

# DIALOGUE

## *A QUARTERLY MAGAZINE*

*Inspired by our UU principles, we are a vibrant, intentionally diverse congregation that models and promotes both locally and globally: love, spiritual growth, service, right relations and sustainable living.*

## *HAPPENINGS*

*April-June 2015*



**Flower Communion, April 5, 2015**



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## 30 DAYS OF LOVE-COMMIT2RESPOND



For Standing on the Side of Love Month (March 22-April 19), UUFSD organized programs on the theme “Commit to Respond,” the national UU initiative to engage with the reality of climate change. The month of activities included thematic worship services, activities and educational programs. The practical objective of Commit to Respond is to create a world-wide movement to protect the environment and to support the economic and political changes necessary to make this an equitable and forceful response. But more than that, its core value is to empower individuals with a culturally-vibrant worldview that breaks through the social isolation and fear that can prevent a vital movement for change.

The Unitarian response is important because it is visionary, holistic, and healing. We recognize the damage that has been done, the harm that is being caused to the most vulnerable societies and species on the planet, and the obligation of powerful economies to take responsibility for what they have done and lead the way to change.

Our Standing on the Side of Love worship services and activities included:

March 22: “Have You Heard the Good News About Climate Change?” John Atcheson made the moral and ethical case for action. John made a passionate argument that the course of environmental change in recent decades is unprecedented in human history, recklessly altering the climate and endangering our society and the oceans. The congregation at the 11 am service gave him a standing ovation.

March 29: Rev. David Miller spoke on “How to Ignite a Movement – Great Lessons from Great Leaders.” Great leaders, he said, compel us act in circumstances where we fear that we’re incapable or certain that we cannot succeed.

March 29: An after service forum: “The Science of Climate Change and The Art of the Citizen Response” featured Lynne Talley from The Scripps Inst. of Oceanography (and also UUFSD) and Marshall Saunders, founder of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Lynne described her work with the UN Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and its conclusions on the speed and danger of climate change. She emphasized the credibility and intensive review of these conclusions by scientists all over the globe.

Marshall gave his perspective that the solution to this unprecedented global crisis runs straight through the U.S. Congress—a sobering thought in today’s political environment. He recounted the evolution of his response, from watching “An Inconvenient Truth,” to his awareness that most of his contemporaries would prefer to ignore the issue to creating a citizen lobby that now encompasses more than 200 chapters in cities all over the world (and primarily in the U.S. and Canada).

April 12: Larry Jones organized a service on “Local Voices on Climate Change.” Louise Garrett composed and illustrated an original (and beautiful) children’s fable about

our impact on the environment from a child’s point of view. Larry spoke about his work to educate the public in the areas of climate change and targeted efforts to preserve indigenous societies and their land. Mary Pomerene discussed the profound effect that recycling and second use has had on her life. Greg Brown composed a speech to be delivered to the one percent (read by Louise Garrett), defining the moral and economic responsibility for addressing the global climate crisis.

April 12: Phil Petrie and Dwain Deets of San Diego 350.org spoke on solutions to the climate crisis. Phil showed a powerful set of slides developed by 350.org, illustrating the danger that atmospheric CO2 levels pose to the earth’s climate. Dwain discussed the efforts of 350.org to develop a popular response through work with local communities.

April 13: The UUFSD book club, led by Cathy Leach-Philips, devoted its monthly discussion to “The Sixth Extinction” by Elizabeth Kolbert. Kolbert’s book won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction soon after. Kolbert compares the current rapid increase in species extinction to earlier extinction events in Earth’s history. Her reporting is clear and gives a very comprehensive overview of the current global environmental crisis, of which climate change is just one component.

April 19: Laura Colban prepared a service witnessing “The Voices of the Affected.” Members of the congregation, including Christie Turner, Wayne Saville, Greg Brown and Bob Orsi, dramatized the testimony of two individuals, Ursula Rakova and Ionane Teitiota, climate refugees from islands in the Pacific Ocean; of Isabela Silva, in Sao Paulo, on the effects of constant water shortages; of Mike Dobesh, a farmer in Nebraska, on trash pollution in his fields; and of Abdul Azad in Bangladesh, on extreme chemical pollution in his city.

