

# Check List

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Name of Congregation: All SOULS MIAMI

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- The congregation's Articles of Incorporation
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# UUA Membership Application

Date of application: March 9, 2015

On March 9, 2015, the All Souls Miami  
Date Name of Congregation

of Miami, Florida  
City, State

was organized with 51 charter members.  
Number

The following are the elected officers (Please print) :

President: MARGARITA SANTILER

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/  
email : \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: THERESA GoldSTEIN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/  
email : \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Umer Rahman

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/  
email : \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address of Meeting Place:**

Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center  
11155 S.W. 112 AVE.  
Miami, FL. 33176

**Official Mailing Address (will be used in UUA Directory):**

P.O. Box 960535  
Miami, FL 33296

**Name and Address of Nearby Congregations/ Ministers:**

UU CONGREGATION OF MIAMI  
7701 S.W. 76th AVE  
MIAMI, FL. 33143

Subscribing to the principles of the Association, including the stated policy of the UUA that applying congregations welcome into membership all qualified persons "without regard to race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, age, or national origin," and pledging to support the Association, it is the desire of this congregation to become a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We herein enclose with this application: 1) a list of charter members; 2) the Articles of incorporation with the appropriate dissolution clause; 3) the Bylaws of the congregation, and; 4) an initial contribution of \$ 267-, which is not less than the suggested Fair Share of the Annual Program Fund, pro-rated for the portion of the UUA fiscal year remaining as to the date of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

President or Leader	Sign Full Name & Print Last Name	Date
	Margarita Santibez	3/8/15
Secretary	Sign Full Name & Print Last Name	Date
	Theresa Goldstein	3/8/15



## Detail by Entity Name

### Florida Non Profit Corporation

ALL SOULS MIAMI, INC

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### Registered Agent Name & Address

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### Officer/Director Detail

#### **Name & Address**

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SANTILER, MARGARITA  
15951 SW 96 TERR



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13741 SW 154 STREET  
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**Annual Reports**

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**BY-LAWS  
for  
All Souls Miami Inc**

**Article One — Organization**

- 1. The name of this corporation shall be: All Souls Miami Inc.**
- 2. The organization shall have a seal in a form acceptable within the State of Florida.**
- 3. The organization may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership change its name.**

**Article Two — Purpose**

**This organization shall operate as a Church.**

**Article Three — Membership**

- 1. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to join. After a period of visiting, discernment of a person's faith and compatibility with the Spirit of What We Believe and the Principles of the UUA, they can request to become a member of All Souls Miami.**
- 2. It is especially understood that membership is open to all qualified persons regardless of race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, age, or national origin.**
- 3. Withdrawal of membership may be made by written request to the secretary of the congregation. Such a notice shall be transmitted to the Board of Directors.**

**Article Four — Denominational Affiliation**

**This church is an independent Unitarian-Universalist Church operating as an Emerging Congregation within the Unitarian Universalist Association and seeking full membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association.**

## Article Five — Meetings

1. The dates of Meetings and Worship Services for the congregation shall be determined by the congregation itself, or by any person or persons designated by it.
2. An annual business meeting shall be held each year at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
3. Special business meetings may be called at the written request of any member or as needed when determined to be in the best interest of the congregation. Proper notice shall be given to all concern. The business to be transacted at all meetings shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting.
4. Twenty (20) percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for these meetings.

## Article Six — Officers and Board of Directors

1. At each annual meeting of the Congregation, the board of Directors shall be chosen, all of whom may hold their offices for three years or until their successors have been elected and qualified, and are able to perform the duties usually pertaining to these offices. The board of directors shall be a minimum of three individuals.
2. The officers of the Corporation shall have general charge of the property of the congregation and the conduct of all its business affairs and the control of its administration. They may fill vacancies with persons who shall serve until the next annual meeting. All officers shall be voting members of the congregation. The officers by virtue of their office are members of the Board of Directors.
3. The current designated officer positions of the corporation are:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

## Article Seven — The Minister(s)

1. The minister(s) shall be responsible for the conduct of worship services for the congregation and for the congregations spiritual interest and affairs. The minister(s) shall have freedom of the pulpit as well as freedom to express his or her opinion outside the pulpit.



