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Dear Ones,

I’ve been thinking about UUCLV’s mission and vision. (Perhaps, you will take a moment to re-read them now? They are located on the landing page of the website, on the Order of Service each week, and on the last page of this newsletter.) I love the metaphor and image of a “beacon in the desert.”

This is an excellent reason for being a gathered people or congregation — to be a beacon for those who are finding their way, for those who may be lost, for those who may need some light to find their way through the murky times of life. It is a soothing metaphor, a glass of water to quench the thirst in your soul.

However, my follow up question to the imagery and metaphor of a beacon in the desert is too ask a more practical question, “How do we do this?” What is the action that goes along with being a beacon?

I would love to hear what you think. So I have created a Survey Monkey to collect your ideas. I invite you to click through to the survey to participate in this conversation. Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZZ689N

Blessings,

Rev. Rachel

Committee on Shared Ministries

The Committee on Shared Ministries is concerned with the spiritual health of the congregation as recognized through mission fulfillment. The committee serves to uphold and assess all aspects of the congregation’s ministry against the vision and mission. Keeping in mind that ministry is everything a congregation does to fulfill its mission or reason for existing, the committee asks how well a congregation is ministering to its members, the surrounding community, and the world. The committee is interested in the impact ministries and programs have on participants and the role of professional ministry. Specifically to UUCLV, the committee asks how programs and ministries are helping the congregation be a beacon of sanctuary, love, acceptance, and justice in the desert. Members also serve as a reflection group for the minister.

A big round of applause goes out to Joanne Leovy, Dave Richards, and Terri Boling who agreed to be on the Committee of Shared Ministries. The committee will begin monthly meetings in November.
Black Lives Matter

I plan to hold an adult lifespan faith development series of sessions or discussions later in November. Stay tuned to the weekly announcements for information on continuing the conversation about the Black Lives Matter movement.

Connecting

Feel free to make an appointment with me if there is something on your mind or your heart you’d like to share with your minister. I have set up an easy-to-use online tool to schedule appointments; follow this link: https://minister-uuclv.youcanbook.me/. You can use this tool as often as needed. The best way to reach me is through e-mail at minister@uuclv.org. If there is an urgent matter, please call the minister’s cell phone listed in the church directory. It forwards to my personal cell phone.

Pastoral Care Ministry meets monthly. We are available to assist and check on members and friends who need assistance such as meals or transportation. In the absence of the minister, contact committee members Shirley Emerson or Carol Steffan. All communications for pastoral care are confidential. Send messages to minister@uuclv.org, or call the office at 437-2404.

Town Hall Meeting is Sunday, November 8th, around 12 pm in the Worship Hall

You are invited to bring your questions and updates, and to share your likes and wishes, with your community regarding the State of the Congregation. There is no voting at this meeting, it is an exchange of ideas. We gather with commitment to our Strategic Plan and Vision.

POTBOT

Karin Metcalf

Jane Feldman has procured the new outside lights

Your voice at the Town Hall Meeting Sunday Nov 8th
Topics for Upcoming Services

Nov. 01, 2015: All Souls – Rev. Rachel Baker

When new minister Rev. Rachel arrived in Las Vegas, one member of the congregation said, “We are a congregation who takes care of each other.” We will reflect on how a congregation cares for each other. Find out how each one of us can participate and is needed. We will have the opportunity to participate in a grieving ritual to remember those in our lives who died in the last year or before.

Nov. 08, 2015: We Need Not Think Alike to Love Alike – Rev. Rachel Baker

Each year Transylvanian Unitarians pilgrimage to Deva, an old fortress and prison where Francis David was imprisoned and died for innovating Transylvanian Unitarianism. David’s vision that we need not think alike to love alike resonates to this day in Transylvania and in American Unitarianism.

Nov. 15, 2015: Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil – Terri Boling

Each year on November 20 people across the globe set aside time to memorialize those who have been killed because of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Come to UUCLV’s vigil.

