#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND JUNE 25-29, 2014

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

### Beyond Partisan Division – Reaching Out and In

Friday June 27 2014 10:15 am – 11:30 am Omni Narragansett C

#### **Presenters:**

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling

Rev Scott Sammler-Michael, Minister Accotink UUs Rev Nancy McDonald Ladd, Minister River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Paul Roche, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling



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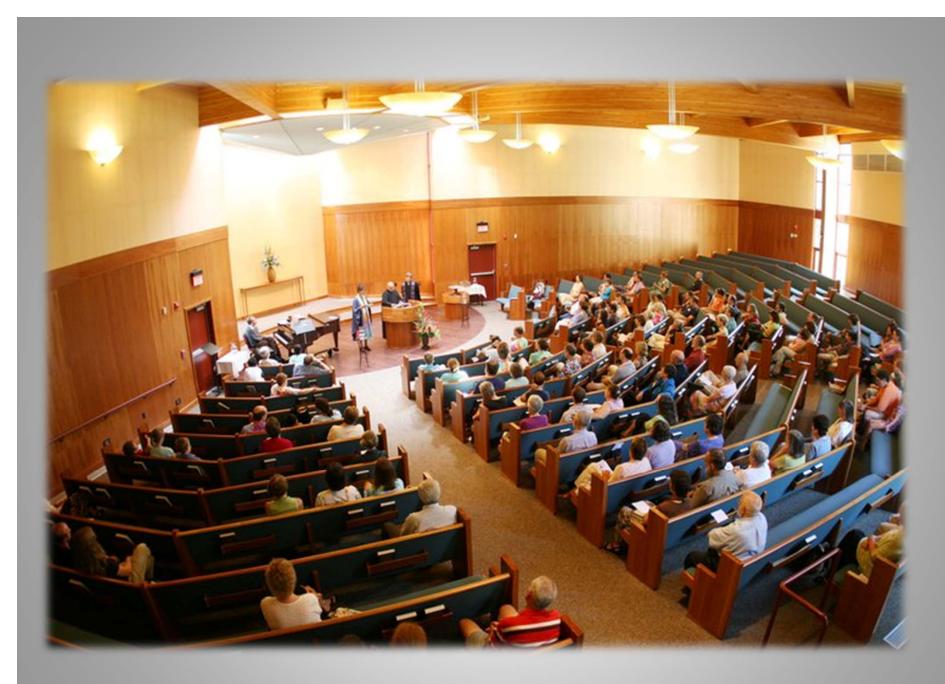
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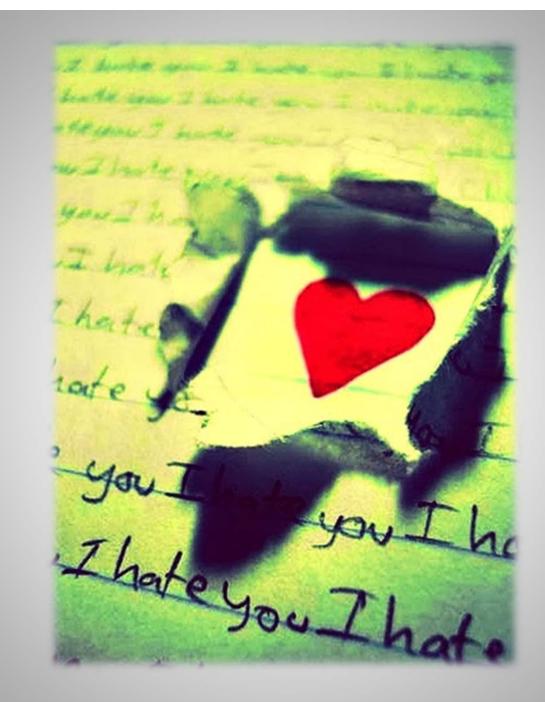
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If my congregation became a place where people across the political spectrum were welcome, I would no longer feel welcome.



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Be quick to hear and slow to speak

Respect the privacy of those who confide

Speak your truth in love

Absolutely no analogies that rely on Nazis, Fascists, or Stalinist Russia!:)

Call others, and be willing to be called, back into covenant.



https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeyondPartisanDivision/

## "Two Monologues from Anonymous Unitarian Universalists."

With Gratitude to our Actors:

Rev. David Keys

Rev. Lynn Strauss

#### **#576** A Litany of Restoration

#### by Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley

If, recognizing the interdependence of all life, we strive to build community, the strength we gather will be our salvation. If you are black and I am white,

It will not matter.

If you are female and I am male,

It will not matter.

If you are older and I am younger,

It will not matter.

If you are progressive and I am conservative,

It will not matter.

If you are straight and I am gay,

It will not matter.

If you are Christian and I am Jewish,

It will not matter.

If we join spirits as brothers and sisters, the pain of our aloneness will be lessened, and that does matter.

(Together) *In this spirit, we build community And move toward restoration.* 

**Rev Scott Reflection info** 



# "How Being Intentionally Welcoming to non-Liberals Can Save Unitarian Universalism"

Paul Roche
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Sterling VA

# **Reflection -** Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd



#### Questions and Discussion