April 19: Louise Garrett and Vicky Newman organized a “Sustainable Potluck Dinner.” Participants enjoyed some good food in community and had time to share a few words about the dish they brought and how it contributed to personal and planetary health. Jeff Severinghaus spoke briefly on the moral dimension of climate change and then Vicky spoke on “Earth-Friendly Eating.” She emphasized the connections between our food choices and health – our own health, the health of others, and health of the earth systems on which life depends.

Laura Colban prepared a Climate Action Board for members to share personal goals, actions, and prayers for climate justice. Some comments are listed in this magazine.

Steve Bartram organized a bike ride to the Fellowship on Easter Sunday morning.

Many have expressed thanks for these events and an interest in and commitment to doing more. This means a lot to the organizers. Our thirty days of Commit2Respond will not be a real success unless we ignite thirty years of action -- passionate, committed action that will change the world. So please join the Climate Justice task force in the coming year and be a part of the solution

**Submitted by Scott Thacher**

## **UUFSD MEMBER’S COMMITMENTS TO CLIMATE CHANGE WHAT WE DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET**

**Diane Graham:** Cold water washing; eat no meat or dairy.

**Linda Pratt & John Atcheson;** Installed solar panels, made our home ultra energy efficient; zero scape yard in the future; zero net energy home; have solar hot water system.

**Irv Himelblau & Livia Walsh:** Installed solar panels; purchased electric car; will create a water friendly front yard; composting, recycle shower water for plants; washing clothes in cold water; use less water; flush toilets only when needed, two rain barrels.

**Anonymous:** Took out my front lawn; stopped regular watering.

**Marie:** Eat less meat.

**Anonymous:** Planning to help my son convert his lawn to a sustainable native plant yard

**Anonymous:** I use reusable bags; composting; recycle

**Carol Mason:** I have a downhill drain from the outdoor shower to the veggie garden.

**Fox Family:** We will start a compost bin

**Anonymous:** We will reduce our use of packaging when possible; buy in bulk

**Rigdon & Trish:** Replaced lawn with drip irrigation and succulents.

**Anonymous:** Take train to LA instead of using car.

**Arto Jaakkola:** I will eat less meat, and support permaculture.

**Leslie Uke:** Develop perennial eco-system based agriculture permaculture.

**Sophy:** I plan to kill my lawn for real this time.

**Anonymous:** E-recycle and cut down on office waste.

**Anonymous:** I ride my bike to the UUFSD on Sundays.

**Jill B:** I recycle everything.

**John & Judy Sherman:** Planting more drought tolerant plants; we are protecting butterflies.

**Anonymous:** Produced and hosted a TV show, “How to Save a Rainforest” at Del mar TV.

**Bev Majors:** Installing solar panels; have an electric car; eat less meat.

**Anonymous:** Recycle even more; remind others to recycle; flush less often.

**Anonymous:** Grouch at my husband for driving the van everywhere.

**Anonymous:** Use less water, shorten showers, skip a shower every other day, take a sponge bath.

**Diana:** I carpool more often.

**Dagny Gordon:** Turn off H2O when not using it.

**Alejandra:** I eat a less meat and shop organic whenever possible.

**Anonymous:** I will buy more consignment items.

**Anonymous:** Always use reusable bags.

**Ted:** I walk to appointments and often to shopping.

**Anonymous:** I pick up trash when on walks.

**Kenneth:** Recycling more.

**Anonymous:** Bought a Leaf electric car.

**Trish Johnson:** I grow worms, they eat my garbage; Their castings feed my vegetables.

**Anonymous:** Flush less often.

**Anonymous:** No grass yard; drip irrigation system.

**Laura:** Put solar on my roof.

**Anonymous:** Recycling lawn with native plants.

**Anonymous:** Just bought a Prius.

**Didge:** Recycle plastic bags.

**Ted Foster & Linda Luisi:** Use cold water for laundry and sun dry clothes; growing and eating fresh organic vegetables; Collecting and using grey water and rain water.