Nov. 22, 2015: Thanksgiving and Gratitude - Rev. Rachel Baker & Danielle Bell

Friends and family are welcome to this multi-generational worship service. We will share stories of thanksgiving and gratitude.

Nov. 29, 2015: Tending the Garden - Rev. Rachel Baker

Stewardship is taking care of something we value and enabling it to grow. Stewardship is not necessarily the things we do, but the intention or the spirit that influences the things we do. A spirit of trust. Of generosity. A spirit of responsibility. Of sharing and commitment.

Nov. 50/50 Sundays: Nevada Health Centers

Half of all Sunday donations not designated as pledges in November will go to Nevada Health Centers, a nonprofit organization that provides healthcare services to more than 50,000 babies, children and adults in city, rural and frontier communities throughout Nevada each year.

Did you know that more than half a million Nevadans are living without health insurance? The need for affordable and accessible health care is higher than ever before and Community Health Centers like Nevada Health Centers, are a proven way to provide quality healthcare that is affordable.

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November 1st Forum at 12:00 noon in the Worship Hall: *Wheel of Misfortune*.

Long before it was a popular TV show, the Wheel of Fortune was debated. Was your good fortune or bad fortune because of your own doing or was it a deity spinning a wheel determining your fate at random?

Some people are born on third base and think they have hit a home run; others are born with two strikes against them and find it hard to make it to first base.

The burning question: Is the U. S. "The Land of Opportunity" or the Land of Opportunist? Find out the answer Sunday, 12 noon, November 1 in the worship hall.

HUUmanist slogan of the month: Religion can make the bitter pill of injustice palatable.

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**Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 21 8 am to 4 pm in the Worship Hall of UUCLV.**

We will sell new and used Holiday decorations and homemade holiday treats!

**Needed:**

- Holiday decorations you have not used in a long time, and can commit to bring them to church each Sunday. During Coffee Hour we will gladly unload them and store them for this sale to help UUCLV.
- Special holiday baked items that you can make an extra batch to wrap up (Possibly freeze ahead of time) and sell that Saturday.
- Volunteers to help man the baked goods and the cashier table during the day and help set up during the week so it will all be ready to go Saturday morning!

Put a big Red circle on your calendar and plan on coming during the sale to check out all of the new and unusual items we will have!
From the Boardroom

Karin Metcalf

Wow, What a Service Auction!

UUCLV was the happy recipient of almost $8,000 in revenue for all the many wonderful services, raffle items, and lunch that day. And, we had a wonderful time doing it!

Thanks to Carol Steffan, Rich Mathias, Hilary Howarth, Matt Phillips, Keith McMillen, Christene King and Mark Bergholdt, Steve Winkel, Gail Knapp, Jack Harper, Rita Ransom, Mark Hall-Patton, and Tina Anderson for their work. It was a huge success and is raising more than our goal! If you don’t know, that resulted in Matt Phillips wearing a pink tutu and eating his words. We still have items available to purchase and they will be posted on our web site. You can pay for them through PayPal on the web site or go to the Office in person.

Community Considerations

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, November 8th, 2015 will be our time to hear what is on your mind, as the Board of Trustees facilitates small group discussions. We will also be surveying Congregants about how to communicate what is available at UUCLV where members will actually read or hear about it, in time. Please bring your ideas.

We will have the Sunday Service, then our community will be taking a photograph in the tee shirts we just ordered, an abbreviated Coffee Hour and onto the Town Hall Meeting. Child care will be in the Nursery for all.

Please pick up your shirts in the church lobby on Sunday, November 1st or 8th prior to the Service from 9am to 10:15am. Everyone involved with the community photo will also have to sign a Release Form (on the web site now) on the 8th, please. It is our intention to use the photo on our re-designed web site coming soon.

Volunteers Wanted

We need help with the Holiday Rummage Sale coming up on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The plan is to sell off all those holiday decorations that you don’t actually use. There will also be baked goods offered. The proceeds of this cleaning out of the cupboards go to the general fund of the Congregation.

