



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

June Theme: Integrity

Sunday Services begin at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom, online meeting app

June 7

“Saints or Suckers?”

Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W.A. Ken Cuneo

One critique that has been leveled at those who turn the other cheek, won't hit below the belt, and otherwise refuse to engage in unethical, deceitful or "playing dirty" practices, is that they are suckers, doomed to be taken advantage of, manipulated, and conquered. On the other hand, there is something to be said for taking the high road, not lowering oneself to 'their' level, and remaining true to one's principles. This morning we will consider the pros and cons of acting with integrity.

June 14

“To Be Perfectly Honest”

Rev. Axel Gehrmann and W.A. Mary Kay Hamilton

“The truth? You can't handle the truth!” That's a line from a favorite movie of mine, delivered powerfully by Jack Nicholson in the role of an unrepentant villain. Having recently re-watched “A Few Good Men,” which was released in 1992, it struck me as rather dated. Nicholson's line, however, poses a good question, as relevant today as ever: Are we willing to face difficult truths? Are we willing to grapple with uncomfortable facts – whether about ourselves, or the world around us? Our faith claims we continually search for truth and meaning. Are we indeed up to the task?

## Ministerial Summer Hiatus

Following General Assembly, and through early August, your ministers traditionally spend the summer on study leave and vacation. While the pandemic will curtail our travel plans, we do hope to devote the summer to rest and renewal. We will be available for emergencies, and the church office will always know how to reach us.



June 21

“Continuums of Commitment”

Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W.A. Natalie Fryberger

We are a creedless faith, agreeing to disagree on many matters of theology, spirituality, and a variety of other issues. We hold much in common, we share many values, but there are differences among us. This morning we will explore some of these similarities and differences and celebrate the narrow and wide spectrums of our beliefs, positions, and attitudes. Come represent your views and be enlightened by learning about the views of your fellow UUs.

June 28

“Pride Sunday! The Courage to Be Unique: Where Pride and Integrity Meet.”

Steven Goings (Quazar) & W.A. Karen Brown

Steven Goings (Quazar) will be speaking on "Queer Spirit." Mr. Goings, a leader in Monterey Peninsula Pride, the NAACP, and CSUMB, will give a brief exploration of the social contributions of queer people and the spiritual gifts of queerness to humanity.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Axel Gehrman

So . . . how are you holding up in the midst of our on-going period of sheltering and social distancing?

In conversations I have had with many of you, I have heard heart-warming stories of resilience, can-do spirit, and many ways of making lemonade (if we see the pandemic as a lemon life has dealt us). But I also know that many of us are stressed and struggling with the demands our current situation is placing upon us, whether on practical, personal, political or spiritual levels.

The pandemic is a great equalizer. But it also affects each of us differently, especially as time goes on . . .

What I find helpful, in order to cope, is to remember my life's many blessings. There are so many things for which I am grateful. My health and home, my family and friends, leap to mind. Beyond those, three others are at the top of my list:

First: I am grateful for our UU faith. In the midst of today's uncertainties, I am grateful to be grounded in a faith that embraces doubt and knows the value of asking good questions; a faith that appreciates the mysteries of life and the universe, but also trusts the guidance of science and reason, as we perpetually search for greater truth and deeper meaning; a faith that teaches wisdom and compassion, and encourages each of us to be activists for love and justice. In these trying times, our faith has a lot to offer.

Second: I am grateful for our UUA. As we struggle to meet the needs of the moment here in Monterey County, I draw strength from our larger UU movement: over a thousand congregations and countless UUs across the country, who are sharing their insights and experiences, as we all learn to adapt, engage, and give shape to a new world. The website [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) offers a wealth of information and resources that can both educate and inspire us, as

we grapple with the implications of the pandemic.

