Minutes of Zoom Conference Board Meeting – December 17,2020 1 **Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association** 2 3 Board Members Present: Diane Miller, Susan Rak, Richard Speck, Gloria 4 5 Perez, Marni Harmony, Jaco ten Hove, Cathie Severance, Art Severance, and Anne Spatola. 6 7 8 *Note:* **Board decisions are in bold type.** *Action items are in red italic type.* 9 Chalice Lighting, Diane. Reading, Cathie Severance from Spilling the Light 10 by Teresa Ines Soto "The Magic of An Empty Palm" 11 Learning Community: 12 Discussion of Chapters 10-12 of How To Be An Antiracist By Ibram X. Kendi 13 led by Richard Speck. 14 Widening the Circle: Marni yielded her time until the end of the meeting in 15 order to read a Christmas poem to us but did say that she was forming a 16 document to present at the Board Winter Retreat. We are doing our work 17 and want to let others know. Marni tried to add us to a list of groups who 18 are engaging with the report and its recommendations and found that 19 there was a lot of information to report in order to be on the list, so she 20 21 was unsuccessful. 22 **November 18, 2020, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** 23 **Agenda items** 24 25 26 **Standing Reports** 27 Secretary— Gloria Perez: 28 29 The revised Board minutes were approved. They will be sent to Duane to be posted on the website under Governance. The secretary had nothing 30 further to report. 31 32 33 Nominating committee report—Barbara Wells ten-Hove: The slate for next year's positions in leadership is halfway completed. 34 Susan Rak will continue, Milly Rochester and Judie Gibson are on the slate. 35 The committee is welcoming suggestions for slate nominations. There are 36 two openings, vice president and a second member at large person who is 37 not on the west coast. There are two openings for the nominating 38

39 committee and there may be a third. Barbara has stated that Barry

- 40 Andrews is not listed on the Leadership Service History for 2019 to 2021.
- 41 *Barbara will talk to Judie Gibson about it*. The nominating committee is
- 42 open to suggestions from the board. Barbara noted that it is OK if the board
- 43 objects to a recommendation from the committee. She also stated that it
- 44 would be a good idea to include a person of color on the slate.
- 45 The deadline for announcing the slate is the Spring edition of Elderberries.
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- 47 Treasurer's Report—Richard Speck
- 48 The spreadsheet in the Treasure's report reflects a cumulative affect from
- 49 month to month. The fundraising appeal has brought in \$11,000. PayPal is
- 50 working very well and 20% of the donations have come through PayPal.
- 51 Expenses this month are few. The major expense is payment for two years
- 52 of the website service. Left over from the conference is a payment to
- 53 Barbro and to Steven. There was an expense of \$122 for the Rainbow
- 54 History Project web hosting that is explained in the worksheet report. The
- 55 Endowment has grown. There was discussion about some budgeted items
- 56 versus the actual expense and questions were answered. Fiscally we are
- 57 doing OK. **The Treasurer's report was approved**.
- 58 Richard sent a budget proposal to us on December 14, 2020. It contains an
- 59 estimate of \$45,000 in income. There was discussion about a few questions
- regarding budgeted expenditures including covering expenses for the
   President and Vice-president registrations for GA; a welcoming gift for new
- 61 President and Vice-president registrations for GA; a welcoming gift for new 62 retirees (in place of a luncheon during GA), money for tech expenses for
- retirees (in place of a luncheon during GA), money for tech expenses for
  virtual GA; awards for Creative Sageing, Unsung and Navius; the finishing
- 64 of the Rainbow Project; memorial gifts.
- 65 Richard has researched giving coffee mugs with our logo on them to the
- 66 new members. Also suggested, we could give a T-shirt instead of a mug.
- 67 Richard will research T-shirts for us. **The board adopted the proposed**
- budget with the visions that came out of the discussion. *He will send us an amended worksheet containing those revisions.*
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- 71 Old and Ongoing Business
- 72 Conferences—Anne Spatola
- 73 For the spring conference, there is no one, yet, to give the memorial
- <sup>74</sup> service. Roger is working on having Canadian musicians for music. Ann has
- told the planners that she won't be able to be involved very much due to an
- <sup>76</sup> upcoming surgery she will have in February. Evelyn will be doing tech for
- the conference. An announcement that the registration is open will be
- 78 placed on our website and there will also be a paper registration form

