



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, April 20th 2021

from **the BOARD** room

Our church community is currently facing some **significant financial decisions** that will affect us for many years to come. The Board has

been deliberating about these issues and thinks it is essential for the congregation to know what is before us and what is at stake in the budget decisions we all will be making later this spring.

TONIGHT: Informational Meeting for FPLex Building

For ZOOM info please contact [Parish Administrator](#).
The meeting will also be recorded for later listening.

Tue, Apr 20th @ 7:30 PM = Presentation on structural building needs with our COVID Response Team and the B&G Committee



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Apr 25th

Dismantling racism, white supremacy, and other oppressions requires work at the personal and institutional levels. FPLex welcomes writer, editor, consultant and leader of the [8th Principle Project](#), **Paula Cole Jones**, as we renew our commitment to break the liberal habit of ignoring race and ethnicity.

Request ZOOM Participation link [HERE](#)
LIVE Streaming [Facebook](#) OR [YouTube](#)

Music: We celebrate the *8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism* striving to build a diverse multicultural *Beloved Community* with music inspired by this theme. **Julia Jaffe** will sing the poignant African American Spiritual "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and Paul Halley's inspirational "The Rain is Over and Gone"



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

April Theme: Becoming

"Love myself I do. Not everything, but I love the good as well as the bad. I love my crazy lifestyle, and I love my hard discipline. I love my freedom of speech and the way my eyes get dark when I'm tired. I love that I have learned to trust people with my heart, even if it will get broken. I am proud of everything that I am and will become."

— Johnny Weir

(based on the Song of Solomon). **Rip Jackson** will play African American composer Jacqueline B. Hairston's beautiful piano arrangements of the spirituals "This Little Light" and "Ain't-a That Good News." And **Paula Cole Jones** will share a beautiful video from All Souls Church, Unitarian of a group of singers singing "Spirit of Life."



THE  **th** **FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON**
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

PRINCIPLE

Workshop
Sat, Apr 24th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
with **Paula Cole Jones**

Still TIME to Register: This Saturday!

Join us for an important workshop led by Paula Cole Jones, national leader in promoting the **8th Principle!**

[REGISTER NOW](#) to receive ZOOM link!

Paula Cole Jones is the founder of ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity), a former president of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries) & an independent consultant specializing in multicultural competencies & institutional change. She is a member of All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington DC.

She will also be gracing **FPLex's Virtual Pulpit** on **Sun, Apr 25th** for the Worship Service!

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2021 Registration Information

Registration for virtual GA 2021 is **\$200** per person. Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available. General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive, and on-demand video

Pastoral Porch Visits

Rev. Anne is fully vaccinated. She is looking forward to making pastoral calls - in person! If you would like Rev. Anne to **come by your house, to visit on your porch or in your garden**, please feel free to make an appointment.

She will try to limit the number of visits per day, so as to limit any possible contagion, and we will all continue to **observe social distancing.**

Email: Minister@FPLex.org

It has been such a long time since we have been able to be in each other's presence - it will feel like such a gift to be able to be together.



Advocacy

Eight members of CAT participated in **UU Mass Action's** (UUMA) Advocacy Day and met with State **Rep. Michelle Ciccolo** on April 13. After thanking her for taking the legislative lead on reducing plastics and supporting almost all of UUMA's agenda, we asked her to consider supporting legislation ([HD 2230](#)), an act to improve outdoor and indoor air quality for frontline communities burdened by transportation pollution. UU Mass Action is modeling the proposed UU 8th principle by partnering with and taking the lead from

content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) **GA mobile app**.

- [Adult Registration](#)
- [Youth Registration](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Financial Support](#)

*frontline communities that have been most affected by systemic oppression. This week Rep. Ciccolo became a co-sponsor of HD 2230. Please send her a **NOTE** thanking her for supporting this legislation that addresses the effects of systemic oppression.*



SPOTLIGHT: Sen. Jacky Rosen Interviews Newly Appointed James Kvaal

James Kvaal (son of **Bob and Marty**), is also a product of **First Parish Sunday School**. He was Deputy Undersecretary of Education in the Obama Administration. He had his hearing before the Senate Education Committee this morning – he is nominated to be **Undersecretary of Education**. He will be the top policy person in the Biden Administration regarding all post-secondary education, such as access by people of color and limited means, the student loan program, etc. He drew praise from Democrats and Republicans alike in his very successful appearance. Watch a snippet of his interview above.

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