In June, thousands of UUs traditionally gather for our annual General Assembly. This year's was supposed to be in Rhode Island. In light of COVID-19 the in-person gathering was canceled. Instead, we will be having a 100% virtual General Assembly, from June 24-28. It's a shame we won't be able to see colleagues and friends in person – but it is wonderful that this new format may allow many UUs to attend, who would have been unable to travel to the East Coast. Please consider seizing this opportunity, also! (Check out: [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga))

And third: I am grateful for our UUCMP. We humans are profoundly social creatures. For the sake of the most vulnerable, we are practicing various forms of distancing and separation. And it isn't easy. Now, more than ever, I cherish the sense of community and caring that exists among this congregation's members and friends. It is wonderful to witness the countless ways we reach out to each other - whether on the phone, online, or across a respectful few-feet distance and a face-mask - pitching in, helping out, sharing our troubles and triumphs, providing sustenance and support to friends and neighbors both within and beyond our congregation. Your generous spirits inspire me.

Being a part of this religious community, knowing that we are not alone, gives me all the reassurance I need to trust that whatever the future holds, we will be able to handle it – together. For all of this, I am deeply grateful.

See you in (virtual) church,

*Axel*

## President's Corner — Page Galloway



### We Are Having Technical Difficulties

Hello, Gentlepeople,

Today I have been frustrated. I have been experiencing technical difficulties. What would ordinarily be a minor annoyance, right now, is having significant impacts on my life. There are things that I either want or need to do that I cannot manage because I am having technical difficulties. I imagine you are too. During the last couple of months we have been increasingly reliant on technological means to do nearly everything. We order food for delivery. We stream movies and entertainment. We download books. We go to school or take classes. We deal with our jobs, have meetings, and in my work life, attend court hearings. We also rehearse music, visit with friends, tell our loved ones how much we miss them, all by remote, technological means. I haven't hugged my mother or my brother in more than two months. I haven't held my best friend's hand while she struggles with the impending loss of one of her beloved pets. All of us are chafing with the restrictions, and all of us have, at times found our interactions with technology to be frustrating. It makes me profoundly aware of how privileged I am: I have access to this technology. I have work that continues, for the foreseeable future, to pay me, and that I can do remotely. And I have become increasingly aware of the gulf between my life experiences and the experiences of others who don't have the privilege that I have in facing the challenges during these times.

I think right now our whole world is experiencing technical difficulties. The way that we had been doing things is showing its gaps and weak spots. It isn't

the technology or technical aspects of our lives that are failing us; those gaps show us the human aspects of our society that can no longer be ignored. It is easy to point to the technological wonders that give some of us the ability to continue as if nothing is happening, but for many it isn't that simple. These last few months have shown the sharper divide between those who have and those who don't. I watch the news and am saddened to see people acting out and threatening others, hurting them, even killing them, for asking that we all abide by some simple precautions, like wearing a face mask inside the store. I see armed protests over getting a haircut. I'm honestly more concerned for my hairdresser than my shaggy mane. I feel compassion for these protesters. I understand how frustrating and scary these times are, and how that can translate to the actions I see. Nor do I excuse or condone their actions. I listen to our political leaders question the need for simple, common sense precautions like face masks and pushing to "reopen" the economy while ignoring informed medical and scientific assessment on how and when to do so. I listen as our political leaders suggest that if we don't test for the virus then the numbers of infected goes down, so it is our testing that has made the crisis what it is with 95,000 dead and climbing. The technical difficulty in explaining that ignorance is not bliss but peril, and that knowing the spread of this illness is vital to controlling it seems beyond hope. It leaves me sad at heart and weary.

So, I make myself some more tea and do the other thing I do when experiencing technical difficulties. I put pen to paper and I write. I write to my congress people and senators at state and federal level. I write to the congress people and senators from other jurisdictions on the relevant committees. I write because I know that one letter makes a huge difference because so few actually write them. I write that our essential workers include not only nurses and doctors but also grocery store clerks, farm workers, restaurant workers, and people in the gig economy.

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They need protection and a living wage. I write that now is not the time to roll back even more environmental regulations, protections for the vulnerable, voting rights. I remind them that this crisis will be managed by attending to the science, and no matter what anyone says, that we desperately need to know the scope of the problem. That can only be addressed by more testing and contact tracing, not less. I tell them that it is a false choice to say we must choose between our health and safety and rebuilding our economy and holding fair and free elections. I tell them to remind their constituents that freedom is always coupled with responsibility to society. Freedom without responsibility isn't liberty, it's adolescence. I remind them of something our values teach us regularly: that we live in a "we" society, not a "me" society. I put actual stamps on actual letters and put them in the post box. I hope that there are no technical difficulties getting them to their destination. I write and remember technical difficulties are transitory experiences, what we build together while overcoming them will be longer lasting.