available for those who want to use it and send in a check for the 79 80 registration fee. Richard will set up the PayPal process for registering online. For the Spring conference there are decision-making deadlines coming up. 81 Under consideration are: will there be breakout rooms; no facilitated 82 83 workshops; creating something that works well so people can talk with one another. The planners are still in the creative planning process. There will 84 85 be two Odysseys presented and a worship service. The planning committee does not have anyone to do the Memorial Service. Anne asked for ideas. 86 Richard offered to provide some music. Art and Cathie offered to do the 87 Memorial Service if the planners cannot find anyone else. 88 89 90 Virtual GA Planning—Susan Rak, VP 91 UURMaPa budgets for covering the registration fee for the President and the Vice-president. Neither one will be registering for the 2021 GA. 92 93 The Secretary is intending to register for GA. UURMaPA offered to cover her registration fee and asked that she take notes on anything which may 94 be pertinent to UURMaPa. 95 Susan talked about our "luncheon" before GA. There are no ideas for the 96 recipients of the Creative Sageing Award. She is working on building a list 97 of people who are doing creative things. She needs two people to work 98 99 with her. If she is unable to find them, the Board may be called on to help. Susan will work with UUMA schedule to choose a date for our "luncheon". 100 101 102 Virtual Retreat—Diane Miller Diane sent the board a list of possible dates for the retreat. *She will note the* 103 dates which are in common for each of us when she receives all the responses 104 to her email. 105 106 Marni reclaimed her time to read "Sharon's Christmas Prayer" by John Shea 107 108 Respectfully submitted—Secretary, Gloria Perez 109 110 111 **December Board Reports** 112 President—Diane Miller 113 I have had a light month with UURMAPA. I have some catch-up note writing later this 114 115 month. 116 117 I have been in touch with Phyllis Hubbell, who has tried to wind off the videos and that is 118 still not completely resolved.

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- 120 I tested out the draft of on-line registration, which will be a nice step forward for
- 121 UURMaPA. Thanks to Anne Spatola for getting this rolling, and to Duane Fickeisen, our
- 122 webmaster, and Greg Bear, who does the technical work of the website.
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- 124 Agenda will go out Tuesday.
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- 126 -- Diane
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- 128 Vice-President-Susan Rak
- 129 Dear all, 130
- 131 my report is brief:
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- continued working on gathering information on the structure of UURMaPA's "peer & support groups" program
- wrote up an article on that for Elderberries (attached, FYI)
- took part in a UUMA Chapter meeting in November, at the request of Melissa Carcille Ziemer and forwarded that report to all of you.
- 138 There are, I think, some larger issues for UURMaPA raised by the questions and concerns I fielded in
- that meeting namely, do we have any role in fostering good healthy relationships amongst active and retired UU Ministers?
- 141 My hunch is that as much as we might want to, there is no mechanism to do that within UURMaPA's142 current structure and mission...
- especially as some of the recent issues seem to touch on the culture shift within UUism and the
  UUMA of recent years or months it's a huge lift.
- 145 146 "see" you soon...
- 147 Susan
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- 150 peace, 151 -- Rev. Susan

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- 153 Secretary—Gloria Perez
- 154 I sent the approved November,2020 minutes to Duane Fickeisen for posting on our
- 155 website under Governance. I continued reading <u>How To Be An Antiracist</u> for our
- 156 discussion.
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- 158 Treasurer's Report-Richard Speck
- 159 Dear Board,

160 We have had good success in soliciting donations. Our members have helped us greatly to

- 161 reduce the deficit. I have been sending out thank you letters to everyone and still have a bunch to do
- 162 before the end of the year. I ordered a Treasurer's envelope instead of printing my return address and
- 163 this should provide enough for a couple of years of letters. I'm using up what I printed on my color laser
- 164 printer and starting to use the new envelopes.

165 I have drafted a budget for our review and sent it out. I have studied the income and expense

166 side and feel that I have a workable budget for 2021. I know you will aid me in any additions or

subtractions needed to adopt it. I am planning for a small surplus which could cushion us in the event ofunanticipated expenses.

