

The Beacon

Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation & Green Sanctuary

Worship & Children's Religious Education: 10:00 am

Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service



July 2010

July 4: We Would Be One (At Winslow Town Square)

With Kim Beyer-Nelson, Director of Religious Education and others

What happens when the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday? An interfaith gathering in the open air! Cedars UU and Eagle Harbor Congregational Churches invite you to come outdoors to experience music and multi-faith readings that call us to common acts of compassion in the name of that which holds us all. It will unfold at the Town Square between The Playhouse and City Hall, where the Farmers Market is held). Service flow:

9:30-10:00...Silent meditation dedicated to peace
10:00-10:45...Interfaith service of music and readings

Please feel free to enter into the meditation experience at anytime before the service. You'll also probably want to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, and wear your sunscreen and hats. NOTE: There will be NO SERVICE at The Island School (or Eagle Harbor Church) this morning.

July 11: I'll Take Eden

Beth Rahe Balas and Bill Scarvie, worship associates

Honoring our place in an interconnected natural world of bounty and beauty, we defy cozy notions of the apocalypse, eternal life beyond this one, and other beliefs, and instead opt to be grounded right here as stewards of this precious gift.

July 18: Beyond Salvational Christianity

Kim Beyer-Nelson, Director of Religious Education,
Michael Read, worship associate

Christianity is in the throes of a paradigm shift, one that is especially welcoming of the poet, the artist, the scientist and the liberal thinker. Come experience this new way to encounter the Christian religion through music, poetry and a chance for powerful dialogue. The service will feature a reader's theater presentation of selected poems from *At Matthew's Knee: a Poetic Commentary on the Church's Gospel*, written by Kim Beyer-Nelson.

July 25: Salsa Dancing: It's Hot and It's Holy

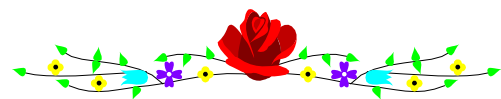
Jason Cheung, worship associate
Porter Hall & Bill Scarvie, worship associates

Dance originated in prehistoric tribal rituals as a means of contacting and influencing invisible powers. But it was largely excluded in Judeo-Christian worship in the West and was often condemned by church authorities even when practiced in secular arenas. Salsa dancing, with its Afro-Cuban roots and once enjoyed by slaves, is now a popular partner dance form enjoyed by many around the world. While it is undoubtedly passionate and sensual, it can also be an intensely liberating and religious experience.

National Recognitions for Rev. Barbara ten Hove

In late May, Rev. Barbara ten Hove was notified that she had won the 2010 Universalist Heritage Sermon Award Contest (www.universalistheritage.org) for a piece she preached at Cedars last February. The award letter declared, "It is a fine sermon and we are grateful to you for articulating *The Heart of Universalism* in such a compelling manner." The sermon is posted on the Cedars website.

Barbara was also chosen by her ordained peers to be the featured speaker at two separate occasions when the colleagues gather in Minneapolis for the 2010 UUA General Assembly (www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml). She will represent the 25-year class (all those ordained in 1985) at both the UU Ministers Association Annual Worship Service on June 23, and at the annual Meadville Lombard Theological School Alumni Association event on June 25. *Kudos to Barbara!*



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Eye on the UUniverse

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove



Attending the General Assembly (GA) of Unitarian Universalists (www.uua.org/events/generalassembly) feels a bit like a tribal gathering. Thousands of us come from all over the country and the world to be together in celebration of our shared faith. Though we practice that faith in different ways, we share certain assumptions about the world, grounded in commitment to our UU principles.

Jaco and I, along with Herb Hethcote and Leslie Marshall, represented Cedars this year at GA in Minneapolis. On the first full day of GA, we four had lunch together, strategizing how we would get the most out of the large slate of helpful and intriguing workshops. Given our interests, we went to a number of events related to Green Sanctuary, adult religious education, and UU theology. All of us attended the annual "Service of the Living Tradition," where Cedars' former interim minister, Julie Forest, was among those receiving final fellowship as a UU minister. And, of course, we enjoyed browsing what my friend calls the "UU mall", a large exhibit hall of booths featuring information plus inspiring and/or fun UU items.