I am grateful for the technology that allows us to be together virtually. I am grateful for all of you. I urge you to engage as much as you can to help others. I urge all of us to greater compassion and to strive further for more justice and equity in our world and to engage in building a "we" society that our technical difficulties show us has been lacking. I look forward to the day we can all be together again, can shake hands, share an embrace. Meanwhile, I send you all my warmest regards and wishes for a bright day today, and tomorrow.

All the best,

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group** Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m. via Zoom. See page 10.

**Anti-Racism Film Group** will not meet in June.

**Board of Trustees** meets Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Buddhist Sangha** is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sheltered in Place. See page 10.

**Community Choir** meets Mondays 5:30—7 pm and Thursdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Dances of Universal Peace** will not meet in June.

**Equal Exchange** will not be available in June.

**Friday Night at the Movies** will not meet in June. See page 9.

**I-HELP for Men and I-HELP for Women** will be supported for now by financial donations to UUCMP, as the I-HELP directors want all food prepared in certified kitchens. We will still continue to provide monthly meals. If you can help, please consider sending a check to the church or clicking the DONATE button on the UUCMP website and indicating that the donation is for I-HELP.

**Membership Committee** meets Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Men's Breakfast** will not meet in June. See page 9.

**Music Committee** meets Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**NUUsletter deadline** for the July issue is Tuesday, June 16.

**Program Council** is Tuesday, June 2, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. For Zoom information contact Lauren Keenan [programcouncil@uucmp.org](mailto:programcouncil@uucmp.org)

**Sing Along** will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Social Justice** meets Sunday, June 7, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom.

**Stewardship** does not meet in June.

**Women's Discussion Group** meets June 11 and June 25, 2 p.m. via Zoom. See page 9.

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



### Authenticity and Integrity

Last month I posed a question to the Teen Zoom class on authenticity. I asked them what it meant to be an authentic person. The responses were similar and mirrored my thoughts. I heard the following sentiments from various teens:

- Authenticity is being more true to yourself.
- When you're more open about yourself and you're not afraid to show yourself to others without other people's judgment, you're being authentic.
- There can never be a too authentic painting, an original or genuine is the best way to be.
- I prefer to be with someone that is authentic rather than someone that's fake.
- Sometimes it's important to not be completely authentic, when you could hurt someone's feelings, or by being completely authentic problems could happen.
- Sometimes a balance is good, but be more authentic than not.
- Be yourself whenever possible.

There was a bit of a range from complete authenticity, to mostly authentic. I agree with them (and I imagine most people do) that authenticity is extremely important, as it helps to form strong bonds with people of like interests and similar commonalities. It helps us to make friends, and create relationships that last our whole lives! Sometimes though, being completely authentic can be a detriment. Sometimes, things happen in our lives that cause us stress. I'm sure a lot of us are feeling a bit stressed with the Shelter-in-Place orders, and are feeling a bit antsy. There is anxiety about homeschooling, working from home, perhaps the loss of a job and wondering how you will feed your family, perhaps worried for a loved one that is susceptible to the virus, perhaps frightened that a loved one has become infected.

As parents, it is important to not exactly be less authentic in the face of the virus, but just to mask it a bit. Does putting on a mask that shows calmness make you less of an authentic person, or could it help your children be calmer, and then in turn help you to be calmer and perhaps not in need of the mask?

I learned long ago, back when I began teaching in the Kansas schools to leave all problems at the door. It doesn't mean that the problems went away, they just waited calmly for me to come back to them when I was finished teaching, as the children required all of my attention, love, and guidance. The children needed my mask in place. They needed the peace and stability that I brought to the classroom. I discovered that by doing this I was a much better teacher and was able to focus solely on what I needed to focus on at the time. I also discovered that by walking away from a problem, I could look at it from a distance when I was ready and tackle it head on.