**Caroline:** Taking shorter showers; native plant garden; drive an hybrid.

**Anonymous:** Bought a new efficiency washer.

**Steve:** Shorter showers.

**Anonymous:** I will buy more consignment items.

**Anonymous:** Cut back on sprinkler schedule.

**Katie:** Collect plastic bags for recycling.

**Anonymous:** Recycle trash; put in desert landscaping; turn off lights and computer.

**Anonymous:** Begin low water landscaping.

**Rena Grieg:** Installed solar panels.

**Anonymous:** I recycle a lot.

**Melissa Gordon:** Stopped eating meat.

**Anonymous:** I bike to work whenever I can.

**Anonymous:** Pick up trash from at the beach.

**Rick:** Collect rain water for my garden.

**Wayne Saville:** Avoid taxis & Uber on trips and use public transportation instead.

**Anonymous:** Save shower water ; recycle plastic and metal

**Roger:** Replacing lawn with native plants.

**Louise:** Use recyclable bags; eat seasonal vegetables and fruits; shop resale stores; can my own food.

## “This is our Journey” Coming of Age

**COA Youth:** Finn Mallery, Kate Milmoie, Sebastian Beretz, Lily Franzwa, Ian Linn, Madeline Masser-Frye, Grant Beretz, Elie Aasted, Paul Steitz, Zoe Sandberg-Smith, Carly Hanson, Jie Jie Bouchekara, Ricky Masser-Frye, Elise Boutelle, Keaton Elvins, Charlotte Cunningham, Colin Watts, Alina Pollner, Caleb Blevins, Guthry Hahm, Eva Douwes, Kendra Kieber, Logan Schick, Carolyn Knapp, Alex Giolitto

**DRE:** Alison Crotty

**COA Facilitators:** Todd Elvins, Max Henkart, Sara Appleton-Knapp, Diane Masser-Frye, Karla Milmoie, Loisa Triandis

**Mentors & Speakers:** Christie Turner, Susan Pernia, Kathy Faller, Dave Masser-Frye, Katy Hanson, Tracey Weiss, Anita Anderson, Robin Mitchell, Rev David Miller





## Gun Violence Prevention Forum May 10, 2015

The Social Action Committee's Gun Violence Prevention Task force sponsored a GVP Forum following the Mother's Day Service which emphasized the tragedies connected to gun violence. Approximately 30 members and friends attended the forum presented by the Brady Foundation for the Prevention of Gun Violence. Ron Marcos of the Brady Foundation presented a history of its San Diego

County Chapter and described the Foundation's plans for actions in the San Diego area.

There was an active question and answer period during which suggestions for cooperative actions were discussed. (See GVP article, pg 12 )

## Best Exotic UU Auction May 16, 2015



We had a great party: wonderful food, lovely music and Indian dancers. Our preliminary tally suggests that we will net at least \$18,000 and possibly more. It took a lot of people to make this event the Best Exotic UU Auction. The core team included Caroline DeMar, Judy Sherman, Charlotte Wilson, Betsy Gilpin, Tiffany Fox, Maria Penny, and Kim Douwes. Special thanks to our wonderful auctioneers, Candice Nguyen and David Kelly, both members of our Fellowship. Many other people helped with decorations, cooking, cleanup, check in and check out, and more. We are grateful for all who gave and all who attended.

## Mental Health Matters Forum May 27, 2015

Thirty one people, including the presenters, attended this Wisdom Wednesday presentation. Topics included "Living with Mental Illness: Personal and Parental Perspective"; "Crises: How to Prepare and What to Expect in a Hospital Emergency Department"; "Treatment Options: Finding Providers."

**The UUFSD panel included:** Introduction was by Christie Turner; Glenn Bortnick, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, School Psychologist, Vista Unified School District; Sandy Washington, Registered Medical Assistant (retired), who is living with bipolar disorder; Kelly Kelsoe, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Scripps Hospital Emergency Department and Robin Sales, LCSW, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center. The moderator for this forum was Anne Clarkin, LCSW, Psychotherapist, UCSD Eating Disorders Research and Treatment Center.