- 169 Richard
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|   | 2020               |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            | 2020            | Budget        | Π       |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|
|   | Budget<br>Revised  | Jun-20                                | Jul-20       | Aug-20     | Sep-20     | Oct-20     | Nov-20          | Dec<br>-20 | 2020<br>Total   | vs.<br>Actual |         |
| INCOME                                  | Septembe<br>r 2020 |                                       |              |            | -          |            |                 |            |                 |               |         |
|   | \$24,000.0         |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            | \$16,249.0      |               |         |
| Member Donations                        | 0                  | \$3,670.00                            | \$150.00     | \$425.00   | \$175.00   | \$4,905.00 | \$6,924.00      |            | 0               | 67.70%        | Ш       |
| Member Donations                        |                    |                                       | <b>**</b> ** | <b>.</b>   | <b></b>    |            | <b>*1*</b> 0.00 |            | <b>.</b>        | 100.000/      |         |
| Paypal                                  | \$1,000.00         |                                       | \$350.00     | \$60.00    | \$175.00   | \$3,325.00 | \$170.00        |            | \$4,080.00      |               | ##      |
| Memorial Gifts                          | \$100.00           |                                       | \$35.00      | \$18.00    | \$5,011.08 | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$5,064.08      | 5064.08<br>%  |         |
| Faithify                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          | 70            | ++      |
|   |                    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            |                 |               | ╢┼      |
| Conference Fee<br>Income                | \$12,000.0         | \$8,707.00                            | \$60.00      | \$1 975 00 | \$1,715.00 | \$620.00   | \$0.00          |            | \$13,077.0<br>0 | 108.98%       |         |
| Conference Fee                          | 0                  | \$6,707.00                            | \$00.00      | \$1,975.00 | \$1,715.00 | \$020.00   | \$0.00          |            | 0               | 100.9070      | ╢┼      |
| Income PayPal                           |                    |                                       | \$60.00      | \$760.00   | \$880.00   | \$380.00   | \$0.00          |            | \$2,080.00      |               |         |
| GA Luncheon                             |                    |                                       | • • • • • •  | •••••      | •••••      | •••••      | • • • • •       |            | • )• • • • •    |               | ++      |
| Income                                  | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
| UU Grant - LGBT                         |                    | • • • •                               | • • • • •    | ••••       | • • • •    | ••••       | ••••            |            | • • • • •       |               | H       |
| Program                                 | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
| UUMA Subsidy                            | \$1,000.00         | \$0.00                                | \$1,000.00   | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00          |            | \$2,000.00      | 200.00%       |         |
| Scholarship Income                      | \$300.00           | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$295.00   | \$245.00   | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$540.00        | 180.00%       |         |
| Other Income                            | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
| Total Regular                           |                    | \$12,377.0                            | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$10,230.0 | \$0.00          |            | \$43,090.0      |               | ++      |
| Income                                  | 0                  | 0                                     | \$1,655.00   | \$3,533.00 | \$8,201.08 |            | \$7,094.00      |            | 8               | 112.21%       |         |
|   |                    |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            |                 |               | M       |
| EXPENSE                                 |                    |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            |                 |               | M       |
| On-Site Board<br>Meetings               |                    |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            |                 |               |         |
| Transportation                          | \$4,500.00         | \$4,480.00                            | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$4,480.00      | 99.56%        | Ш       |
| Room and Board                          | \$4,100.00         | \$4,100.00                            | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$4,100.00      | 100.00%       | III     |
| Hospitality                             | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
| Conf. Scholarships<br>for Board Members | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
| Total Board<br>Meetings                 | \$8,600.00         | \$8,580.00                            | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$8,580.00      | 99.77%        |         |
| Conferences                             |                    |                                       |              |            |            |            |                 |            |                 |               |         |
| Attendee Fee<br>Refunds                 | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          | 0.00%         |         |
| Fee Income for Bus<br>Tour              | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               |         |
|   | \$19,400.0         | \$19,326.0                            |              |            |            |            |                 |            | \$21,826.0      |               | III     |
| Room and Board                          | 0                  | 0                                     | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | 0               | 112.51%       |         |
| Speakers                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$400.00   | \$0.00          |            | \$400.00        |               | $\prod$ |
| Music                                   | \$0.00             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00       | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00          |            | \$0.00          |               | ΠŤ      |
| Technology Support                      | 1                  | i                                     |              | i          | i          | \$1,385.00 |                 |            | \$1,385.00      |               | ΗŤ      |

