

# This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
May 31	“Flower Communion Service”. Service Leaders: Barb Michael and Dharmini Robertson  <b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>	NO FORUM TODAY

**7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism**  
Affirm & 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.



Please attend the Annual Congregational Meeting following the service this Sunday. Refreshments will be served.

## Agenda

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| I.   | <b>Certification of Quorum</b>                         | <b>gg gordon, Treasurer</b>     |
| II.  | <b>Review of the year</b>                              | <b>Sarah Redmond, President</b> |
| III. | <b>Election of Trustees</b>                            | <b>Sarah Redmond</b>            |
| IV.  | <b>Real Property Fund Election</b>                     | <b>Sarah Redmond</b>            |
| V.   | <b>Mediation Council Request</b>                       |                                 |
| VI.  | <b>Presentation and Approval of budget for 2015-16</b> | <b>gg gordon, Treasurer</b>     |
| VII. | <b>Mission Statement Presentation and vote</b>         | <b>gg gordon, MS chair</b>      |

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## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Mediation Council is empowered to guide and intervene in situations of behaviors that diminish congregants’ or guests’ safety (emotional or otherwise) or that disrupt congregational business and activities.

The MqtUU Mediation Committee is in need of two nominees to replace two who have completed their terms. For more info please contact Tim VanderVeen.

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### Submitted for your perusal:

A change to the UUA bylaws has been proposed. As GA delegates representing MqtUU, your input would be appreciated. For more information check out the information at:

[http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/uua\\_districts\\_regions\\_bylaws\\_changes\\_proposed\\_2015.pdf](http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/uua_districts_regions_bylaws_changes_proposed_2015.pdf)

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Please let Heidi know of your preferred method of contact, for information to be included in the MqtUU Directory. Email [mqtuoadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuoadassist@gmail.com). Thank you!


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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 2015</b> <b>"Share the Plate"</b></p>	 <p>Inspiring sustainable growth of a healthy urban community through trees, green spaces, food, education, training and job opportunities. We aspire to provide a greener tomorrow for our Detroit. <a href="http://www.greeningofdetroit.com/">http://www.greeningofdetroit.com/</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FROM: RE</b></p>	<p><b><u>MqtUU Summer RE Volunteer Responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light chalice and share joys and concerns.</li> <li>• Direct and facilitate an activity from the list provided (or one that you have planned and brought yourself).</li> <li>• Keep children participating in the activity.</li> <li>• Address any individual behavior issues that disrupt the activity. Ask for help from parents in the congregation if needed.</li> <li>• End lessons by 12:10, call kids together to help clean up space and return everything to its original place.</li> <li>• Send kids to their parents at 12:15 or when service is over (whichever is later).</li> <li>• Kids will have their snack with the rest of the congregation. If there is no snack, you can find items on top of the refrigerator that you may put out for the kids.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Lisa McKenzie, <a href="mailto:lisamckenzie@charter.net">lisamckenzie@charter.net</a>, 362-7124, with any questions, concerns or feedback.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MqtUU Peace Camp</b> August 21-23, 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Connecting Families, Community and Nature in a Mindful Way.</b></i> Big Creek (Irish-Villa) Property, 395 Karen Road, Marquette Enjoy cooperative play, music and crafts, communing with nature, yoga/tai chi, environmental education, mindful meals, family camping. For more information contact Jill Mielcarek @ 235-9889. <b>Registration deadline: July 31, 2015</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROOM AT THE INN</b> <b>Volunteer Training</b></p>	<p>What: Training for Volunteering with Room at the Inn shifts When: Every Thursday from 6-8:30 pm Where: Warming Center on Washington St. across from the Co-op Who: YOU, if you're not trained or want a refresher :o) Why: Room at the Inn always welcomes new volunteers! It's flexible - you decide where - what church(es) - and when you can help out - morning (no training necessary), evening, or night shifts.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tender Loving Care...</b></p>	<p>We all need it once in a while. If you or a fellow MqtUU member is in need of TLC, chicken soup, a ride to Sunday Service or an appointment, or other caring needs...PLEASE REACH OUT whether in person, phone call or email! The TLC Team has a new email just for this use! <a href="mailto:mqtuucare@gmail.com">mqtuucare@gmail.com</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marquette Interfaith Forum</b></p>	<p>Our last meeting until September will take place <b>Friday, June 5</b>, from <b>11:30 AM to 1:00 PM</b> at "Little Jimmie's" in Harvey. By popular demand it was decided to meet in June to continue (if not conclude) our prior discussions of " those aspects of religions other than our own which we find beautiful, attractive, meaningful, etc."</p>

