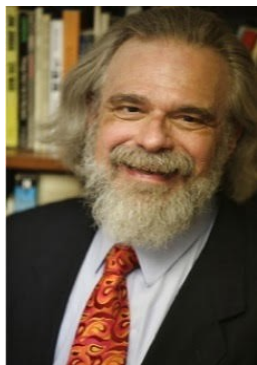
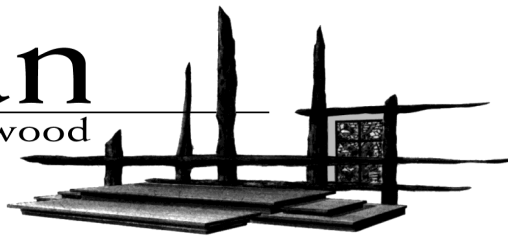


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Society of Ridgewood



From the Interim Minister's Mailbox

In October I spent a few days at the Rowe Center, a Unitarian Universalist camp and conference center in Rowe, Massachusetts. Rowe Camp was founded as a summer camp for Unitarian children in 1924. In 2016 it has a full summer program for all ages and workshops and weekend retreats year-round. While I was at Rowe to attend a workshop on fundraising, I had in rural western Massachusetts a refreshing break from my every-day urban life. With the waning moon rising long after sunset, the night sky was virtually undimmed by the light pollution with which I live every day. Stars and constellations barely discernible in northern New Jersey were crystal clear to my eyes.

Workshop participants came from various parts of the country. Some had never been to New England before. Some had always lived in large metropolitan areas. After some time outside at night, one of the participants exclaimed, "I've never seen the Milky Way before!"

The obvious take-away would be about going to new places and seeing new things (as in the case of the participant quoted) or about revisiting a place one had seen before and seeing it again (as in my case).

There is more to it than that.

I was at Rowe in mid-October, during the final month of one of the most tumultuous presidential elections in my lifetime. Every day there was — and still is — breaking news about what one candidate has just said or what the other did years ago. There is vitriol in newspaper headlines and web news-feeds. It is an ugly time.

There is no cell phone service at Rowe Camp — none — and wifi is available only in the farmhouse (the main building). I used the wifi sparingly and at night contentedly walked down King's Highway to Brook House, where my third floor room had light, heat and water but no cell service or wifi. I enjoyed a blessed two-and-a-half-day break from constant cyber and cell connection and, thus, from the roar of the media frenzy in this election season.

This brief period of non-connectivity was as important to my spiritual rest as being in the woods under the spectacular autumn sky. It was a brief idyll, during which I learned much about fundraising and made new connections. I then drove back home ready to resume my work of every day and my every-day urban life.

Whatever tasks and obligations exist, I know that I can take quiet moments even without leaving home and going to the woods. It is great to get away, but I will not thrive if I never distance myself from the tasks and turmoil at hand. Neither will you. Take the issues and obligations of the moment seriously, but step back to a quiet place now and again, even if only for a few minutes of gazing at the night sky. We do not see as many stars in urban and suburban New Jersey as we might in rural Massachusetts or upstate New York. But the beauty of the sky — even the light-polluted sky — is real.

In such tumultuous times as these, we need the quietness, the stepping back. A few days on retreat are a soul-nurturing break. But a quiet walk with no phone in hand or pocket will do you good.

Find a peaceful time or place. The tumult will survive without you.

Rev Dr TJ

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Reflections

As the holiday season approaches, I find it helpful to renew my commitment to the spiritual practice of gratitude. For many of us, the holiday season brings hustle, bustle, travel, hosting, cooking, gifting, and general busyness, and it is easy to lose track of what it's all about. There's an old Zen saying that says "You should sit in meditation for 20 minutes a day, unless you're too busy. Then you should sit for an hour." This may seem counterintuitive (and frankly, impossible!) but I do find that when I make time and space to just BE, and take stock of all that I have to be thankful for, I am more calm, focused, and productive. A practice of gratitude does not necessarily mean sitting in meditation. Some people find it useful to keep a gratitude journal, and write a short entry once a day. Some families share their favorite part of each day when they are together around the dinner table or at bedtime. Some people find spiritual renewal in walking or just unplugging at home for awhile each day. There are endless possibilities, but I've found that however I work some gratitude into my day, it makes a difference. I hope it does for you too.