## **YRUU SERMON: “What we are passionate about and how it relates to the UU Principles, June 31, 2015**



### **YRUU Service, Anything can happen in the next moment....**

Members of the YRUU, presented an inspiring service on their passions and how these were influenced by the UUFSD Religious Education program. Presenters included Sam Blakistone, Ethan Boutelle, Nadian Brevold, Theo Dawes, Siena Elvins, Elise Friedman, Audrey Hebert, Sidney Kujawa, Kayleigh Kornher, David Linn, Daria Miller, Skye Mirandon-Hunter, Nick Mirandon-Hunter, Veronica Ness, Clare Phinney, Claire Steltz, and Rose Wilkers

## **NAMI: In Our Own Words, June 7, 2015**

An outstanding mental health presentation and discussion: “In Our Own Voice” was held at UUFSD on Sunday, June 7. This award-winning presentation was a powerful, eye-opening experience for people who know someone struggling or learning to live with mental illness. Presented by two adults who have suffered and come to accept and manage their mental health challenges, the program included sensitive sharing and video testimonials from individuals young and old. The program was brought to UUFSD by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, North Coastal San Diego County Chapter.

## **Bridging into Adulthood, June 14, 2015**

**Clare Phinney  
Sydney Kujawa  
Conner Milmo  
Elise Friedman  
Juna Boucekara  
Nick Mirandon Hunter  
Nadian Brevold  
Thea Hanson  
Andre Chan  
Roberto Quinones**



## Congregational Meeting , June 14

A Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, June 14. This semi annual meeting was held with the purpose of electing new Board members, and electing the president and vice president of the Board; of approving our FY 2016 budget; of voting on the issue of having one or two Sunday services in the future; and of approving amendments to our by-laws.

The congregation expressed gratitude to outgoing Board members Lisa Shaffer, John Atcheson, Bev Majors, Don Jones and Maria Penny.

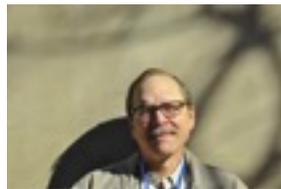
Members voted unanimously for the new Board members: Alisa Guralnick, Alison Schlick, Mark Tuller, Bob Quick and Rich Franzwa. Alisa Guralnick was elected president and Ashley Philips-vice-president.



Alisa Guralnick



Rich Franzwa



Bob Quick



Mark Tuller



Lisa Shaffer, past president, delivered the president’s report which, highlighted the vitality of the community, the transitions under way, the significant grant and donation that enabler the hiring of a Director of Connections to enhance the membership experience and an outline of our upcoming Capital Campaign goals.

A by-law amendment to Article III MEMBERSHIP, of the Policies and Procedures was proposed and passed unanimously. The amendment dealt with the procedure for determining the removal of inactive members. The FY 2016 Budget was presented and passed unanimously

There was considerable discussion on the issue of continuing with the current policy of two Sunday services or returning to one service. After debate and clarification, the congregation elected to keep two Sunday services by a vote of 52 to 43.



## Rev David's Farewell Party, June 19, 2015



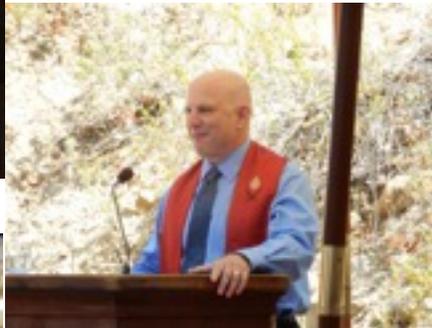
The party for Rev D and Alice was a wonderful success—**over 100 people** joined together to share **delicious food** (thank you Deb Ploesser, Bev Connor, Alejandra Chan and all who brought food and helped prep and clean up) and honor Rev D. The mood was casual and festive, with a bittersweet poignant note of farewell. Evening highlights included the **Top 10 List** (a la David Letterman and thanks to Ed and Angie for organizing)), the presentation of an **Ernie Banks signed baseball** by Pamela Parker and Michael Scott, the gift of **fingerprints of gratitude by the RE children** and presented to Rev D by RE Director Alison Crotty, a **beautiful musical tribute** by Lynne Talley and Monique Kunewalder, the **UUFSD Summer singers** coordinated by Wenda Alvarez, an **incredible photo montage** with music by Steve Bartram, the presentation of a gorgeous bouquet to Rev D's wife, Alice, and, of course, a **Bruce Springsteen music playlist** put together by Jud



Warren. The **open mic tributes** were very moving. Thanks to all who helped put this party together, including the incoming and outgoing Board Presidents, Alisa Guralnick and Lisa Shaffer, who acted as our MC's for the night. What a lovely send off!

