

PREVIOUS UURMaPA CONFERENCE

Fall 2022: Mon., Oct. 24 – Wed., Oct. 26 (online event report)

Topic: “Preparing for Your Own Farewell”

Wider UU Interactions

Our Fall Conference is usually the time when we invite our colleagues in leadership roles in the UUA and the UU Ministers Association to join us in some brief but dedicated times of reflection and questions. We were pleased and grateful to have our **UUA President, Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray**, join us live during Session I of the conference on Monday, October 24. Susan is in her final year of service in this role and looked back as well as forward to the future of our faith.

Newly elected as **President of the Board of the UU Ministers Association, Rev. Leslie Takahashi** joined us live in Session VI, our concluding session on Tuesday October 25. Leslie is making communication among the different generations in our ministry an important priority. Leslie’s staff colleague from the UUMA Executive Team, **Rev. Darrick Jackson**, attended the entire conference and was part of a conference-concluding conversation on the future of our ministry and the place of retired ministers and partners within that future during Session IX on Wednesday, October 26. Look for a link to a UUMA Update video prepared especially for UURMaPAns and for this conference by the Executive Team. The video was available for viewing before the conference began.

On that same final day of the conference, we were joined by two old friends of UURMaPA, **Rev. Richard Nugent of the UUA Office of Church Staff Finances and UUA Transitions Director Rev. Keith Kron**. Richard offered news and answered questions about the changes in management for our Retirement Plan, and Keith updated us on the changing market for the transitional and targeted temporary ministries that have been attracting retirees back into service. Both Richard and Keith also had dedicated “Topic” times in Session VIII, to insure that interested participants had all their questions and concerns answered in depth.