Other teams that are looking for your energy are: The Personnel Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Lifespan Faith Development Sunday Session Leaders, Family Promise week coming up, and the Stewardship Campaign.

You can start by talking with Rev. Baker or Karin Metcalf about your interest.
UUs Telling Stories at Denny’s

Hilary Howarth

That’s what is called, “Doing Church Differently”, one of the themes presented at General Assembly (GA) 2014 in Providence, RI. A year ago, a band of UUCLV members embraced that concept and started a local storytelling opportunity.

Really! Why?

In the words of Studs Terkel, “People are hungry for stories. As part of our very being, Storytelling is a form of history, of immortality too. It goes from one generation to another.” How about another question? When did you last hear a really moving sermon (…speech, documentary, address, song, justice project…) that didn’t include a story?

Storytelling lights up our brains with emotions, senses, and chemicals like Dopamine. Because narratives have been told since the beginning of humankind, our minds remember stories better than any other communication device. With story receptors housed in the most primitive part of our brains, we relate to stories as we do to our favorite comfort foods.

Storytelling is a skill and just like any other skill it takes practice. To be an effective beacon in the desert, we need the ability to inspire others. GA 2014 provided two storytelling workshops: one on using narrative to convey the importance of our social justice work, and the other workshop used stories as an outreach tool. Although an elevator speech is useful, telling your personal story about how UUCLV has transformed (some might even say “saved”) your life is most effective of all.

Binnie Wilkin proposed the idea of our storytelling group, Many Voices (Gathering at the Waters, Embracing our Spirits, Telling Our Stories). As a storytelling professional, Binnie knows the power of stories. Difficult subjects can be introduced through a story. Because the full gamut of human emotions is revealed in stories, listening to stories told by others helps us traverse our lives.

Did you say, “Fun??”

Absolutely! Who knew a skill as important as storytelling could be soooo fun! Many Voices meets every 2nd Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm at the Denny’s across from CSN on West Charleston between Jones and Rainbow. We start with 3 - 5 eight-minute stories on a theme, followed by discussion and informal stories. Our group is open to everyone (Buddhists, Mormons, and Jews, Oh My!) who enjoys a good story. And, if some get curious about the Sponsoring Organization, UUCLV, all the better!
Second Wednesday, 6:30 - 8 pm  
each month

Upcoming Themes and Dates:
Nov 11: Travel Stories
Dec 9: Getting Lost
Jan 13: Embarrassing Moment
Feb 10: Famous Person
Mar 9: Small World
Apr 13: Las Vegas

Volunteers are needed for a variety of opportunities: telling stories, emcee, transporting the mic, sending out reminder emails, publicity. Take Binnie Wilkin’s Storytelling Workshop (Service Auction item) to improve your storytelling ability. See you at Denny’s! Come early for dinner and/or dessert. Questions? Call Hilary Howarth, 206.992.6010.
The first quarter of the school year is over and our children and youth are witnessing the change in the weather and the change in ourselves. We grow and learn, grow and learn. But how do we know we’re growing and learning? We don’t just assume right? We take an inventory of what was and what is, yes? Perhaps we reflect on how we see things, do we look at things differently? Perhaps we are newly accepting, or newly questioning. In our monthly theme, Boundaries and Barriers, this is the perfect time to re-examine things; perhaps our relationships with one another, or our relationship with our own selves. What does it mean to have boundaries? What are yours? Have you witnessed others modeling boundaries? Often people look at boundaries as limiting, and others look at boundaries as empowering. Deciding for yourself what keeps you safe and being able to articulate it, model it, is very powerful. Being willing to accept and respect each other’s boundaries breaks down those barriers of misunderstanding and miscommunication. The first step is identifying your own. This month in our Lifespan Faith Development program, we’ll be offering some opportunities to explore our own personal limits and what we might grapple with when it comes to being open and being safe in relationship with one another.