It is important to be authentic, to be real, to be true to yourself. However, at times a mask can be extraordinarily helpful during specific situations where you need to show a sense of calm to help others out. This doesn't make you less authentic. This doesn't remove your integrity. Sometimes by being slightly less than 100% real (a mask of calm instead of the screaming man that your mind might reflect) we can help those around us, and ultimately help ourselves. Listen to yourself, and you will know what to do. Just remember to be yourself, whenever possible.

I will leave you now with a wonderful poem by Shel Silverstein:

There is a voice inside of you  
That whispers all day long.  
"I feel that this is right for me,  
I know that *this* is wrong."  
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend  
Or wise man can decide  
What's right for you-just listen to  
The voice that speaks inside.  
-Shel Silverstein

Thank you, Erin Forstein

Acting Director of Religious Exploration

## Stay connected during quarantine — Zoom together!

During this challenging time when we are all sheltering in place, the UUCMP building is closed, but there is definitely a lot going on! Do you receive the electronic UUCMP Weekly News? It is sent out on Wednesdays, with lists of events, and on Fridays, with links for the Sunday service and for a Friday social time. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact the church office at 831-624-7404 or send an email to [office@uucmp.org](mailto:office@uucmp.org) and request that you be added to the email list. Then you can read about all the great things we are still doing.



If you are a UUCMP committee chair, special events coordinator, affinity group leader or other church member and wish to use the church Zoom account to conduct your church meeting virtually, please be sure to contact the church office to make sure that we have properly placed your meeting on the church calendar, the Zoom calendar and the online calendar, which appears on the church website. The church office wants to make sure that meetings are not double booked and that you and your group members have all the information you need for a successful Zoom experience. Thanks for your help in making Zoom the important tool for church life that it has become in this pandemic era.

Sunday services and other meetings are accessed through Zoom, an electronic meeting program. It is not difficult to use. **To join a Zoom meeting:**

- ◆ Click on the ZOOM Meeting address given. If you have not already downloaded ZOOM, you will be prompted to download and install ZOOM. After that you click to join the meeting.
- ◆ Be sure your speakers are on and the volume is high enough for you to hear. This is adjusted under your computer's settings. Some people like using headphones to get better audio sound.
- ◆ You may also join a ZOOM Meeting by phone. This is done by dialing one of the phone numbers provided in the invitation and then enter the **Meeting ID** number. (Some meetings may also require a Password number. A Participant ID is not needed.)
- ◆ Please use the mute button when you are not speaking to minimize background noise. The mute icon is in the lower left-hand corner of your screen. Next to the mute icon is the icon for video, you can keep it on or off.
- ◆ Further to the right side is a chat bubble icon. There might be times in the service where you'll be invited to share in the chat.

### Accessing the UUCMP Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To join the Sunday service electronically please click here.

**Meeting ID: 763 641 438**

**Password: Sunday (NOTE: Password is case sensitive)**

To join via phone, simply call: 1-669-900-6833 (San Jose) When prompted, provide the Meeting ID: 763 641 438. (Participant ID is not required.)

If you have questions, we are here to help. Please contact the ministers for any needed assistance. See you on Zoom!!

# ART NEWS



## LAYERS BY KAREN HUNTING PENDING

Living near the coast in Carmel, California, Karen Hunting has been a recognized artist in one form or another all her life. From her earliest days, light, color, shape, texture and movement were the focal points of her artistic endeavors as she was designing her own story books, teaching herself to play the piano, and choreographing dances.

A degree in Graphic Design from Michigan State University, professional work as a graphic designer and art director and years with her own graphic design and wordsmithing studio provided the groundwork for her style to flourish. Once in California Karen began winning awards for some of her more whimsical three-dimensional work in clay, collage and paper construction. She counts calligraphy and abstract acrylics among her creative toolbox skills.



Along the way she applied her innate creativity with her inventive techniques in abstract acrylics. Ms. Hunting's art is as she envisioned more than a decade ago when she wrote her creative credo:



It will be full of color, or delicate in color, and rich in textures.  
It will be tactile and eye-filling.  
It will be pleasing and evocative.  
It doesn't need to be startling, just enough to evoke an "ahhh . . ."  
It will bring great satisfaction to me to produce it.  
I will glow from the knowledge of its intrinsic worth  
and from what the work brings to the beholder.