It's quite an experience to be surrounded by that many other UUs. It's powerfully energizing. A highlight this year was the adoption of the UU Statement of Conscience on "Creating Peace." The dynamic large group conversation and process around finalizing its content was rich and deep and culminated in a significant message of which we can be proud. Make sure to read it at the UUA website (uua.org). It gives us a platform to speak on issues of peace, war and non-violence that will serve us well for many years.



For me, personally, this was a big year as I celebrated the 25th anniversary of my ordination. My peers chose me to represent the 25-year "class" at the annual worship service for all the ministers. I spoke to over 600 of my colleagues about the meaning of ministry to me over these two-and-a-half decades. I shared how I feel my "call" in ministry has been to name and claim our faith as religious. One somewhat provocative thing I suggested was that people stop calling our faith a "movement" but name it what it is: a religion. I heard a lot of positive comments about this and will watch with interest if it makes a difference. Coincidentally, the man chosen to deliver the 50-year talk was a speaker at my ordination, so it felt like a real reunion.

I also spoke at a workshop called "Love Saves" on the power of Universalist theology to save lives. At that workshop I received an award for the sermon I preached last winter at Cedars, entitled "The Heart of Universalism." And to top it off, I spoke to the alumnae, students and faculty at my seminary alma mater (Meadville/Lombard), also on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of my graduation. Indeed, a memorable GA for me.

Meanwhile, Jaco once again performed as a leader for his seminary alumni association, continuing as treasurer and registrar for their latest annual gathering, which celebrated the 20th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker's presidency of Starr King School for the Ministry. When she became president in 1990, Rebecca was the first woman in America to lead an accredited seminary, and now she's the longest tenured!

All of us who attended GA are blessed to experience some of the best speakers, musicians, and workshop leaders the UUA has to offer. It is stirring to co-mingle with such insight and energy, and we return very renewed and stimulated. Think about attending yourself next June in Charlotte, NC, or at least our big annual one-day regional gathering in Portland, OR, next February 5, 2011.

Fondly,

Co-ministers' Office Hours for the Month of July

Co-Ministers Jaco B. & Barbara W. ten Hove (206-780-0373, ext. 1), E-mail: minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

The summer schedule is without ministerial office hours per se, and July includes two trips away to be at week-long UU family camps (in our district). They will be driving to Lake Okanogan in B.C. to be theme speakers at Eliot Institute/Naramata, July 2-10, after which Jaco will be chaplain at Eliot/Seabeck on the Hood Canal, July 16-24, with Barbara in and out of town on small trips during that week. During such times, the Board president and vice-president, Pastoral Care Team chair, and office will know how to reach them in an emergency.

The Cedar Basket

News of religious education at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church

What an amazing month June turned out to be! Our congregation cheered Marina Philip and Rachel Balas as they took their first steps into young adulthood through the arches of cedar branches. I delivered a Terry Siebert original chalice to another Bridger, Neal Shaffer, and was deeply impressed with his sense of mission and excitement about the future. I watched with Lisa Ashley as Marina bravely delivered an incredible personal essay about her Unitarian Universalist faith at the June 6 Baccalaureate service to a diverse crowd of peers and parents and teachers. The wisdom, poise and generous spirit all our graduating seniors deeply touched me as it did their parents.

Our RE Sunday service on June 13 pulled together Pre-K through Jr. High students, showcasing a taste of their typical Sunday morning experiences. We had a chance to recognize all the many Sunday morning facilitators and assistants, childcare folks, youth advisors, *Our Whole Lives* mentors, and religious education committee members who make up the religious education team here at Cedars. It showed yet again how much religious education mirrors for us all the power of community.



Wow! What a month! And as I write this, we are still looking forward to the beginning of the summer program, and a Sr. High/Jr. High meet and greet barbeque at Faye Bainbridge State Park on June 27. The energy, creative spirit and sense of accomplishment our children should feel at the end of the school and church year is palatable!

In July, we'll be settling into our summer religious education program. On July Fourth, please note that there **WILL NOT** be any Cedars church activities at The Island School. I am teaming up with Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel from Eagle Harbor to present an interfaith July Fourth service in the Town Square between The Playhouse and City Hall. We'll gather from 9:30 to 10:00 am for a meditation period devoted to peace, then move into a lovely medley of interfaith readings and music. Please feel free to join us for all or part of the meditation and stay for the delightful and thought-provoking service.