**ZEN DOODLING:**

In our Primary and Secondary Sunday Session groups with our children, we will begin with exploring our personal boundaries in conversation and taking part in a creative meditative practice we call Zen Doodling. Throughout the Sunday’s this month, our Session Leaders will guide our participants through different exercises of free form doodling, we’ll help our participants identify the barriers and boundaries they’ve created on paper and make those connections to their own lives. As they move on from doodling and creating lines, then we’ll have them reflect on the spaces to fill in, and spaces to leave blank as they begin adding color to their original creation. We’ll hope to allow each participant to define boundary and barrier, and allow them to name what to them is limited and what to them is boundless. (K-8th Grade)
Bystander Intervention:

November 7th: Another community learning opportunity is here and couldn’t be a more fitting time. Facilitated by Lisa McAllister, we are excited about the possibilities that this learning experience can offer us within our community and the greater world. Lisa is bringing her extensive knowledge and training to encourage this personal & spiritual growth experience. How do you nurture healthy relationships, at home, in community, and in your congregation? How can you best live into our UU Principles? What stumbling blocks do you come across in actively carrying out our 6th principle; the goal of world community in peace, liberty, and justice for all? Our intention is to provide participants with the tools to serve as an active bystander and to play their part to putting an end to interpersonal violence and bullying behaviors. Through self-awareness we can begin to examine our world more closely under our 6th Principle lens and take action to become agents of change. Spaces are limited, please register here. (All-Ages)

Let It Shine:

November 14th: Bread Making, facilitated by Carol Steffan. Join us for our continued series of creative exploration as we go through the steps of making bread. Known to some to be a spiritual practice, Carol gathers us into our kitchen to experience the joy of creating food with our hands. Knowing the right proportions and balance to bread making allows us to reflect on what we might need in our own lives to create sustenance.

Winter Pageant Planning:

All this month we will be plotting and scheming our wonderful offering, The Winter Pageant, December 13th. Our Harry Potter themed script has been recently revised with the help of our Secondary group, and we’re off to casting and envisioning what it could all look like. Please be on the look-out for the sign-up board in the entrance hall. We’re looking for characters, scene creators, costumers, and any interest in all that is Harry Potter. We look forward to having a wonderful pre-celebratory dress rehearsal on the 12th where we celebrate our good work to come with a tasty lunch and final dressing of the sanctuary and of ourselves!
UUs Witness for Justice

Members Carol Stefan, Hilary Howarth, Bob Couch, Peggy Evans-Couch, and Bette LaCombe represented UUCLV at General Assembly in Portland, OR. General Assembly (GA) included an opportunity for study and discussion about many justice issues affecting our country and world. GA delegates passed one Statement of Conscience and three Actions of Immediate Witness for UUs around the world to consider and act on. Look for detailed information at uua.org or in the upcoming fall, 2015 issue of *UU World*.

**Statement of Conscience: Reproductive Justice.**

This detailed document begins, “As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace the reproductive justice framework, which espouses the human right to have children, not to have children, to parent the children one has in healthy environments and to safeguard bodily autonomy and to express one’s sexuality freely. “It concludes, “we work toward reproductive justice, and commit to replacing insecurity with safety, fear with acceptance, judgment with love, and shame with compassion.” It contains detailed information about the concept of reproductive justice, along with suggestions for individual, relational and congregational actions. This beautiful statement is a great resource for our congregation as we work with issues such as school sexuality education and the problems of sex trafficking in our community. Some take home messages are included on the following page.

**Actions for Immediate Witness.**

- **Support the “Black Lives Matter” Movement.** This aspiration concludes, “No matter who you are, black lives matter, and a system of fair, transformative, and restorative justice that is accountable to communities is something to which each of us has a right. Unitarian Universalists and our greater society have the power to make this happen. Let’s do it!” Rev. Rachel challenged our congregation to contemplate a deeper relationship with Black Lives Matter in a recent service.