By Ashely Phillips

## Rev David's Last Sermon - New Member Recognition Children Dedication - June 21



## Drumming At The Border, Saturday, June 27

Over 100 people from both sides of the border came together for an afternoon of drumming at the Friendship Park Border to promote friendship and solidarity through music. Monette Marino (with Mo'Rhythm) lead on the American side; Charlie Chavez (premier percussionist in SD/TJ) and Mauricio Garcia (with Frontera Negra) lead on the Mexican side. !!Magnificent music!! UUFSD's Mark and Mary Tuller, Alison Schlick and Joey Elwell and their children, Mary Cory, Julia Darling, Nancy Harmon and her grandchildren, and Irv Himelblau joined in this celebration of friendship and solidarity.

**Thank you Mary Cory for putting the drumming session together.**



## **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT**



Together we can reach our goal to provide 60 backpacks filled with supplies to children and teenagers in need.

We will distribute these backpacks to:

- \* The Community Resource Center in Encinitas for the children in the Battered Women's Shelter.
- \* Stand-Up a homeless teen program in Oceanside.
- \* Colonia Carrettas in Tijuana Mexico.

Bring your donations of new and gently used backpacks, school supplies and cash/check to the core area on Sundays from June 7th – August 9th

Your \$20 donation will provide supplies for a backpack

Your \$30 donation will provide one backpack

Your \$50 donation will provide one filled backpack

Types of Supplies: pens, pencils, note pads, crayons, markers, rulers, calculators, paper clips, scissors, etc.

For Homeless Male and Female Teens: toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, combs, brushes, make-up, shampoo, soap or body wash, and deodorants.

For more information contact: Livia Walsh at [livwalsh1@gmail.com](mailto:livwalsh1@gmail.com) or Liz Young at [thefouryoungs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thefouryoungs@sbcglobal.net)



## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Steve Bartram, Coordinator, UUFSD GVP

The issue of gun violence is ever present. We read about one incident or another every day and even multiple times in a day. I belong to several list services that give me a deluge of graphic heartbreaking stories about one incident or another. Death from gun violence is common. One example: A man shoots an intruder only to find out it was his own brother. The stories are endless.

GVP is one of many issues we see before our eyes that not only tug at our hearts but also grip us with concern. Climate change, political and social chaos, dangers to our health, prejudice that seems so senseless, poverty, inequality, and blatant discrimination are just a few. And these are here in this country!

Where do we start and what can one person or one family possibly do to make a dent in the huge issues we face? Social Action is a major part of being a UU. Finding ways to contribute is part of fundamental UU-ism.

I used to think that we should be able to do it all. It is not possible. As a UU I think all I can do is to fight the good fight and try and be the person who supports the issue that means the most to me. Like the boy on the beach saving starfish one at a time, this is my piece of the sand, and GVP is my issue. There are many of us.

The GVP Committee will represent all of us in our efforts to support GVP. If you wish to do something outside of the opportunities we will share, the second article (page 12) is a specific list of directions you can choose. I would hope that you would become familiar with one of several organizations that support GVP and support their part of the issue. We all need to do what we can.

Some of the things the GVP Committee is doing are:

- Christie Turner is going to work on a project about the gun show at the County Fair grounds.
- We are working with the Newtown Foundation and Moms Demand action for for Gun Sense in America.
- Several of you are part of a network here at UUFSD that will be engaged when times for action arrive. One of those actions was to wear an orange ribbon on Tuesday, June 1, 2015
- In the future, the GVP Committee will support local events sponsored by The Brady Campaign (information booths at various public events and street fairs).
- We will coordinate Newtown Candlelight Vigil as supported by Faiths United and several national level GVP organizations.