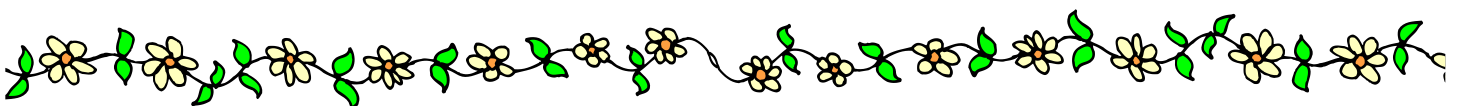
The RE committee, selected youth, and all the youth advisors will meet to create the program calendar for the coming year on Saturday, July 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the church office. If you would like to suggest specific events, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts. At the end of our day together, we will have a lovely document that will create a sense of continuity throughout the program. The calendars will be posted on the website and will be available at church to take home and post. We will definitely be doing some major league goal setting including the following ideas:

- An all-church retreat for 2011
- An all-day interfaith youth conference,
- A big Sr. High pilgrimage trip and interfaith project
- A Quimper/Cedars interfaith panel conference and potluck to support our shared curriculum, Neighboring Faiths
- Solstice all-church programs

There are still lots of opportunities to be involved with all our children or in all-ages events! Interested in finding your RE niche? Please drop me an e-mail or call me at 206-201-3680 (h) or 206-780-0373 (w). This program is my passion, and I'd love to explore what gifts you can bring to our community! Check out my blog on the Cedars website for more in-depth discussion about religious education and Unitarian Universalism, and as always, I love your comments.

Blessing to you all,

— Kim Beyer-Nelson, DRE



Calendar of Events

July 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Meditation, 4:30p	2 Music Committee, 12:00n	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i> Sunday Service 10:00a 	5	6 Auction Committee, 7:30p	7	8 Meditation, 4:30p	9	10 RE Retreat, 10:00a
11 Sunday Service 10:00a Coffee & Tea Sales	12 Membership Committee 7:00p	13 Adult Programs Assocs, 10:00a	14	15 Meditation, 4:30p Beacon Submittal Deadline	16	17
18 Sunday Service 10:00a Pick up Coffee & Tea	19 Social Action 7:30p	20 Board Meeting 6:30p	21	22 Meditation, 4:30p	23	24
25 Sunday Service 10:00a	26 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p	27 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p Super Suppers 4:45p	28 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p	29 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p Meditation, 4:30p SOULful Cedars, 7:30p	30 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p Knitters, 11:00a	31 Peace Walk, 8:00a - 5:00p

Notes:

For details on calendar events, please see www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html.
Events are accurate as of 9:00 pm, June 30, 2010

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Our Mission

Worship with open hearts ◇ Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion ◇ Love without judgment

Pastoral Care

On a scale of 1-10, how good a caregiver are you?

Being kind and thoughtful involves more than just “showing up” although that’s obviously necessary. From my recent experience last December when I had knee surgery, here is my tongue-in-cheek Caregiver Scale:

Minimum Effort

1. Asking the person at church “How-ya-doin?”
2. Calling them on the phone or sending an e-mail.
3. Sending them a hand written card at either their home or hospital.
4. Visiting them at home.
5. Visiting them at the hospital.
6. Taking food to their home and dropping it off.
7. Asking the person what they would like, buying it, taking it to their house and cooking it.
8. Same as #7, plus staying with them for dinner and cleaning up the dishes afterwards.
9. Same as #8, plus offering to dump the garbage, empty the wastebaskets, and run the dishwasher.
10. Same as #9, plus offering to do tougher, more personal stuff like giving them a foot or back massage, changing the cat litter box, walking the dog, or doing the laundry.

Maximum Effort

On a more serious note, the Pastoral Care Team (PCT) have found what folks appreciate most when they’re having a rough time is someone who will just listen. Even let them “whine” if they need to. But don’t respond with “If you think that’s bad, let me tell you about the time I _____.”

We also have a new way to comfort you. Have you always wanted one of those huge pillows to prop up your back when you’re confined to bed but never had room to store it? Jane Martin has made one with a washable case and it’s available to anyone laid up for an extended bed rest. Call one of us and we’ll deliver it to your doorstep.