- **Support a Strong, Compassionate Global Climate Agreement in 2015: Act for A Livable Climate.** The 2015 General Assembly “endorses a Unitarian Universalist delegation to the UN Climate Agreement Talks in December 2015 to support a strong, compassionate, fair, ambitious, binding, and enforceable international climate agreement. Without a global climate agreement, the climate crisis will not be sufficiently addressed, and many social justice issues will continue to magnify.” Check out Commit2Respond for more information about UU actions to combat climate change.

- **End Immigrant Child and Family Detention Now.** Along with education and work with community advocacy groups and local law enforcement, this Action calls us to consider actions such as “Signing the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee’s petition calling on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the White House to end family detention”, and “Connecting with and supporting Unitarian Universalist Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE) in their work connecting and supporting Unitarian Universalists, member congregations, and state advocacy networks in their work for immigrant justice”.

UUs nationally are doing great work for justice. Any interested UUCLV member or friend can connect with these issues by involvement with the UUCLV Social Justice Council, and by attending denominational events such as the spring District meeting and the June 2016 General Assembly, to be held in Columbus, OH.
Two Things Every UU Should Know About Reproductive Justice

1. “Reproductive justice” has a broad agenda, and is different than “reproductive rights”.

The understanding of reproductive justice has evolved over time, and there is no universally accepted definition. However, all definitions recognize that the need for access to resources goes far beyond abortion alone. These four principles are accepted by many as representative:

- People have a right to have children.
- People have a right not to have children.
- People have a right to raise their children in safe and healthy environments.
- People have a right to health and self-determination regarding their bodies and sexuality, free from oppression and shame.

Notably, reproductive justice is not simply a different phrase that is interchangeable with reproductive health or reproductive rights, and nor is it intended to replace these concepts. Instead, reproductive justice is a framework created by women of color that combines the fields of reproductive rights, social justice, and human rights. It is grounded in the particular experiences, values, priorities, and leadership of women of color.

2. Reproductive justice has a different approach.

It’s not enough to focus on reaching a set of end goals through any means possible. Instead, our approach must reflect the world we are trying to create. This includes:

- **Constantly talking about the impact our personal identities (including race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, wealth, etc) have on our viewpoints and actions.** In order to successfully change the culture, we must be open to growth and change ourselves.

- **Centering the marginalized.** Changing structures of power means that leadership must come from the groups most affected by the denial of access to rights and resources, including women and people of color, people struggling to make ends meet, and young people.

- **Intersectionality.** The work must be intersectional, which means engaging multiple identities and building coalitions rather than trying to keep people and issues confined in separate boxes. Changing structures of power requires that we view identities as linked and formulate solutions that are based on collaboration and solidarity.

For people who support reproductive justice and are not already familiar with the framework, it is sometimes challenging but always important to seek relationships of accountability and leadership with women of color and organizations they lead. This is critical because it helps to avoid misappropriation, where people are claiming to do reproductive justice work without knowing what it means and without being accountable to the experiences and leadership of women of color.

Stay connected! Join "UUs for Reproductive Justice" on Yahoo Groups and/or Join “Unitarian Universalists for Reproductive Justice” on Facebook
What an event!

If you were able to stay after the Blessing of the Animals on October 11 for the panel discussion on the 2 ground-breaking galleries — LA and LV, you were rewarded with an interchange that will stay in your memory for some time to come. Dale Brockman Davis (Brockman Gallery, LA), friend since their youth of UU Binnie Wilkin, and Vicki Richardson (Left of Center Gallery, LV) spoke of their coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement and its impact. They spoke of the growth of their identities as artists, as members of their communities, of their understanding of the role they could come to play. Responding to these stories were our own professional storyteller and powerhouse, Binnie, and Claytee White, creator of the Oral History Research Center at UNLV — chronicler extraordinaire. Such human stories — real history, real people. Ask fellow UU’s who were lucky enough to attend, “What anecdote stands out in your mind?” It will be like viewing a good painting.