| Hospitality                            | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          | Π |
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| Scholarships for<br>Non-Board          |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                 |           |                 |          |   |
| Attendees                              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$40.00         | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$40.00         |          |   |
| Misc.                                  |                 | \$1,655.00      |               | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$109.34  | \$1,764.34      | 103.78%  |   |
| Total Conferences                      | \$21,100.0<br>0 | \$20,981.0<br>0 | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$2,540.00      | \$1,785.00      | \$109.34  | \$25,415.3<br>4 | 120.45%  |   |
| General Assembly                       |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                 |           |                 |          |   |
| Luncheon Cost                          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| Transportation-<br>President           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| Transportation-Vice                    | <b>*</b> • • •  | <b>*</b> ****   | <b>*</b> **** | <b>*</b> ****    |                 | ****            | ****      |                 |          |   |
| President                              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          | # |
| Room and Board                         | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          | # |
| GA Fees & Misc                         | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          | # |
| Total General<br>Assembly              | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| Communications                         |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                 |           |                 |          |   |
| Elderberries                           |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                 |           |                 |          | Π |
| Publication                            |                 | \$2,067.00      | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$1,257.58      |                 | \$0.00    | \$3,324.58      | 1 1      |   |
| 0 11                                   | \$1,800.00      | \$53.00         | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,101.22      | \$0.00    | \$1,154.22      | 64.12%   |   |
| Peer Support Groups<br>(video calls)   | \$320.00        | \$53.00         | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$53.00         | 16.56%   |   |
| Website                                | \$200.00        | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$459.19  | \$459.19        | 229.60%  |   |
| Zoom                                   |                 |                 |               | \$53.31          |                 | \$159.83        | \$0.00    | \$213.14        |          |   |
| Database<br>Management                 | \$100.00        | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          | 0.00%    |   |
| Total<br>Communications                | \$6,420.00      | \$2,173.00      | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$1,257.58      | \$1,261.05      | \$459.19  | \$5,150.82      | 80.23%   |   |
| Other Expenses                         |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                 |           | _               |          | + |
| Retirement Planning<br>Seminar Expense | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| TMP Program<br>Expense                 | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| LGBTQ Program<br>Expense               | \$6,000.00      | \$4,225.00      | \$1,400.00    | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$122.00  | \$5,747.00      | 95.78%   |   |
| Saging & Unsung &<br>Navius Awards     | \$1,500.00      | \$1,500.00      | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$1,500.00      | 100.00%  | T |
| Postage                                | \$100.00        | \$0.00          | \$55.00       | \$0.00           | \$4.10          | \$0.00          | \$55.00   | \$114.10        | 114.10%  | Ħ |
| Board Misc.                            | \$200.00        | \$85.00         | \$37.80       | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$181.05  | \$303.85        | 151.93%  | T |
| Connections<br>Network                 | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          |          |   |
| President's Expense                    | \$100.00        | \$0.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00    | \$0.00          | 0.00%    | T |
| Memorial Gifts -<br>UUMA and Others    | \$1,500.00      | \$1,150.00      | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$200.00        | \$250.00        | \$0.00    | \$1,600.00      | 106.67%  |   |
| PayPal Fees                            |                 |                 | \$13.09       | \$28.58          | \$37.50         | \$109.94        | \$6.44    | \$195.55        |          | Ħ |
| Bank Expenses                          |                 |                 | \$3.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | 0         | \$3.00          |          | Ħ |
| Total Other<br>Expenses                | \$9,400.00      | \$6,960.00      | \$1,508.89    |                  | \$241.60        | \$359.94        | \$364.49  | \$9,463.50      | 100.68%  |   |
|  | \$2,100.00      |                 | \$1,500.07    | \$ <b>2</b> 0.20 | <i>\$211.00</i> | <i>4007.7</i> т | \$50 m ly | φ, 105.50       | 100.0070 |   |

