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SCUUF Programs and Activities for

July – Until further notice, all programs will be held **on-line** Sundays at 10:00 am. Jessica Lloyd-Rogers emails the ZOOM Conference numbers to everyone on our email list with the list of recurring dates. The same link should work for every meeting. However, Jessica will be sending out a weekly email reminder with the link for your convenience. The link to the meeting also can be found on the SCUUF website under *Upcoming Services*. If you need help to join the service, call Jessica at 541-294-2899, starting as early as 9:30 am every Sunday.

July Theme: COURAGE

5 July. *The Courage to Create (Change)* - Jessica L. Lloyd-Rogers. Creativity requires courage. The creative process is not a path paved with pure joy, but one filled with suffering, obstacles, anxiety, and frustration. Without the courage to proceed in our creations even when overcome by these unpleasant states, we will remain impotent in our ability to create anything of value

12 July. *Right Now, I Believe.* Carl Siminow and Jerry Schneider

19 July. *Exploring Courage.* Robin McCreery. Please join in the discussion. What symbolizes courage to

you? Where do you find courage when you need it? When does courage matter?

26 July. *Courage: Standing up to fear so our lights shine brighter.* Cheryl DeLong. Join a discussion about how we can reframe our fears and be more courageous in confronting social and environmental injustice.

Meetings

Program Committee. No Program Committee meeting in July.

SCUUF June 15 2020 Board Meeting Highlights (Virtual meeting, via ZOOM)

Jean added a Pay Pal button to the SCUUF website. This feature makes it simple to support the Fellowship, even when we can't pass the baskets. There is a fee for this service. For every \$10 donation to SCUUF, made through the website, about 30 cents is subtracted. Speaking of giving, look for a simple bequest announcement to be placed in future issues of SCUUP.

Jessica and Jean will arrange to use the grant money awarded to SCUUF to pay for an upgraded Zoom account and to purchase equipment, including a video camcorder with a swivel-head tripod, a podcasting package, and various microphones.

Barbara Miles, Suzann Robins, and Barbara Taylor, attended a Zoom meeting titled "Affecting

Change in Coos County” (organized through Coos History Museum) that has formed to address the issue of racism in our community. Suzann volunteered to serve on a committee that will hold follow-up meetings.

Mark and Jessica will be our delegates for the UU General Assembly (via Zoom) to be held June 24-28. Jean can help register anyone interested in participating in the classes/discussions.

Barbara Miles is working on a resource pamphlet for use by the Care Committee.

Georgia Martin and Kay Kerriden will be co-chairing the Program Planning Committee.

Cheryl DeLong volunteered to step in as a substitute facilitator when needed.

Immediately below is a summary of a presentation given to the Board, by the Bylaw Committee (Marty Giles, Kathy Maxham, Mark Stueve, and Barbara Taylor), regarding proposed amendments.

Though SCUUF members and friends are longing to meet face-to-face once again, the general consensus of the Board is to abide by the current UUA leadership recommendation: No in-person services or meetings until at least May of 2021. That is a long time from now, but we are **adaptable**.

There will soon be a New Member ceremony, via Zoom, to welcome a number of friends into the Fellowship. When it is safe and advisable to start meeting in person again, we can have another recognition ceremony and celebrate with those members who joined during the pandemic.

Barbara Taylor, SCUUF Secretary

Meeting on Major Proposed Changes to SCUUF Bylaws

The State of Oregon recently revised the rules regarding operation of nonprofits. These changes necessitate updating SCUUF Bylaws, which have not been amended since May of 1997. President Jessica Lloyd-Rogers started the ball rolling on bylaw revision and we soon had a committee to accomplish the task.

Four past Presidents of SCUUF, Kathy Maxham, Marty Giles, Mark Stueve, and Barbara Taylor recently met by Zoom (numerous times) to address proposed Bylaw amendments. This committee has many years of combined experience with a variety of nonprofit boards, as well as training specifically designed for nonprofit board

members. In addition, they relied on recommendations from the UUA, input from SCUUF’s District liaison, and tips provided by the Center for Nonprofit Law. Current President Jessica Lloyd-Rogers and SCUUF Board members went over the proposed amendments with a fine-toothed comb to prepare a final draft for a vote of the membership.

The Committee recommends changing our official name to *Oregon South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*. Every state, country, and region on the shore of an ocean or lake has a south coast. There are numerous Fellowships/Churches that use “South Coast” in their names. By including the name of our state in our official name, which is already part of our website address, we clarify our location. We can still use *SCUUF* as our common reference.

Current bylaws stipulate two-year terms for Directors (formerly known as Members-at-Large) and one-year terms for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Committee recommends two-year terms for all Board members. This provides for ease of staggering terms to ensure continuity on the Board. In addition, the Committee recommends adding term limits to the Bylaws.

The Committee also recommends addressing financial responsibility by having the Board require two signers for any payment over an amount to be specified in a policy document. There will be an opportunity for SCUUF members to participate in work on a policies & procedures manual. This “How to...” manual will address details ranging from how to conduct a vote by email, appropriate record-keeping, and holding electronic meetings.

We trust that SCUUF members will familiarize themselves with the proposed changes, once a final draft is issued, in order to be prepared to vote on adoption of the amendments, later this summer.

Barbara Taylor, SCUUF Secretary

Announcements

More Compassion? We will be doing a facilitated class/discussion on Compassion using Karen Armstrong's 12 Steps to a More

Compassionate Life. We'll kick it off after the July 4 holiday. If you are interested, send me an email to: jessica.loyd.rogers@gmail.com.

Support the SCUUF Virtual Thrift Store. If you can contribute merchandise (clean, intact, functioning), or recycled bubble wrap and air pillows, please contact Asialee Crumley by email (asialee.crumley@gmail.com) or telephone (541-888-4349). Unfortunately, Asialee cannot accept packing peanuts or other styrofoam.

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