Today I am grateful to be coming home after a long but fulfilling week in San Diego, connecting with other members of the [Liberal Religious Educators Association](#) (LREDA). When you have a job as obscure as mine, there is really nothing like being in the room with 200 other people who completely understand what you do - including other Directors of Religious Education, Ministers of Religious Education, staff from many different regions of our Unitarian Universalist Association and from UUA headquarters.

My week in San Diego included a Family Ministry Training, which presented a few premises that were challenging to many of us in the room. We were asked to imagine working in a congregation where the mission was "to nurture the next generation of Unitarian Universalists". Most (ministers and religious educators) in the training do strive to nurture the next generation of Unitarian Universalists in our ministry, which includes our religious education programs. However, we felt this mission statement sounded too insular and self-serving to be at the helm of a congregation that is really living Unitarian Universalism to the fullest. If we believe in the power of Unitarian Universalism (or Unitarian Universalists) to change the world for the better, though, part of any UU congregation's mission should be to ensure that our congregations remain long after we are gone. So, while I will not ask you to consider changing the powerful mission statement we already have ("Growing in mind and spirit, We act together as a beacon for justice and love: Transforming self and world"), it is still worthy to consider how or if each of our programs are serving to nurture the next generation of Unitarian Universalists.

I am excited to be leading our first Family Dinner & Service evening on Friday, November 18 at 6:30, which I hope will serve to nurture the next generation of Unitarian Universalists! Several exercises at the Family Ministry Training were meant to broaden our definition of family, and with that wider definition of family in mind, I hope anyone who considers themselves a family - even families of one - will join me on November 18. In the meantime, I continue to hold office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-4:30pm and am otherwise available by phone - 207-409-6192 and/or email - usr.dre1@gmail.com. I'm always happy to hear from you.

In faith,
Johanna

Hello to our parents and youth!

This is my second year on staff as your Youth Programs Coordinator and I'm pleased to report that everything seems to be going smoother for me as this year begins. I've been able to learn everyone's names at both the Paramus and Ridgewood churches, I can get around on the roads in North Jersey without using my GPS as much, and I even know which jacket to wear to adjust to the changing temperatures of fall, which was difficult to learn for this Alaskan-born UU. There are fewer surprises when I plan events with our youth and their families, and our youth group meetings are going strong as our community grows together. I'm very excited for this year to unfold.

Thanks to all the parents who joined us for the parent meeting at the end of September, it was good to see all of you. We've got new adult advisors for the youth group this year! We'll be helped by Charlie George from CUC, Charlie Walter and Phread Ayres from USR, and also Jane Cowan from the UU Congregation of Rockford in Pomona, NY. We're grateful for all the work they do! We're also continuing on with our monthly movie nights on the first Friday of the month. The next one on the schedule is for Friday, **November 4** from 6-10pm at Paramus.

I'm available by email on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Otherwise I'm always available to meet by appointment.

See you all this month!
James

FROM THE BOARD



The fall is always a very busy time at the USR and this year has been no different.

The following is a small sample of what has been going on:

The Racial Justice Committee sponsored the installation of a solitary confinement cell in front of our building and held a press conference to help advocate for the passage of New Jersey state legislation to limit the use of solitary confinement in our prison system.

The Ministerial Search Committee has been busy gathering feedback from the congregation at Cottage Meetings and sponsored the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop.

Dozens of friends and members attended Congregational Dinners.

The RE Program is in full swing from the nursery to the senior youth group.

A dedicated team ran another successful Fiber Festival.

The Art Committee opened an awesome art show of African animal photography in Anderson.

Connections Groups have started meeting again.

A number of our members and their kids spent a portion of the Labor Day Weekend volunteering at the Family Promise Family Center.

As the Search Committee prepares to share the USR's Congregational Record with the pool of potential new ministers, it is worth taking a step back and recognize how many great things are happening at the USR. We have reason to be grateful to be part of such a strong and active congregation.

