult ministries, and religious professionals and lay leaders. As Director of Program Development, she supports efforts among and between congregations to improve communication and share program and leadership resources.

District Administrator Charles B. “Chuck” Rosene (pcd@pcd-uua.org) joined the PCD staff in July 1999. The District Administrator facilitates the ministry of the Pacific Central District, its staff, board, committees and programs. The District Administrator works with the other staff on PCD administration, communications, scheduling and programming; works directly with the PCD Board of Trustees and its officers on long-range planning, finances, communications and other matters as directed by the Board; acts as a financial manager for PCD, its committees and participating affiliated organizations; is responsible for communications between PCD and its member societies, committees, affiliated organizations and the public-at-large, and is handles day-to-day operations of the PCD office.

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