And on that note, did you notice the 3 new pieces in the front of the worship hall? These are from a large show at the Left of Center Gallery by Los Abajos, a collective of printmakers from LA, who impressed Craig Rock enough for him to engineer their bringing about 150 of their works from 3 previous shows to LV. The small one on the left is from a show about water, its place in our society and our unconscious. The remaining 2 are from the show, Transformation—yes, that communicates quite effectively.

The Giving Project

The UUCLV Social Justice Council plans to participate in The Giving Project, a project coordinated by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to provide citizens a safe and well organized opportunity to help homeless people in our community. The Giving Project’s mission is "To provide a safe and reasonably clean environment where nurturing citizens can give to the homeless in a controlled space, reducing the chance of criminal conduct and improving the quality of life in the area, and providing service resistant people with an opportunity for connection with help." The Giving Project operates one Saturday per month at rotating locations around the central city area. Nonprofits, religious organizations, and individuals are invited to donate food, personal items and other needs for homeless people.

The Social Justice Council plans to organize donations of small first aid and personal items and distribute them during a Giving Project day in the next few months. Any interested UUCLV friend or member is welcome to join in and help. Speak with Jackie Eihausen or Carol Steffan if interested.
Family Promise week this year starts in the afternoon of November 22 and last through the morning of November 29 when the families leave us.

During the Week of Family Promise, members and friends are invited to participate in making the families welcome with us. We can have up to 14 people in the families, and they can be families with all teenagers or young children or a delightful mix.

Hospitality options include making, bringing and sharing a meal at 6 pm with the families or coming for dinner (letting our dinner hosts know in advance) or coming after dinner to share the evening from 7pm to 8:30 pm in conversation, crafting or games with the children and their parents. If you are able, you can be one of two overnight hosts during the week, for which there would be training on what to expect in the building overnight, how to interact with the families and how to lock up.

Each week of Thanksgiving with our guests, we invite the congregation to come and share Thanksgiving Dinner together. This is a potluck dinner, everyone bringing a portion of the meal. Normally we gather at noon, and do last minute preparations and then we sit down to eat at one o’clock. We enjoy conversation and games together and dessert! Then we clean up and store leftovers for the families and depart later in the afternoon.

Family Promise week is our congregations' outreach opportunity, a chance to live our values by helping those who are going through a difficult time. These families are helped in job searches, money management, parenting classes, and locating housing by the Family Promise program which has been in existence nationwide for many years. They partner with local non-profits and service agencies in helping the families get back into stable housing. But we are the important part, as we make these families feel welcome and wanted. They have usually been without family or friends in their lives and we provide that missing ingredient. Without all of you, it wouldn't be the same! Come and join us for a true week of Thanksgiving!

You Are Invited! Community Thanksgiving Potluck

No Thanksgiving plans? Then join your UUCLV friends and our Family Promise guests for a scrumptious Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Thursday November 26. Setup will start at noon, and we will eat about 1 pm, with desert and fun activities to follow!
Las Vegas Bookies 7-9 pm Tuesday, November 17, 2015 will discuss the 1997 novel Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier, which won the National Book Award Prize for Fiction, among other honors. It is the story of a soldier’s journey back to his beloved at the end of the civil war. It is an authentic odyssey. Frazier examines human beings’ relationship to the land, the dangers of solitude, and a society undergoing change.

Often natural description is what an author provides to let a reader imagine the background against which the characters are placed. Not so here. Frazier uses luminous natural description to follow the two main characters’ eyes and minds. In this novel nature does not so much elevate as remain impervious to every wish.

Despite a wealth of richness and subtlety, Frazier’s focus is always on the two lovers’ movement towards each other, and it is that which makes Cold Mountain so memorable.