Regards,
Rob

CPR/AED Training

The Safe Congregation Response Team is offering Cardiopulmonary Pulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED) training on Saturday, **January 7, 2017** (snow date: Jan. 14) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. It will include basic CPR for adults, children and infants as well as AED training. The team is pleased to offer this excellent training free of charge. To register, email Chandrika Chowdhry at usr.secretary@gmail.com by the **January 4 deadline**.

Only 32% of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) victims receive bystander CPR and only 2% are treated with AEDs. When SCA victims are treated quickly (CPR & AED use), survival rates increase to 38%. For every minute without CPR and defibrillation, the SCA victim's chance of survival decreases by 7 - 10%. These statistics are stated in the website of the Adam Greenlee Foundation. Adam is a 13 year old Westport CT boy who was a victim of SCA when he was 11. Fortunately for him the incident occurred in the middle school gym which was next to the nurse's office. Two nurses responded, began CPR immediately and shocked the heart with the AED. Adam was revived, treated for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and is doing very well.

At USR we are fortunate to have 2 AEDs available. It is important to have as many people as possible trained in CPR/AED. Hopefully you will never need to use this skill; however, we will be extremely grateful to know that you are one of many at USR who can contribute in a meaningful way if there is an emergency.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Honor Our Past, Picture Our Future

The theme for the Annual Budget Drive this year is *Honor Our Past, Picture Our Future*. Though the Budget Drive does not take place until the spring, we hope to share with you some of our rich history throughout the entire year.

Did You Know?



The Anderson building (where our sanctuary space is located) was named for Ruland Anderson, Beloved President of USR.

In 1949, **eighteen minority families** were threatened with losing their homes in Ridgewood because the landlord wanted to renovate the dilapidated buildings and raise the rents. Unitarian Society member Ruland Anderson took the first steps to create the Broad Ridge Housing Corporation. Under his leadership **one thousand** Ridgewood families, **twenty** churches, **forty-two** organizations, **The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood**, and **each tenant** of the buildings bought shares to purchase and repair the buildings. **In the following 30 years, the tenants bought back the outstanding shares and became full owners.**

The social consciousness, sense of empowerment, and support afforded by our Society has provided the bedrock for much of the individual action undertaken by our members. Throughout our history members of this Society have been the driving force behind an astonishing number of projects designed to further social justice, enhance understanding and compassion and provide aid to those in need. *(Adapted from Unitarians in Ridgewood by Doris Armstrong.)*

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

News from the Membership Committee

USR has had a goodly number of visitors this Fall. Fifteen people who have come in recent months accepted our invitation to a newcomers' brunch after the service on October 23rd. They include Albert Aeed and Emily Walker, Stephen Brigham and Krishni DeThabrew, Lily Heckard, Valerie Kowkabany, Andrea Lameldola, and Elisabeth Trump. Others who had hoped to get there were Nellista Bess, Kathleen and Casey Harris, Renee Kasper, Karla Norfleet, Christine Reidy, and Maryann Yturbe. *Please look for these folks at our events and welcome them.*

Unitarian Universalist Class

We invite you to join Rev. Tony Johnson for a UU class. We have two options available for this class. You can select a two-part class on **November 6th and November 13th** from 11:45-1:00 p.m. or take one longer class on Wednesday, **November 16th** from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Rev. Tony will cover UU theology and history on November 6th and Your Spiritual Journey on November 13th. OR...you can take one longer class, covering all material, on Wednesday, November 16th. Child care available with advance notice. RSVP to Ann Pareti by November 2nd by emailing her at usr.membership1@gmail.com. Please let her know which class (either 11/6 and 11/13 or 11/16) you intend to take. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon

Please join us for the next First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon on November 2, 2016 to be hosted by Mary Mogerley at 1 p.m. at her house. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please R.S.V.P. to let her know you are coming and to let her give you directions, if needed. All are welcome.