Welcome to Shayne Chandler, the newest member of the PCT. If you need someone to listen or you know someone who needs help, please call Revs. Jaco or Barbara ten Hove, or a Pastoral care Team member: Shayne Chandler, Michiko Chenin, Angie Hoffpauir, Jane Martin, Donna Moore, John Peck, Chere Perrone, or Diana Peters. We’re the folks with the lavender name tags at church.

— Donna Moore, Outgoing Chair

Treasurer's Report — May 2010					
Pledges			Capital Campaign		
	May	YTD			
Budgeted:	\$12,917	\$142,083	Pledged:		\$393,000
Received:	\$9,423	\$144,266	Received 5/31/10:		\$186,786
Difference:	(\$3,494)	\$2,183	Difference:		(\$206,214)
Operating Fund			Capital Fund Balances		
	May	YTD			
Income:	\$10,640	\$198,423	Balance 7/01/08:		\$202,030
Expense	\$15,804	\$191,641	Balance 7/01/09		\$215,260
Difference:	(\$5,164)	\$6,782	Balance 5/31/10:		\$220,383

March – May 2010: Attendance				Plate Collection		
Month	Weekly Average			Month Total	Weekly Average	Special Collection
	Children	Adults	Total			
March	16	86	102	408	\$135	\$1,393
April	17	107	124	496	\$207	\$5,907
May	12	82	94	471	\$207	N/A



Social Action

Community Service Day Helping Hands Deeply Appreciated



Our Community Service Day event at **Helpline House** on Bainbridge Island was huge success. Thank you to the 44 members, friends and families that scrubbed the building, sorted food, cleaned the food bank, pruned trees, recycled metal, and performed many other tasks. Lots of hands made light work. Here are just a few of the many responses we received from Helpline

Administration and Staff:

- In this work last Saturday, the church volunteers were a living example of one of the church principles that affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. On behalf of our clients who were so honored by their efforts and all of us who work here and wish to deliver our services in the best possible, healthful way, we thank them. Truly Neighbor Helping Neighbor in action!*
- Thank you, thank you to all the volunteers from Cedars! What a delight to come in and find all the sparkling shelves in the food bank. The area was nice and sunny on a rainy day and made everyone smile! On behalf of the business office at Helpline House, I want to express our thanks and admiration for the fabulous cleaning job done in our archives room in the barn. Everything out there looks so spotless that it makes it so much easier to contemplate working in the room. Thanks again to the intrepid Cedars workers for a job well done!*
- This is just to say it was exciting to walk into Helpline yesterday and see the place glow! The glass refrigerator doors were clear and shiny; the walls were ultra clean; the windows - ah - you could see out; the mountains of Postal Food Drive food were considerably reduced. It is truly heartwarming to see a congregation such as Cedars spend their day off on a Saturday to give to the community. All of us are blessed in having them exemplify the Neighbors Helping Neighbors!*
- We truly feel we are part of a whole when the community not only gives financially but also gives of their time to keep our place in good working order. Kudos to Cedars Unitarians for their excellent help last week-end.*

— Helen Nissani, Chair



UUSC Update

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) held a number of **interesting workshops** at the recent General Assembly in Minneapolis Minnesota, including:

- Women Organizing for Workers' Rights
- Unitarians Who Defied the Nazis
- International Humanitarian Crises: A UU Response to Haiti
- Human Rights in Israel/Palestine: UU Perspectives

Why not consider going next year?

UUSC seeks applicants for a permanent President and CEO with the goal of filling the position by January 1. Bill Schulz is the interim President; he brings distinguished experience with human-rights and management work, as well as a history of involvement with the UUA and UU congregations.

Might you know of a good candidate?

UUSC is in the midst of a five-year **strategic-planning process**.

The board will vote on the plan in early August; it will be available to all soon after. The planning has focused on, among other areas:

- the connection to the UUA, how UUSC can offer opportunities for UUs to engage with their work
- how to be more relevant to youth
- how they can offer more sophisticated on-line tools for those who wish to use them.

Consider how these areas impact you.