- There will be a sermon in late November that is a generosity Sunday in support of the 14 December Candlelight Vigil.
- We will coordinate with RE to adopt the ASK program as a teaching tool about GVP to our children.

Finally, we hope to bring to local city councils a proclamation EACH city council will endorse that supports three significant GVP issues: (1) mandatory registration of all guns regardless of point of purchase (2) active support for the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) program (3) support for laws and regulations that support mental health issues calling for GVP support.

## **What can we do to participate in Gun Violence Prevention? “Get out of the audience and on to the stage.”**

As you reflect on this I have compiled a list of organizations for you to join in actions to prevent gun violence. Where you put your time, energy, money, and commitment can be a challenge. All of us are pulled by so many compelling concerns that finding the time even for one thing outside your family can be overwhelming.

I hope that you will find a way to put action into your obvious concern and help stop gun violence. Each of these organizations has lots of ways for us to participate.

The Brady Campaign: <http://www.bradycampaign.org/>

Here is the local Chapter: <http://www.bradycampaign.org/content/san-diego-brady-campaign-chapter>

The local chapter of the Brady Campaign is doing something!

Newtown Foundation: <http://newtownaction.org/> (No local chapter) Legislative action and grass roots efforts to bring GVP to social consciousness! These are the people who help sponsor the Annual Vigil on Dec 14!

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence: <http://csgv.org/> (No local chapter) Action and legislative sponsorship as well as outreach and talking to public.

Everytown for Gun Safety: <http://everytown.org/> (No local chapter) Legislative action and grass roots organization that is a communication outlet at the national level!

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America: <http://momsdemandaction.org/> Join them and let's start a local chapter. Sign up and get their newsletter. This is the focus group that walks the public walk about ending gun violence by organizing national events to bring GVP to the public! This group forced Starbucks to ban open carry and is working on Kroger Stores to do the same!

Here is a compelling and engrossing U-Tube. Take some time to view. Preventing Gun Violence Without Just Talking About The Gun | Nicole Hockley | TEDxUniversityofNevada [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFSw5Zri\\_o0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFSw5Zri_o0)

Steve Bartram

# Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF)

## PLANETARY DASHBOARD: AN INDEX OF SUSTAINABILITY

A Quarterly Report from the Environmental Justice Task Force by John Atcheson

**Introduction:** You know the current numbers for the stock market; the price of oil; whether the GDP is up or down; etc etc, *but do you know how your Planet is doing? No, you don't, because these things aren't reported in the media.* The EJTF will be reporting on some of the key indicators of planetary health each quarter. Many of the indices we will be tracking aren't monitored frequently enough to allow for quarterly reports and in these cases we will repeat the latest data and include forecasts. We welcome comments for additional categories to consider.

## THE EJTF PLANETARY DASHBOARD

### Atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide:

We exceeded 400 parts per million [atmospheric] CO<sub>2</sub> last year. This is "... more than 100 ppm higher than at any time in the last one million years (and maybe higher than any time in the last 25 million years)." **Dr. Charles Miller.** Atmospheric concentrations are going up by more than 2 ppm per year, with no sign of slowing. **Source:** <http://cdiac.ornl.gov/> and <http://climate.nasa.gov/400ppmquotes/>

### Carbon Emissions:

Annual carbon dioxide emissions have been accelerating year-to-year for over a century, with the exception of periods of economic downturns. **Source:** <http://cdiac.ornl.gov/>

### Temperature trends:

May was the hottest May on record, and March through May was the hottest first quarter of any year on record, putting 2015 on pace to become the hottest year on record since ... well, last year, 2014, and 2014 was the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the annual global temperature has been above the 20<sup>th</sup> Century average. As temperatures go up, the consequences go up, too -- in March 2015, an unprecedented 2,300 people died of heat in India. **Source:** <http://www.carbonbrief.org/blog/2014/01/what-does-2013-being-the-4th-hottest-year-on-record-tell-us-about-climate-change/>