**The Minister(s) is a member of the congregation and is entitled to vote as such.**

**2. The minister(s) shall be a non-voting member of the governing board and of such committees as the board shall designate.**

**3. The minister(s) shall be called at the recommendation of the board of directors and a majority vote of the members of the congregation present at any meeting legally called for the purpose. A quorum for such a meeting is to be constituted by eighty percent of the voting members rather than twenty percent of the voting members as called for in Article Five.**

**4. The minister(s) may be dismissed by a majority vote of the members of the congregation present at any meeting legally called for the purpose, quorum for such a meeting to be constituted by eighty percent of the voting members rather than twenty percent of the voting members as called for in Article Five.**

**5. Should a minister offer his or her resignation, two month's notice must be given at the time the resignation is made except as the governing board may allow an interval of less time.**

#### **Article Eight — Fiscal Year**

**The fiscal year shall end December 31. Henceforth the fellowship shall be on a calendar year basis.**

#### **Article Nine — Dissolution**

**In the case of dissolution of the congregation, all of its property, real and personal, after paying all just claims upon it, shall be conveyed as required by the laws of the State of Florida, and as designated by the board of directors.**

#### **Article Ten — Amendments**

**These bylaws, so far as allowed by law, may be amended or replaced at any meeting of the congregation by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Notice of any proposed change shall be contained in the notice of the meeting.**

#### **Article Eleven — Other Operation Directives and Procedures**



**The Secretary of the Corporation shall maintain an operating and procedures manual for the specific directives and instructions necessary for the management and operation of the Corporation, its meetings, and its methods of doing business.**

Board of Trustees  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
24 Farnsworth Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

5 March, 2015

Reference: Application for Membership  
**All Souls Miami**, P.O. Box 960535, Miami, FL 33296  
<http://allsoulsmiami.org>  
Contact: The Reverend Kenneth Claus: [drkennetheclaus@gmail.com](mailto:drkennetheclaus@gmail.com)

It is with great delight I write in support of the application of All Souls — “an emerging congregation of the UUA” — to simply become fully a member of our larger ministry.



All Souls has been in the incubation stage for several years. Under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Claus — formerly a United Church of Christ minister; now an associated member of the Florida Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association — this collection of seekers has steadily transformed itself into a covenanted, sacred congregation.

Their approach to ministry is eclectic and unique. They meet monthly in a community center in southwest Miami. They identify with a traditional Unitarian Universalist Christian approach to the free faith. At present, All Souls has to be one of our most diverse congregations, including many younger families of mixed ethnicities. I like their self-description “inclusive of all, exclusive of none.”

I have been in conversation with the lay leadership and Ken Claus for over three years. They have been open to and responsive to what it means to affiliate with the Association. For the last year, they have been in deliberate discernment about their ministry and future. They have taken the time to understand Unitarian Universalism and have attended nearby cluster events to establish relations there. They now stand ready to move from being a happy collection of seekers to being a congregation with a ministry, strengthened by their connection to the larger faith. In turn, the Florida District and our Association are enriched.

I urge your positive action upon their application. Let us welcome this hearty band of inspired and inspiring people, committed to the free expression of religion in a covenanted community.

With gratitude and hope,

*Kenneth G. Hurto*

The Reverend Kenneth Gordon Hurto  
UUA Southern Region Lead Executive  
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Mr. Jim Key  
Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees  
24 Farnsworth Street  
Boston, MA 02210-1409

March 15, 2015

Dear Moderator Key and Trustees:

It is with great pleasure that I endorse the application of All Souls Miami for membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association.

All Souls is not the congregation many of us are familiar with, but it is the congregation that our association might look to, as we work to grow the rich diversity of our faith homes and our outreach to seekers of all ages and ethnicities. The congregation's membership is 90 percent Hispanic, the average age of members is 28-years-old, and there are 10-11 children every Sunday, a full 20 percent of the 50 or so members.

All Souls, which describes itself as a congregation of non-traditional, progressive Christians and others seeking spiritual growth, also is diverse in its worship style. Members embrace religious symbols and liturgy, and "there is no reason you can't have liturgy with liberal religious content," said Dr. Kenneth Claus, minister. All Souls uses the teachings of Jesus and readings from the New Testament as a springboard to explore other traditions; a typical service might include a call to worship from Buddhism, a Jewish prayer and closing words from the Sufi tradition. Dr. Claus preaches in what he describes as an evangelical style, and a rock-a-billy band keeps the energy high during worship.

The congregation has begun planning its next goal of greater community outreach. It also will be working on a covenant to go with its inclusive mission statement.

As the Southern Region of our UUA works to build stronger connections between our congregations, our efforts are enriched by All Souls Miami and we can learn much from the radical diversity this congregation has nurtured. I look forward to celebrating their membership in our association.

