



# AUUA News

Fall 2021

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What do you do for  
self-care?

Do you make it a  
priority?

We'd love to hear  
from you!

## Zoom Check-Ins Return on October 7

The jobs we are doing vary from congregation to congregation but for many of us we're dealing with similar frustrations around re-opening plans, hybrid or virtual operations and how to get through the many tasks of the day. Our monthly Zoom check-ins have been an opportunity to gather with other administrators for an hour of conversation about the things coming up for each of us. After taking a break for the summer, members of the Board are happy to be offering these chances to connect once a month beginning **Thursday, October 7** at 3:00 pm Eastern; 2:00 pm Central; 1:00 pm Mountain and Noon Pacific.

Ongoing meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- January 6
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2

Zoom info will be the same each month: meeting id 885 2081 5097 and passcode 269983 or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88520815097?pwd=MSsxOTF3WUFsbjkzejRFVHJLaG9rQT09>

We hope you'll join us!

## PRODAYS

Our largest professional development effort of the year is our annual ProDays in June. This two-day event offers workshops and plenary sessions on a variety of topics related to church administration, self-care and AR/AO/MC work..

As a member of the AUUA you can access the videos from our ProDays sessions by following the links to the Resource Library on our [website](#)

If you're not a member please consider joining so you can get access to these important growth opportunities.

## We're already planning for ProDays 2022!

The ProDays 2022 Planning Team met for the first time on September 29. They are excited about what we may be able to offer for ProDays 2022. Team members are:

Vicki Banville  
Laurie Lantz (co-chair)  
Carol Lewis (co-chair)  
Pratik Mamtora  
Leora Mauck  
LeAúndra Salazar Slaughter

Watch for more information coming later this fall!

## Professional Development Opportunities

Our Professional Development Team has been working hard to develop small groups and other opportunities to share together and to develop our professional skills. Here are a few highlights:

### Soul Matters Groups

The Soul Matters Sharing Circle has offered the unique opportunity to share their small group program with AUUA members to help provide spiritual support for administrators of UU congregations. The groups meet via Zoom once a month for 2 hours from September 2021 - June 2022. Group sizes will be between 6-10 members. Registration for 2021-2022 is now closed but if you have questions, reach out to Karline Valentine, AUUA Soul Matters Ministry Admin, at [office.uuco@gmail.com](mailto:office.uuco@gmail.com).

### Possible Book Group

The Team is still finalizing plans for a book group this fall/winter. Watch the listserv and Facebook page for updated information.

Your ideas for topics are always welcome!

### Professional Development Team

Julianna Dunn  
Christina Fulton  
Rina Jurceka (Chair)  
Karena Stroh



### Did you know the AUUA has Chaplain support available?

The AUUA is blessed to have Rev. Olivia Holmes available for support as our chaplain. You can reach out to Rev. Olivia by email at: [uurevoh@gmail.com](mailto:uurevoh@gmail.com)



Promoting and strengthening Unitarian Universalism  
through effective administration

## AUUA DIRECTORY

Don't forget, we now have a UU Administrator Directory hosted through Breeze CHMS! This directory is a comprehensive listing of churches and administrators from across the United States and Canada.

*If you have not yet created an account to access the directory, please follow this link: <https://auua.breezechms.com/login/create>. Be sure to use the email address that is affiliated with your AUUA membership.*

A few important tips before you get started:

- Administrators and the churches are grouped together as a "family." You can search for someone by name or by church.
- By creating an account, you will have the ability to update your information.
- We encourage you to complete any missing information such as photos, work contact numbers, church addresses, and websites.

This directory is a living document, please keep your information current -- make needed updates as your information changes. We're happy to help with this; if you have a needed update, you can send your information to the contacts listed below.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or if your listing needs a correction you're not able to make, please let us know -- contact Le Aúndra at [kcallsoulsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kcallsoulsoffice@gmail.com) or MaryBeth at [churchoffice@kentuu.org](mailto:churchoffice@kentuu.org).

Breeze also has a great mobile app! Take the AUUA directory with you wherever you go -- visit your app store, search for Breeze CHMS, and download the app to your mobile device(s).

## Membership Fee Assistance Scholarships are Available

The pandemic has forced many congregations to cut budgets and eliminate professional expense lines for many. If you do not have a professional expense budget or you are among those who are not able to renew your AUUA membership because of budget cuts please be aware that we have a *Membership Fee Assistance Scholarship* which can help you pay up to 50% of your AUUA membership fee. To apply, submit a request letter to MaryBeth Hannan, [Treasurer@auua.org](mailto:Treasurer@auua.org); please refer to the **[AUUA Membership Fee Assistance Policy](#)** for details & requirements.

## Do You Need the Support of a Good Officer?

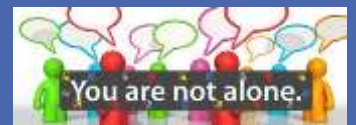
*Are you experiencing communication problems with your board or your minister?*

*Do you need a listening ear about challenges with a congregant?*

*Are you experiencing difficulty with your professional identity?*

A Good Officer is trained to provide that listening presence for you in times like these. All communications with a Good Officer are kept confidential.

Good Offices is available to all AUUA members. More information is in the **[AUUA Good Offices Flyer](#)**. If you feel the need to speak with a Good Officer, please complete **[this form](#)**.



## We've Got a New Mailing Address!

All regular US Postal communications for AUUA should now be sent to the following address:

**AUUA c/o MaryBeth Hannan**

**UU Church of Kent**

**228 Gougler Avenue**

**Kent, OH 44240**

### YOUR AUUA BOARD

Carol Marks, President

Charlie Lewis, Vice-President

MaryBeth Hannan – Treasurer

Carol Lewis – Secretary

Christina Fulton –  
Member-At-Large

Rina Jurceka –  
Member-At-Large

Laurie Lantz –  
Member-At-Large

LeÁundra Salazar Slaughter –  
Member-At-Large

## RENEWING YOUR AUUA MEMBERSHIP

A few reminders about membership:

- Membership is open to all administrators serving Unitarian Universalist congregations. (Not all AUUA members are Unitarian Universalist or a member of a UU congregation.) You need to renew your membership annually; [see info below about how to renew](#).
- **Additional administrative staff within your church, regional office, or UUA department receive a 50% discount off their AUUA membership fee** after one fully paid AUUA membership – this discount is available for up to five additional staff members. If you have staff that you feel would benefit from their own membership in the AUUA, please contact MaryBeth Hannan, [churchoffice@kentuu.org](mailto:churchoffice@kentuu.org), who will provide you with a discount coupon code to use during registration of additional staff members.

*Renew and stay connected to a great group of peers!*

### How to renew:

1. Visit [www.auua.org](http://www.auua.org) and log in
  - a. It's important that you are logged into the website so your information will update in our database
  - b. If you do not remember your log in credentials, contact [MaryBeth Hannan](#) to request a new password.
2. How you renew depends on whether your membership is current or has expired.
  - a. If your membership is still current
    - i. Click the "Members" drop down, then "Renew Membership," and
    - ii. Choose your congregation size to complete
  - b. If your membership is expired
    - i. Click the "Join Us!" drop down, and
    - ii. Choose your congregation size to complete
3. Payment for your membership dues can be made:
  - a. Via PayPal by logging into your PayPal account, or
  - b. Via PayPal as a guest (no need to log in) and paying with a credit or debit card, or
  - c. By check made payable to AUUA, including your name on the memo line, and mailed to: AUUA c/o MaryBeth Hannan, UU Church of Kent, 228 Gougler Avenue, Kent, OH 44240.

*As always, your continued participation in the AUUA is appreciated!*