### Forests loss and gain:

We are losing 50 soccer fields of forest every minute globally. This will only accelerate as the boreal forests – the largest terrestrial carbon sink – shrink. They are under attack from higher temperatures, which is causing massive insect predation. Alpine forests are also under attack by warming induced predation. Meanwhile, the number of forest fires per year is growing exponentially. **Source:** <http://www.wri.org/blog/2013/11/new-high-resolution-forest-maps-reveal-world-loses-50-soccer-fields-trees-minute>

### Soil Loss:

We have just 60 years of farming left if soil degradation continues at its current pace. **Source:** <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/only-60-years-of-farming-left-if-soil-degradation-continues/>

### Fish Stocks:

Unless humans act now, we are likely to experience a complete collapse in the global fisheries and sea food by 1948. **Source:** <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/11/061102-seafood-threat.html>



## Capital Improvements Master Plan Review

Leaving a legacy requires making an investment in the future – both the future of our children and the greater community. The UUFSD Capital Campaign – which will allow our fellowship to grow in both numbers

and spirit -- is an opportunity for achieving just that.

The Master Plan represents our vision for our future campus – a campus that will attract and accommodate more members and provide more meaningful programs, both for our children, ourselves, and our local community. It is our way of improving our small corner of the world.

### *How much will our Vision for our Future Cost?*



**23 extra parking spaces, new storage area and “hammerhead” turn-around \$335,000**

**Amphitheater ramps, entrance, kiosk, bathrooms and shading \$1,088,035**



**Expanded Core  
Area, new kitchen  
and administration  
building \$1,961,750**



**Total cost: \$3,385,000**

Recent newsletter articles, which can be seen on our website discuss the benefits of the parking and amphitheater improvements, and future newsletters will be doing the same for the expanded core area, kitchen, and administration building.

If we invest in all three projects, that's \$3,385,000 – a lot of money!

Our Dream Builder process has revealed we want to do it all!

**Can we do it?**

**Yes, we can!**

We will do it all - in phases, over the 10 years our building permits allow.

The capital campaign will be devoted to raising the funds to make our vision for our future a reality. It will begin with a visit by our UUA consultant, who will conduct a Financial Feasibility Study and interview a cross-section of representing all demographics of our congregation. This study will determine our overall level of commitment and fundraising ability.

We will then vote, at a congregational meeting, to approve the projects that the Feasibility Study determines to be our highest priorities and proceed with a capital campaign to raise the funds.

More details will be forthcoming as the months unfold.

John Sherman, Chair – Capital Campaign Task Force



## **Advancing Our Common Values Through Cooperation**

### **About SUUN**

The purpose of SUUN is to help the UU congregations of San Diego County to:

- Coordinate and publicize their programs and resources
- Provide mutual encouragement, aid, and support
- Strengthen their relations with one another and
- Affirm, promote, and practice the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism.

SUUN has a non-governing board consisting of two representatives from each of the San Diego County congregations, plus a ministerial representative. The SUUN Board meets monthly, usually on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00-12:00 noon at First UU Church in Hillcrest. Representatives from each of the congregations share information about upcoming events of potential interest to the larger UU community, exchange knowledge, and coordinate SUUN-sponsored activities. The UUFSD representatives to the SUUN are Vicky Newman and Kim Douwes.

SUUN sponsors annual events including the Cluster Leadership Conference and the Taste of UU BBQ and Concert, as well as other ongoing events, including religious education programs (like Seminary for a Day). SUUN also helps coordinate and promote various social justice activities, including participation in immigration and border justice events and the LGBT Pride Parade and Festival.

SUUN hosts a website <http://www.uusandiego.org/>, which is one of the oldest UU websites in San Diego. Through this website, which gets about 600 visitors per month, we are able to introduce people to Unitarian Universalism and to connect new and "new-to-UU" visitors to local UU congregations. Through the SUUN website and our [Blog](#), you can learn more about SUUN and UU activities throughout the county.

We also host a Facebook page, another way to learn about SUUN and UU activities. [Like our Facebook page](#) for more news and updates!

Submitted by Vicky Newman, UUFSD SUUN Representative, [vickymindful@gmail.com](mailto:vickymindful@gmail.com)