|  |                 | \$38,694.0           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | \$48,609.6      |         |   |
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| Total Expense  | 0               | 0                    | \$1,508.89      | \$28.58         | \$4,039.18      | \$3,405.99      | \$933.02        | 6               | 106.79% | Ш |
| Profit/Loss  | -<br>\$7,120.00 | -<br>\$26,317.0<br>0 | \$146.11        | \$3,504.42      | \$4,161.90      | \$6,824.01      | \$6,160.98      | -<br>\$5,519.58 | 77.52%  |   |
| OPERATIONS<br>SURPLUS/(DEFICI<br>T)<br>Donations to the<br>Endowment |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |         |   |
| Investment<br>Earnings/(Loss)  |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |         |   |
| TOTAL<br>SURPLUS/(DEFICI<br>T)                                       |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |         |   |
|  |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |         |   |
| Ending Account<br>Balance  |                 |                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |         |   |
| Endowment  |                 | \$54,689.9<br>5      | \$54,689.8<br>4 | \$56,910.4<br>5 | \$58,589.6<br>8 | \$57,762.0<br>2 | \$62,354.2<br>7 |                 |         |   |
| Money Market   |                 | \$14,180.5<br>3      | \$14,182.9<br>3 | \$14,185.3<br>3 | \$18,187.8<br>7 | \$19,202.1<br>6 | \$19,205.3<br>1 |                 |         |   |
| Checking_  |                 | \$5,165.69           | \$5,443.95      | \$5,350.65      | \$5,811.01      | \$8,028.88      | \$16,642.7<br>6 |                 |         |   |
| Total  |                 | \$74,036.1<br>7      | \$74,316.7<br>2 | \$76,446.4<br>3 | \$82,588.5<br>6 | \$84,993.0<br>6 |                 |                 |         |   |
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- 172 Conference—Anne Spatola
- 173 December 2020 Report
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- 175 Zoom meetings with the Spring conference planning committee:
- 176 Working on fine tuning the schedule
- 177 Reviewing the plan for the breakout groups
- 178 Selecting music- Roger is making contact with Canadian congregations
- 179 Need for minister(s) to do memorial service- I made several contacts without
- 180 success.
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- 182 Coordinated group consisting of Duane Fickeisen, Richard Speck and Roger
- 183 Rochester. Greg Bear, website designer, developed a registration form which we all
- 184 tested. It is very user friendly and with minor modifications should be ready for the next 185 conference.
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- 187 Learned that Lois Wesener is willing to assist in future conferences, just not as
- 188 registrar. Always good to have a willing volunteer.
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- 190 Reading Kendi book.

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- 192 Anne Spatola
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- 194 Connections—Art Severance and Cathie Severance
- 195 Connections Bd Report Art & Cathie Severance 12/20
- 196 Art-

-I received a large file with 24 "Intent to Retire Forms" from Hagar Assi mid-November,
after not hearing from her since August. Since it was so large, I assume, I couldn't open it, and asked
her to send me smaller files. I didn't hear from, so recently again contacted her and asked for the
same thing and if there was anything I could do to help. I just got a reply, that there had been a
death in the family, and things had been hectic. She will work on getting smaller files. So, I have not
had any notices to send out since August.

-I completed the UURMAPA sponsored Judith Campbell Writers Workshop with 7 other
 UURMAPANs and wrote a report on it, submitting it to Jaco for Elderberries. A great experience,
 and have signed up for second

206 One starting in Jan.

Continue my once a month Zoom Preaching at UU Church of the Hill Country, Kerrville,
TX. Thanks to Barbara Wells Ten Hove contacting me after I announced the Galveston Fellowship's
request for UURMAPA ministers, I found out Minister's "rates" had been recently raised. I evidently
hadn't gotten the memo! Neither had either of the Fellowships, Kerrville or Galveston, which led me
to wonder-who's responsibility is to tell THEM?