Moderator: Joyce Patterson-Rogers. Host: Louise Kulosa. Contact: Louise Kulosa bookiesuuclv@gmail.com

To purchase the book from the Amazon Store (and make a donation to UUCLV) click this link: Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

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November Birthdays

November 13  Laurrie Bullock
November 13  Anthony Hurst
November 14  Harry Chin
November 18  Bob Steffan
November 28  Beatrice Boltz

Did we miss your birthday? Do you or someone in your family have an upcoming birthday? So we can add your birthday to our database send it to: admin@uuclv.org
UUCLV Women’s Retreat - Registration

When: Friday, February 26th to Sunday, February 28th, 2016

Where: Tropicana Laughlin

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Cell ___________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Special Requests (i.e. food, accessibility, etc.): ____________________________

Volunteering to do (workshop, greet people, reading, a meditation, making coffee, in charge of hospitality suite, etc.) ____________________________

Cost: Everything but the room: $150.00

Room cost for 2 Queens for two nights:

Price is per person in the room ______

Single: $120.00, Double: $60.00

Triple: $44.00, Quad: $35.00

Total: $_____

$100.00 deposit required to reserve your spot. Rest is due no later than January 15, 2016. Check, cash or credit card payment to UUCLV. Give this form either to Bette LaCombe or Tina Anderson, Office Administrator with payment. For a check, write “Women’s Retreat” in the memo line.

LIMITED TO 25 WOMEN

Name of roommate, if applicable, ____________________________________________

(You are responsible for finding your roommate if you are not in a single room)

Estimated time of arrival: ________________

(Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, Retreat starts at 7:15 pm)

Questions please call Bette LaCombe at 702-437-9862 or e-mail at lacombe613@msn.com
WOMEN’S RETREAT

When:
Starts Friday, February 26th. You can check in as early as 3:00 pm
Ends Sunday, February 28th after lunch, around 2:00 pm

Where:
Tropicana Laughlin (about a 100 minute drive from UUCLV)
Heated pool with two Jacuzzis.
Across the street from the Colorado River.

What to Bring:
Bathing suit, if you plan to swim
Drinks other than coffee, decaf and tea which are supplied.
Food that you need to have as all meals are provided.
….and an Open Mind

What not to bring:
Cell phone or have it turned off until you are back in your hotel room
Children, kids and pets

Volunteer for something:
Think about what you can do to have a successful retreat.
People are needed to:
  2 - Greeting women at the hotel registration
  2 - In charge of a hospitality suite – keeping the coffee going
  4 - Reading (select one or we will provide one)
  2 - Meditation (think of a three minute or less one)
  1 - Lead singing
  3 - Run a discussion group on a topic that is useful, helpful or fun
Another Way to Contribute to UUCLV

Use Your Smith’s Rewards Card And Help UUCLV Grow

Supporting our non-profit organization has never been easier – just shop at Smith’s and swipe your Rewards Card! To enroll:

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3. Find and select Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas (Organization # 70396) and click ‘Save’

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Remember, you can also let your internet searches become a money–maker for the church if you follow this link: http://www.goodsearch.com/ Questions? Please contact the Webmaster Team uuclvwebsite@gmail.com

iGive is another opportunity for you to support the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas. Do your shopping like you usually do and participating stores will rebate a few cents to UUCLV on your behalf. The donations are tracked by your e–mail address, otherwise anonymous if you want them to be.

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Come Worship with UUs!!
Sunday Morning Service held at 10:30 am. Youth Life Span Faith Development (“Sunday School”) is provided at that time, as well as competent nursery care for preschoolers and toddlers. Children are always welcome in Worship Services. Visitors are always warmly received.... You will be welcomed!

Vision Statement
As a beacon in the desert, we gather as a multi-generational, spiritual community to build a place of love, acceptance, and justice dedicated to worshiping, learning, and working together here and throughout southern Nevada.

Mission Statement
To achieve our vision, we pledge to strengthen our worship experience, to improve our physical surroundings and to continue to provide an environment of lifespan faith development. We will strengthen our commitment to collaborative social justice work. We will support volunteers in all areas of congregational life. We will deepen fellowship and hold true to our Covenant of Good Relations.