The **Guest at Your Table** program was a huge success! Significantly more funds were raised than had been projected. This accomplishment will allow UUSC to move forward in their human-rights work with less concern about financial challenges.

Thanks to us all!

The UUSC is a membership-based organization, separate from and independent of the UUA and receives no funding from the UUA. Please consider taking the time to join or renew your membership and help carry this important work forward all year long. Every gift of \$100 or more is matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY. You can renew online at www.uusc.org.

— Judy Friesem and Kim Bush, UUSC Reps



Cedars Programs & Events

Joining Sundays are the **First Sunday** of each month when our Cedars Membership Book will be available for signing (one of the requirements for membership). Meet a church leader at the altar table *right after service* for a jolt of joining joy.

Summertime Food for Kids: Please bring to Cedars or directly to Helpline!

The demand for food at Helpline has risen dramatically. During the summer, need increases as kids are out of school and not able to access free lunch programs. Island congregations are invited to make donations of "kid food" so kids at home can fix their own breakfast, lunches or snacks. Peanut butter, jam, jelly, crackers and fruit cocktail are great, but breakfast cereal would be much appreciated. The food bank is able to purchase only a limited amount of "generic" cereals, so help us provide a child with their favorite cereal on a summer morning!

Cedars Dinner Connections continue July 17, August 14, and September 25.

Sign up for a dinner by adding your name to the list on the Welcome Table on Sunday, contacting Dinner Connection Group Members Andrea Tryon, Gerlind Jenkner, Shelley Fleming, or Judy Willott at church, or E-mailing or calling Sheryl Hamm at srdhamm@comcast.net or 206-780-9204

Super Suppers

Do you want to help our Social Action team but don't have much time? Are you a good cook looking for an excuse to make brownies? The **Super Suppers** at **Eagle Harbor Congregational Church** needs your help! We team up with **Congregation Kol Shalom** to serve dinner for all comers at Helpline House on the last Tuesday of every month. If you can bring food, help host the dinner with a member of the Social Action Committee, or simply want more information about these dinners, please contact **Carol Ann Davidson** at supersuppers@cedarsuuchurch.org or 206-855-0629.

Auction Committee

The next Auction Committee meeting will take place at the church office on July 6 from 5:00 to 6:30pm. For those of you who attended the last meeting, you can expect another enthusiastic and fun time. I appreciate all of the roles you've played in past auctions, and I could not ask for a better group to work with on the "Mamma Mia!" Auction. We will follow up on all the great ideas from the first meeting, and continue to refine the particulars of the event. If you are interested in helping with this year's auction, please e-mail Mark Rosenwald at rosenwald.mark@gmail.com

Coming in August

Mid-day MUUsings with a Minister

All Cedars members and friends are invited to join at least one of our co-ministers, Barbara and Jaco ten Hove, at noon for an hour of interaction **each Wednesday in August**. Bring a lunch if you wish. We'll informally converse on any topic of interest related to our faith or congregational life. Meet at **The Island School Library**. This is the same location where we have Sunday services, but enter via the front school door.

Cedars Blog

Cedars has two blogs. One is for comments about Shaping our Future and can be found at: www.cedarsuuchurch.org/futureblog.htm. The other is for general comments and discussion and can be found at www.cedarsuuchurch.org/blog.htm. Make sure to visit them both, read the posts, and make your voice heard.

Updates are on the Website

Be sure to check the Church Website, www.cedarsuuchurch.org, throughout the month for updates on activities and events. If you have something to be posted on the Website, e-mail Frank Mandt at webmeister@cedarsuuchurch.org.

The Beacon Deadline is the 15th of Each Month

Please e-mail submissions to beacon@cedarsuuchurch.org. Questions? Call Frank Mandt, 360-297-2501.

SOULful Cedars Summit on Thursday, July 29 at 7:30 pm

(Sustainable Outcomes in Unity and Love)

- A congregational effort to contribute to the wider common good of local sustainability
- An offshoot of our Green Sanctuary Team

Join the initial talk-around session for how *SOULful Cedars* can become a significant part of the local movement toward greater energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, all as an empowered expression of our spiritual values. You may be aware that our co-minister Jaco ten Hove is a leader with *Positive Energy* (Bainbridge Alliance for Clean Power), which is now helping to apply almost \$5 million in federal grant money toward the goal of reducing local energy waste and increasing efficiency. This means there will be a lot of support for the trained volunteers who will be an essential part of both the residential and commercial campaigns now being designed. *SOULful Cedars* will be our UU angle on this community-building project, and by July 29 there should be some exciting clarity about opportunities to participate. Meet with Jaco at the church office at 7:30 pm to learn more and brainstorm together.