- So, I emailed our Southern Region Co-lead Liaison and asked-got no reply. Attended out South TX minister's cluster and brought it up there. I said that I told the Fellowships I would give them a sliding scale for now, since they had already budgeted for the year. Two of the younger
- them a sliding scale for now, since they had already budgeted for the year. Two of the younger ministers objected, because they don't have church and are trying to make a living preaching and doing music.
- We contacted the other Cp-lead of the region and she's going to get together with us to discuss it.
  But it doesn't answer the question. Who is supposed to be in relationship with these fellowships?
  I miss the Districts and District Executives...
- 220 Shalom,
- 221 Art
- 222 223 Cathie-

We are planning Christmas Zoom Bingo with grands as Thanksgiving Zoom Bingo was a hit! Art is planning a Zoom Christmas Eve service for the family. We are anxious about our democracy and concerned about interference from the sore loser.

Before the Fall Conference I sent a list of all the ministers that I had received notices about from
UUA to the people planning the Memorial Service. Barbro asked me about Rev Steeves, and Rev
McPherson. I did not know who they were. Fast forward and I learned that the person who was
subbing for Aastha stopped sending me notices as she was researching and writing obituaries. I
realized this when I received her obits for the two ministers Barbro had asked me about. They are on

- the list for the next conference. I do not know why there was a change and why I was not informed.
- 235 Aastha has returned and I received Rev. Dr Hope Johnson's information this week.
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- 237 Elderberries—Jaco ten Hove
- 238 December 2020 Report
- 239 I have mostly been assembling materials and researching for the next issue, the latter involving
- 240 much perusal of and copying from of the library archive websites of Meadville Lombard, Andover
- 241 Harvard and Starr King, plus interactions with players at each setting and assorted donators of
- 242 papers. There is still a lot to sort through as I piece together one of the two cover stories.
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244 The other lead will be about our various online Support Groups, for which I am depending on a few 245 key authors to send in material, including testimonials from some participants and overall info 246 collected by Susan's good coordination. 247 248 Below is a working outline of the issue's items so far, FYI. (Copy deadline is Jan. 15 or earlier, for 249 those who will be contributing.) I'm still looking for someone's personal profile (ideally a partner) for 250 "What's Up With ... ?" And I continue to solicit - from you all -- interesting potential story line ideas for 251 future issues! 252 253 Cheers, -Jaco 254 255 << 256 WINTER '21 Elderberries Line-up: 257 Cover Features: • 258 Our Online Support Groups - Susan R & others) • 259 • Our Precious Writings, Archived or Not 260 Prez column - Diane 261 By-law change - Diane • 262 Latest Retirees • 263 Boundaries - Barbara ten Hove • 264 2 Inquiries of Readers: 265 How has the pandemic/COVID most affected you? What are the major ways in which it has 266 affected your life? (For future Elderberries.) 267 Do you have knowledge of stories of the use of "psychedelic" substances within UU settings? 268 (respond to Karen G. Johnston & Mira Mickiewicz) 269 Rainbow History update? - Anne S. (Book update from Diana?) • 270 Nom Com Report and candidate bio(s) • 271 Winter Conf info-Lyn Stangland Cameron 272 What Brings You Joy: John Burciaga • 273 • What's Up With...? 274 ٠ BookBench: Don Wheat: Why Not Me? Finessing Life's Slings and Arrows 275 OCSF: Funny Times Curmudgeon on Money • 276 Member At-Large—Marni Harmony 277 UURMAPA Board Report 12/20 278 At-Large 279 280 No UURMaPA activity for me this month. 281 282 I have continued to look through the UUA Commission's report on 283 Institutional Change to come up with recommendations for UURMaPA 284 (primarily Board). 285 286

We have had little time to discuss these recommendations—hopefully 287 we can take a look at them during our "retreat." I've read through and 288 really only find one more section that stirs a possible action. 289 In the section on accountability, one recommended action is to "develop" 290 the capacity within all good officer teams to lead and facilitate 291 conversations around harm, injury and conflict in anti-oppression 292 practices." That would be part of a larger conversation regarding 293 whether we decide to develop a Good Offices team for UURMaPA. 294 Should we decide to do that, I think any member (of such a team) would 295 be well served with training in the conversations referenced above. 296 297 298 >> 299 300 301