Congregational Dinners

Over 110 of us scattered over 11 homes from Nyack, NY to Ridgewood NJ had dinner together on Saturday evening, October 22. Many, many thanks to the coordinators Judy Scanlan and Holly Nolan who started the publicity in August through to last-minute changes on the day of the dinner. And thanks, too, to all the guests who contributed delicious food to the menus. A USR tradition that continues to thrive.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

THIS MONTH AT THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY



Mixed Media Work by Naomi Kahan

Nov. 6th - Dec. 4th, 2016

Artist's Reception

Sunday, November 13th
from 2-5PM

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

You are invited to participate in the **Annual USR Members Art Show**, which will be on view from December 11th through mid-January. Please contact Carol Wolf for more information.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Upcoming Services

- November 6th **“One Nation Under God — Not! - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Not only was the United States never an officially Christian nation, the idea that it is a Christian nation was invented and promoted by conservative Christian businessmen in the 20th-century. This Message draws on the recently published *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America* [Basic Books, 2015] by Kevin M. Kruse, professor of history at Princeton University. The Message also reflects upon the question: If the U.S. is not a Christian nation, what are the values that voting citizens should rely upon?
 Musicians: Special music by the USR’s Children’s Choir and Ron Levy, piano
- November 13th **“What Do We Expect from Our Leaders? What Can We Expect?” - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson**
 Now that the election is over, what do we expect from the President-elect and others? This Message is a reflection on the role of elected leaders in a democratic polity – and also on the role of the citizen.
 Musicians: Ron Levy, piano; Dave Graham and Gregory Bufford - jazz
- November 20th **Multigenerational Thanksgiving Service led by Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson, Joanna Seale, and Ron Levy**
 It’s a Sunday Service cornucopia, with spiritual and intellectual nutrition for all ages and opportunities to share, including the start of Guest at Your Table for 2016.
 Musicians: Ron Levy, piano; Cecelia Brauer, glass armonica
- November 27th **Service will be led by Rev. Dr. Heidi Swarts**
 Rev. Dr. Heidi Swarts has a diverse background in hospital chaplaincy, activism, ministry, and a Ph.D. in political science, which feeds into a wide range of preaching topics that combine the personal, political, emotional, spiritual and intellectual. She has taught political science at Syracuse University and Rutgers, Newark; and published *Organizing Urban America: Secular and Faith-Based Progressive Movements* (Minnesota, 2008).
 Musician: Ron Levy, piano

Pastoral Associates

Your Pastoral Associates have had a busy summer and early fall with the loss of several members and more health issues reported to us than we've had in many years. We have been active with hospital visits, providing services to families and individuals in crisis and helping Rev Tony serve our congregation.

We cannot solve every problem, but in many cases between the Caring Committee and the Pastoral Associates we can help you get through some tough times. Don't hesitate to call either Ann Pareti in the church office or me if you need us. **We can only help if you ask.**

Martin Lavanhar

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

RACIAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA

2016-2017 Congregational Focus

After consultation and discussion with the Membership Council, the Social Responsibilities Council, several chairs in the Ministry Council and the Board of Trustees to select the 2016-2017 congregational focus, the consensus is "Racial Justice in America". All of the USR news and programs related to this focus will appear in this section of the newsletter.

Here are two websites, a film and a Facebook page pertinent to our focus:

*<http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/>

Showing Up for Racial Justice is a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. One or more groups are currently forming in New Jersey.

*<http://interracialjawn.com/are-uu-awake/>

Are UU Awake is a group of UUs dedicated to challenging UU congregations and members on issues related to mass incarceration, racial injustice and privilege. The site will serve as a repository for resources, actions and guides for our efforts.

and for those with access to Netflix

* **13th**, a 2016 documentary by director Ava DuVernay centered on race in the US criminal justice system. The film is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the US constitution which outlawed slavery.

*<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AreUUAwake/admins>

Face Book UU group: Are UU AWAKE? Click on the group then click the join now button. An administrator will approve the request.

Join us for an Inspiring Evening

Saturday, **November 12**, 6:30 p.m., the Bergen County's three Unitarian congregations will join together to support our neighbors through the UU Outreach Auction.