Official Church Calendar

Please consult the official Cedars UU Church Calendar on the church website at www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html before scheduling events.

Want to receive The Beacon?

Please send your e-mail address to: beacon@cedarsuuchurch.org.

From the President

Time flies when you're having fun! It's been three exciting and momentous years since I became president of your Board of Trustees. During this time, we called our first settled ministers, moved our worship services from the darkness of Bainbridge Performing Arts Playhouse to the light-filled Webster Hall of The Island School, and moved our offices from the Sterling Building (also devoid of natural light) to the light-filled beautiful Katz building. From darkness to light, in all instances. Clearly, I have been incredibly fortunate to have been in the right place at the right time!

In each of the three years that I have been president, we have had Trustees on the Board that have been terrific individuals bringing valuable and unique skills; but more importantly, individuals who left their egos at the door to work together as a team for the greater good of our beloved faith community. Every one of these individuals have given tirelessly of their time and talents to envision and empower Cedars' future, to ensure a future that will be strong and enduring. I would like to ask us all to give thanks to the Cedars' Members who have served with me as your Board of Trustees over the last three years: Frank Petrie, Leslie Marshall, Bunny Stumbo, Alan Miller, Rod Kempkes, Mark Rosenwald, Michael Read, Robin Hanway, Richard Wilson, and Vinnie Perrone. Each of these members has given hugely of their time and talents, their intelligence and thoughtfulness, all for the greater good of our Cedars community. Let's give them a standing ovation! (Ok, you can sit now.)



Yes, the leadership of our community envisions and plans for our future, and sets in motion whatever must be done to bring that future to fruition. But what sustains a thriving, robust and happy community is the willingness to organize, lead and participate in the myriad activities that make this our spiritual home. Without all the many people who volunteer for the large and small (but also important) activities, we couldn't be the happy community that we are. In particular, I salute Sally Wilson, who conceived of, organized and continues to nurture the Neighborhood Teams that are playing an ever more important role at Cedars; and I commend all the team leaders who have not only enabled us to "have church" on Sundays, but also helped to create a sense of community. To all those brave souls who have volunteered to chair committees and task forces, organize events and fund raisers, dinners, congregational potlucks that have fed us so well, and volunteered for all the many activities that make us all want to come back for more, I give you my standing ovation.

So as we enter a new church year with two full years of superlative settled ministry, and inspirational worship and office spaces, I encourage us all to step up, volunteer, participate, bring friends, evangelize about the merits of liberal religious/spiritual values here at Cedars. More than ever, the world needs more people with values embodied in the UU Seven Principles to stand up to the forces of fear, prejudice and domination.

Personally, I intend to be active on the Finance Committee and Membership Committee, and maybe more. I hope you will all join me in volunteering and actively participating in this beloved faith community.

Thanks for the memories!

— Channie Peters, *Outgoing Board President*

CUUC Board Meeting Highlights June 15, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Learned that we are anticipating to end the fiscal year (on June 30, 2010) with a modest surplus of \$277 after making the final payment of our 2009-10 fair-share dues to the UUA and the PNWD. Discussed preparing a narrative synopsis of our end-of-year financial report for inclusion in the Cedars Annual Report. Reviewed membership of next year's Finance and Capital and Endowment committees, as well as the need to recruit members interested in serving on next year's the Budget Leadership Team.

Resolution to boycott Phoenix, Arizona as the venue for the 2012 UUA General Assembly

Following review of opposing positions on the proposed resolution by General Assembly (GA) delegate Herb Hethcote, board members shared their opinions and voted unanimously not to support the proposed resolution, but rather to support those UU ministers and other community leaders in Arizona who have asked for our assistance in protesting the new Arizona law (SB1070). This vote empowers Cedars delegates to vote against the boycott at the plenary session of the GA in Minneapolis this year.