Tactile texture intertwined with eye-filling color, bold and delicate, washes over, surrounds and surprises the beholder of Karen Hunting's abstract acrylic works painted and assembled on heavyweight pressed paper.



Just as a full orchestra evokes an "ahhh . . ." when the audience is drawn into the multi-layered dimensions of the music's pleasing ebb and flow, so are the viewers of Ms. Hunting's art so entranced.



The Comments Book is now in the Welcome Hall just outside the sanctuary doors.

-Peggy Olsen

# Musical Offerings

Want to be involved in making music during this time of shelter-in-place? We have a few options for you!

Our Adult Community Choir is open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike, to explore singing together. As an ensemble, we prepare special music for various Sunday services per month. This month we are singing "The Parting Song," and "We Are Not Alone" for online services. We meet **every Monday from 5:30-7 p.m. and every Thursday from 7-9 p.m.**



This month we will be meeting via **Zoom** for rehearsals. No experience nor commitment necessary! We will hold our final choir rehearsal on Thursday, June 18, with a Zoom hangout.



Our Children's Choir is also open to all children. While it is geared towards children in 1st-5th grades, all are welcome. This month we are singing "Go On Your Way In Peace" for June 21. If you are interested in having your child sing along on this song, contact me today.

Finally, if you are looking to just join other voices in a cacophonous karaoke style sing-along, then you are in for a treat. Sing Along with Shawn will be available in a fun, interactive manner via Zoom and YouTube. We will meet on **Wednesday 10th from 5:30-7:00.**



All music meetings will convene via this Zoom link: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/8287611715>

Or iPhone one-tap (US

Toll): +16699006833,8287611715# or +13462487799,8287611715#

Or Telephone: Dial: +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll)

**Meeting ID:** 828 761 1715

Password: music (case sensitive)

Unfortunately our other ensembles will be on hold until we can resume in person. However, if you like to sing or play an instrument and are willing to try some technological experiments, I am open to hearing from you.

Finally, if you have other ways you wish to contribute to the music here at UUCMP, just let me know! [music@uucmp.org](mailto:music@uucmp.org)

— Camille Hatton

## Men's Breakfast Group

### Not meeting in June



We hope to resume the group some time in the coming months. Please send an email to Marsh Pitman with your current phone number. so I can check in with you. Please take care of yourselves.

— Marsh Pitman

## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

### Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

We welcome all women to our twice monthly meetings—the second and fourth Thursdays from 2-3:30 p.m. Because of the current shelter-in-place restrictions, we're attempting to meet via Zoom. We plan to hold the following discussions in June:

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Miller will lead our discussion of "Constitutional Amendments—What's Hot and What's Not."

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, Diana Martinetto will lead our discussion of "Dying, Death and Sometimes Back."

Watch for the emailed notices for these events. They will contain the Zoom link and password.

— Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WORSHIP ASSOCIATES!

We need talented, dedicated UUs who want to contribute to the quality of our worship services. Worship Associates support all Sunday services and sometimes provide leadership at those services as well. If you think you'd like to try your hand at this vital part of church life, please contact the ministers.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday Night at the Movies will not meet in the month of June. We will resume when this situation is over or resolves itself one way or the other.

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS Will not be available in June.



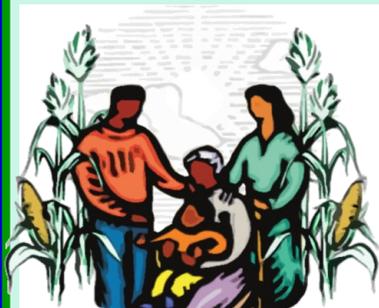
Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will not be available in June.

Janet Shing

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAYS in the Order of Service or Welcome and Announcements from the pulpit are due by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

ARTICLES for THE WEEKLY NEWS email are due by noon, Tuesdays.



## June Shared Plate Recipient

### Center for Farmworker Families

Our mission is to promote awareness about the difficult life circumstances of farmworker families while proactively inspiring improvement in binational family life both in the United States and in Mexico.