Last year we raised more than \$50,000 for 6 different charities. The Holley Center, in Hackensack, was one of the recipients. The Holley Center is a safe haven for 64 children ages 5-12. Some have developmental disabilities. Others have been removed from abusive homes. These children come to Holley Center to begin the long process of healing.

Last year our funds went, in part, to purchase bedding for the children. For many, it was the first time they had ever had new sheets, blankets and pillows. One little girl did not want to climb under the covers because she did not want to mess up her bed. And all the children had smiles when they came into the new rooms.

Inge Spungen will be selling tickets for the Auction at coffee hour on Sunday. If you would like to help, we are looking for volunteers to make desserts. The USR kitchen has been reserved for Friday, 11/11 and Saturday, 11/12. If you would like to join our "baking brigade", email Inge for details.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL



Crafts Fair -- November 18th 7-9:30 and November 19th 10-5

The Crafts in Ridgewood event started 25 years ago as part of the Society's ongoing Social Responsibilities tradition. It provides additional funding for Community Action with a Ministry for People (C.A.M.P.), an after-school and preschool program in Paterson. Our dedication to the C.A.M.P. program began 38 years ago and continues thanks to the wonderful volunteers from our congregation who make time to tutor students, teach classes, sit on task force committees and work with Citizens for Swimming.

Safe Congregation Response Team News

The Safe Congregation Response Team is responsible for implementation of our Safe Congregation policies. USR recently received the designation of Sexually Safer Best Practice Congregation from the Religious Institute, one of 4 congregations in the country. The complete policy is easily accessible on the website.

Steven Samuels, a member of the team since 2007 (when the policy was approved by the BOT) recently resigned. We thank him for his many years of service. We will miss his steady and professional advice and leadership. We are pleased to welcome Kathy Smolen to the Response Team. The Response Team is composed of 3 lay leaders appointed by the Board of Trustees, the minister, Director of Religious Education and the Board president. Current members in addition to Kathy include Carol Loscalzo, Wally Griffith, Rev. Tony Johnson, Johanne Seale, DRE and Rob Willis B OT president. Concerns may be addressed to any member of the Safe Congregation Response Team. Please call the office for contact information.

LGBT Equality: Our Work Has Just Begun

The National Council of Jewish Women Bergen Section is sponsoring a conference, "LGBT Equality: Our Work Has Just Begun", on Wednesday, **November 9**. The presenters will discuss the gains made to protect LGBT individuals and what the community can do to help end discrimination and harassment and promote equal rights for LGBT individuals," organizers note. "More than 40 coalition partners have joined NCJW BCS on this key issue." The Social Responsibilities Council is one of the co-sponsors. The event is free and open to the public. The forum will take place at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road. Refreshments and a business meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the program following at 1:15 p.m.

Organizers point to sobering statistics:

- Gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents are three times more likely than straight students to be sexually assaulted;
- More than 40 percent of gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents have seriously considered suicide;
- 10-20 percent of lesbian, gay and bisexual adults and more than 41 percent of transgender individuals report attempting suicide, compared to 4.6 percent of the overall U.S. population; and
- Transgender individuals are four times more likely than others to live on less than \$10,000 a year.

State Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg will moderate the panel. Steven Goldstein will give the keynote address. The panel includes Assemblyman Tim Eustace, Jane Clementi and Hetty Rosenstein.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

Vote Your Values on November 8th



From our founding fathers to women's suffrage to voter registration across all 50 states, Unitarian Universalists have a long history of supporting our democracy. Often times, political debates can create fear and division.

This election season, we encourage you to keep heart and vote your values by putting your Unitarian Universalist principles into practice when deciding which political candidate deserves your vote.

Here are seven questions* based on our [seven Principles](#) to ask candidates when choosing who will get your vote in this year's local, state, and national elections:

1. Do your policy proposals reflect the inherent worth and dignity of every person?
2. If elected, how will your everyday decisions demonstrate justice, equity and compassion in human relations?
3. How will you encourage acceptance and growth in one another across party lines?
4. What insights have you learned from your own search for truth and meaning that will guide you as a political leader?
5. What ideas do you have to improve our democratic process?
6. Within our international community, how will you work towards a goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all?
7. Acknowledging our interdependence, how will your decisions impact our planet and future generations?