<p><b>Committees &amp; Contacts</b></p> <p>An opportunity to give of your time and talents!</p>	<p>Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon      Facility ~ Shaun Devlin  Green Team ~                      Music ~ Jeanne Trost  Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek      Social Action ~ Megan Foulks  Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan  Communication Team ~  Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen</p>												
<p><i>Meet your MqtUU Representatives</i></p>	<p>Sarah Redmond, President; Chris Wagner, Vice President  Teri Rockwood, Secretary; Mary Maki, Trustee  Tim VanderVeen, Trustee; gg gordon, Treasurer  Heidi Gould, Administrative Assistant  Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator  Barb Michael, Music Coordinator</p>												
	<p>Hey, if you know someone who is not coming to the Meeting House cuz they need a ride, please call the Meeting House at (906) 249-9450 and we will help! If you regularly attend MqtUU and are willing and available to give a ride to a neighbor please call and we will add you to the rideshare list.</p> <p><b>THANK YOU!</b></p> <p>Marqtran Door-to-Door Service is available to schedule rides from anywhere in Marquette to our Meeting House!</p> <p>Please call 225-1112 or Check out marqtran.com</p>												
<p><b>2015  UU Women's Connection  Council Spring Conference</b></p>	 <p>Journeys of the Spirit  June 5-7 @ Pilgrim Park, Princeton, IL  Earth-honoring Rituals, yoga, drumming, art, workshops.  Keynote: Marsha Forrest, health &amp; wellness consultant &amp; spiritual guide.  Register online: <a href="http://uuwomensconnection.org">uuwomensconnection.org</a></p>												
<p><i>"It ain't easy being green..."</i></p> <p><i>But we do try to make it easier for you.</i></p>	<p>If you have any of the following items that are used up or which you no longer need or want, please bring them to the meetinghouse and place them into the PlanetGreen recycling bins in the entryway. We send these items off for recycling and receive money in return. So, help out the planet and the congregation by letting us recycle these items for you:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Inkjet Cartridges</td> <td>Cell Phones/Pagers &amp; Accessories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GPS &amp; Radar Detectors</td> <td>Mobile Hot Spots</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calculators</td> <td>eBook Readers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iPods/MP3 Players</td> <td>Digital/Video Cameras</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PDAs iPads/Tablets</td> <td>Video Game Consoles &amp; Handhelds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Video Games &amp; Accessories</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>MqtUU also collects Tadych's Econo slips to help funds for our congregation as well. Please collect your receipts and drop them in the box marked "Econo slips" in the entry way of the meeting house.</i></p> <p><b>THANK YOU!!</b></p>	Inkjet Cartridges	Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories	GPS & Radar Detectors	Mobile Hot Spots	Calculators	eBook Readers	iPods/MP3 Players	Digital/Video Cameras	PDAs iPads/Tablets	Video Game Consoles & Handhelds	Video Games & Accessories	
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## General Assembly: Portland, Oregon

There is nothing quite like being in worship with so many UUs, and listening to some of the most stellar preachers of our era. Workshops help lay leaders and religious professionals learn how to do "church" better, and how they can help their congregations grow and thrive in these changing times.

Cornel West will be the Ware Lecturer on Saturday night, and many events (including all the business meeting segments) will be live streamed.. Just visit:

<http://www.uua.org/ga> to see details for this year, and links to programming from previous years.



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

And if you have a great idea that you want to share, or event or item of interest to the community please send it forth by email to [mqtuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuadassist@gmail.com) ☺

**FROM: MUUSJN**

## **Working Families could get thrown under the bus**

Michigan House Republicans are proposing to help fix Michigan's roads by eliminating the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), effectively raising taxes on 820,000 low-income working families raising 1 million kids. Next Tuesday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. the House Roads and Economic Development Committee will be taking up HB 4609, a bill that would ELIMINATE the Michigan EITC. Please take one or both of these actions:

1. Call Committee members at the numbers below before next Tuesday.
2. Join MUUSJN and others at the Committee meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 2nd (room 352 in the State Capitol Bldg.) to testify against HB 4609.

*The Committee is scheduled to also meet about this bill on Wednesday, June 3rd at 4 p.m. in Room 519 of the House Office Building.*

### **BACKGROUND**

For many years, the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP) has taken leadership to protect that safety net program for Michigan's working poor. MUUSJN continues to support this position. The EITC lets working families who earn low wages or have fallen on hard times to get a tax break which allows them to keep more of what they earn to pay for their basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing.

In 2013, the average person on the Michigan's EITC received \$143, only six percent of the federal EITC which paid low income Michigan workers an average of \$2,387 in 2013. In 2011, lawmakers cut the EITC from 20% of the federal EITC to 6% to help pay for major tax cuts for businesses.

Michigan shouldn't pave its roads on the backs of the working poor. The Michigan EITC is one of the state's most effective tools for reducing poverty and for building economic security. The \$117 million that would be saved by eliminating the credit is a drop in the \$1 billion+ transportation plan but would have have a huge impact on families who struggling to make ends meet.

### **CALL:**

Rep. Jeff Farrington (R-30th Dist.), Committee Chair - 517-373-7768  
Rep. Peter Pettalia (R-106th Dist.), Majority Vice Chair, 517-373-0833  
Rep. Al Pscholka (R-79th Dist.) 517-373-1403  
Rep. Andrea LaFontaine (R-32nd Dist.) 517-373-8931  
Rep. Chris Afendoulis (R-73rd Dist.) 517-373-0218  
Rep. Marilyn Lane (D-31st Dist.) Minority Vice Chair 517-373-0159  
Rep. Scott Dianda (D-110th Dist.) 517-373-0850

### **TELL THEM:**

1. I'm angry that the Michigan House would propose a bill to pave our roads on the backs of low-income working families;
2. If lawmakers eliminate the Michigan EITC it would be second time in five years that they have raised taxes on low-income working families even as Michigan families continue to struggle to struggle;
3. People of faith believe that lawmakers should restore the EITC credit for working families, not repeal it;
4. Vote NO on this outrageous bill when it comes before the Roads and Economic Development Committee.

**One Suggested Vision** ~ The Visual: A “Field of Dreams”, a collective effort to beautify the field at the far end of the parking lot of the MqtUU property. The Idea: The field can be sectioned into 6’ x 9’ sections with a common walkway of mulch or other material. Each section can be claimed by an individual, family, committee or possibly community group and designed with their own unique flair. Suggestions shown in the graph. There may be a few restrictions being, any plants planted in the ground must be local, native plants and maintenance, including weeding and watering is the responsibility of the group stewarding that section.

If you are interested in this endeavor please contact Heidi at [mqtuuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuuadassist@gmail.com) with any thoughts, comments, questions or suggestions or to volunteer to steward a section.