We realize this purpose by engaging in the following activities:

- 1) Promoting the educational advancement of farm workers and their family members working in agriculture, as well as family members who are living on their farms of origin in the west central Mexico countryside;
- 2) Supporting projects in both Mexico and California designed to sustainably promote financial and nutritional well-being and independence.
- 3) Examining the federal and state legal structures that govern the lives and well-being of farmworkers and promoting the changes necessary for improved livelihood and well-being.
- 4) Research and education.

More information at [farmworkerfamily.org](http://farmworkerfamily.org).

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

No groups will meet face-to-face in June. Some will meet via Zoom.

**Anti-Racism Book Group** First Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. via Zoom

**Anti-Racism Film Group** Will not meet in June.

### Men's Group Breakfast

Will not meet in June.

Contact: Marsh Pitman See page 9.

### Women's Discussion Group

Second and fourth Thursdays, 2 – 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact: Nancy Baker Jacobs. See page 9.

**T'ai Chi Chih** No meetings in June.

**Sangha** will continue via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact: Rev. Dennis Hamilton

**Friday Night at the Movies** will not meet in June. Contact: John Freeman for any questions.

### Dances of Universal Peace

Will not meet in June. Contact: Barbara Bullock-Wilson if you have any questions.



## THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

Welcoming all, we worship together with loving hearts and open minds, promoting peace, equality, and respect for the Earth. Questioning, reflecting, learning, leading ... we change ourselves as we change the world.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## COPA News

**You Are Invited to a Virtual Meeting to Learn More About COPA and Talk About the Issues Impacting Your Life and What Actions We Might Take Together To Make a Difference--  
COPA Zoom Meeting with Elaine and the New COPA Lead Organizer Arturo Aguila  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 1 PM. Please [click here to register](#) in advance for the meeting.**

You are invited to attend a Zoom meeting with Rev. Elaine and Arturo Aguila, the new lead organizer of COPA. Arturo will explain the main purposes and activities of COPA and how it complements our Unitarian Universalist values and can help us develop our self-interest in power and action AND engage in public life. Arturo will introduce house discussions about the Pandemic and other issues we are facing in our life, the lives of our family, and close friends. We will be using the zoom function to breakout into house discussions that will be lead by facilitators. Please join us.

### Exciting Changes for COPA at UUCMP

The COPA Core Team met earlier this month with Rev. Elaine. We agreed that Elizabeth Granado will join Laura Nagel as the co-chair of the Core Team. Other members of the Core Team are Rev. Craig Scott and Lauren Keenan. Also, COPA will begin meeting regularly with the Program Council starting this June.

### You Are Invited to Attend Southwest IAF Seminars on the Novel Coronavirus

The Southwest Industrial Areas Foundation under the leadership of Ernesto Cortez has been having a series of seminars on the pandemic situation. Last month there were three such seminars. Most recently on May 20<sup>th</sup> the seminar was entitled, ROADMAP TO PANDEMIC RESILIENCE: Massive Scale Testing, Tracing, and Supported Isolation (TTSI) as the Path to Pandemic Resilience for a Free Society. The presenter was DANIELLE ALLEN, James Bryant Conant University Professor and Director, of the EDMOND J. SAFRA CENTER FOR ETHICS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY with support from The Rockefeller Foundation. Click on the following link to the [report upon which the seminar was based](#) . Join UUCMP COPA News listserve to hear about webinars upcoming in June by emailing [COPA@uucmp.org](mailto:COPA@uucmp.org) .



**Report on the Outcome of the Statewide Action by California IAF on May 5<sup>th</sup> to Provide Benefits to California's poorest undocumented workers who pay State Income Taxes using an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN).**

UUCMP shared the honor of having the highest turnout from COPA on the call on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those who attended. We always have a very good turnout! It was a very successful call with over 1,000 in attendance including our own State Senator Bill Monning, but also six other key CA legislators and 10 bishops from religious denominations. COPA was among seven IAF organizations from across California who were there to encourage the Governor to do more for undocumented workers in our state. Governor Newsom had already committed \$75 million in State funds to help 150,000 undocumented workers. This gesture has received national attention and now other western states and many localities are following suit.

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