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood encourages Members and Friends to exercise their right to vote on November 8th, 2016. New Jersey polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have a number of volunteers who can provide rides to Members and Friends who cannot drive. If you need a ride to the polls, please contact the USR Office at 201-444-6225 for more information.

*Content courtesy of the UUA (<http://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/vote-your-values>)

Plate Collection

Once a month the plate collection is donated to a cause nominated by a member of the congregation and chosen by the Social Responsibilities council. This month's collection takes place **November 13**, and the donation will be given to Food & Water Watch, based in New Brunswick, NJ. Food & Water Watch champions healthy food and clean water for all and is supported by its membership, individual donors, and foundations. Proceeds of this plate collection will support the local campaign to stop Pilgrim Pipelines, which would harm our public park lands in the Ramapo Mountains and threaten the rivers, aquifers and reservoirs in the protected Highlands region, the drinking water source for nearly two-thirds of all NJ residents.

BVMI Plate Collection

The special plate collection for Bergen County Medical Initiative raised \$785. Many of our neighbors will benefit from this free medial care which they would otherwise be without. If you missed the collection and would like to contribute, you can always send a check to USR marked for BVMI on the memo line or go on-line and contribute to them directly.

Making a Killing Documentary

A must see documentary "Making A Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA", Sunday, **November 6th**, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ. This event is free to all. This documentary tells the stories of how guns, and the billions made off of them, affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how the powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit. This film is presented by BRAVE NEW FILMS and runs 90 minutes. Please click [here](#) to view flyer.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY
of RIDGEWOOD

Friday, November 4, 2016
7:00 pm
113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood



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You are invited to view the riveting, award-winning new documentary...

PROFILED

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood
113 Cottage Place
Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.
(\$5 suggested donation)

"Profiled" bears witness to the racist violence that remains a reality for Black and Latino people in the United States. A powerful documentary by award-winning filmmaker **Kathleen Foster**, the film ranges from the routine harassment of minority students in an affluent Brooklyn neighborhood to the killings and protests in Staten Island and Ferguson, Missouri in the historical context of the roots of racism in this country.

The filmmaker, Kathleen Foster, will be here to speak about her work.



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This evening of songs and stories, that will exercise your range of emotional expression, is a fundraiser to support the social and political causes sponsored by The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood.

Please join Singer/Songwriter, Mitchell Milch, Music Director and CD Producer, Todd Urban, Percussionist, Mark Meding, and Guitarist/Vocalist, Chris Byers for an evening of musical entertainment.

Wine, coffee and dessert will be served.

Saturday, November 19th

Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

Anderson Auditorium

113 Cottage Place

Ridgewood, NJ

Advance Registration: \$15.00

Concert Night: \$20.00

Please reserve your tickets by Wednesday, November 16th.

Please click [here](#) for online payment.

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Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

Mission Statement

Growing in mind and spirit,
We act together as a beacon for justice and love,
Transforming self and world. Adopted May 17, 2009

Invitation to Participate

Welcome! For over a hundred years this Society has been a place where free-thinking, broad-minded persons have come to participate in a vibrant, liberal religious community. In fulfillment of our current congregational mission we create a safe and loving environment that supports personal growth and provides ways for each individual to make a difference in the larger community.

We offer a stimulating Sunday service, an excellent religious education program for children and youth, and many educational, spiritual and social activities for adults. Every Sunday our Social Responsibilities Council has a table set up during Social Hour with information about social justice and charitable opportunities.

Anti-Racist Congregation

This Society is an [anti-racist congregation](#) committed to reflecting this commitment in the life and culture of the entire organization. Adopted May, 2002.

Living the Welcoming

We have been a Welcoming Congregation since 1998, supporting the rights of bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people.

Safe Congregation

This Society is a Safe Congregation where practices and procedures serve to ensure all members, friends, adults, children and youth are treated with respect and protected from harassment and abuse.



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