In faith,

Margie Manning | [margiem821@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:margiem821@tampabay.rr.com) |  
President, Florida District Board of Trustees







**First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches**  
**635 Prosperity Farms Rd.**  
**North Palm Beach, FL 33408**  
**Phone: 561-627-6105; Fax: 561-627-3454**  
**Webpage: [www.uunpb.org](http://www.uunpb.org)**

March 4, 2015

Unitarian Universalist Association  
24 Farnsworth Street  
Boston, MA 02108

Please consider this letter a recommendation for membership to the Unitarian Universalist Association of the All Souls congregation in Miami, Florida. I've worked closely with my colleague the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Claus for nearly two years. I have invited Ken to share the North Palm Beach, Florida pulpit on several occasions as he was well received and offered excellent worship services. Ken and congregational leadership reach out to colleagues regularly to offer and receive counsel or to simply stay in touch. They lead the congregation to participate in statewide justice efforts and district programs and events regularly. The congregation participates fully in district and regional life.

The congregation has experienced recent growth and is currently working to develop a religious education program for children and youth. The congregation's unique worship style, their use of resources, time, and space are innovative and seem to be meeting the unique needs of Unitarian Universalists in the Miami area. The congregation is a welcomed presence in our region and our Association and are partners in our work as the liberal voice in Southern Florida.

It is with great joy I recommend All Souls Miami for membership.

Blessings,

*Rev. CJ McGregor*

Rev. CJ McGregor  
Minister  
First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches  
North Palm Beach, Florida

Cc: Rev. Kenneth Hurto  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Claus



# All Souls Miami

Dr. Kenneth E. Claus  
Minister

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MIAMI, FL 33196

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DATE March 9 2015

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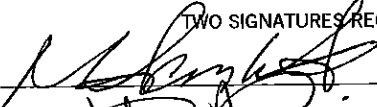

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**ALL SOULS BUDGET 2014 – 2015**

<b>RENT @ 150.00 / Sunday @ 11 mos</b>	<b>1, 650.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>MAIL BOX FEE</b>	<b>86.00</b>
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>BANK ACCT FEE @10/ mos</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>BANK CHECKS</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>COMMUNION/CANDLE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>BULLTETIN PRINTING 11 mos @ \$ 15</b>	<b>165.00</b>
<b>UUA DELEGATES FEES FALL/SPRING</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>WEB SITE ANNUAL FEE</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>NEW SIGNS</b>	<b>350.00</b>
	<b>3,806.00</b>

# *All Souls Miami*

**Dr. Kenneth E. Claus**  
Minister

**WANT ALL SOULS IN A ONE PAGE DESCRIPTION ?**

**SEE ENCLOSED ARTICLE FOUND IN OUR NORTH  
EAST FLORIDA CLUSTER NEWSLETTER.....**

**ATTACHED HERE.....**



**Northeast Breeze**  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
**of the Northeast Cluster**  
**Florida District, UUA**

**March 2015: Vol.7, No.9**

**March 21 is the date for the Northeast Cluster workshop titled “Free the Giant Within”** - hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. The workshop will prepare you to be more mindful and energetic as you plan and act for change in your church community and/or in the community beyond the church walls. [Workshop flyer attached]



*Rev. Bud Murphy*

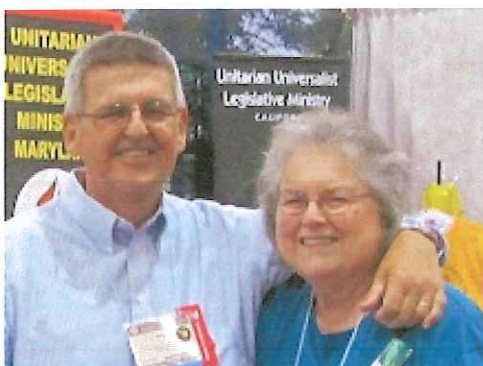
Morning facilitator Rev. Bud Murphy, professionally involved in helping individuals achieve their human potential for over 40 years, reminds us of a reading in our Living Tradition hymnal attributed to Lao-Tse, which states: “If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations.” The reading takes us to the final line which says that world peace rests on the peace in our heart.

Social Justice Empowerment is very much like world peace – it must begin in our hearts. Our morning facilitator reminds us that as we unleash empowerment in our hearts we are better able to contribute to social justice. Rev. Bud will invite you to participate in exercises that provide unique insights into what motivates you and what may be keeping you from achieving more of your potential to make a difference. We hope you will experience firsthand why previous attendees have reported that “this is an event you will remember.”



*Lois Cole*

Once your peaceful giant is unleashed and fed, the afternoon sessions offer you three opportunities for learning and doing. It would be great if your congregation sends at least three attendees so that all breakout sessions can be attended. Bob and Irene Keim, Ministry of Earth president and UUSC leaders, will share environmental resources and actions – especially the UUA program [Commit2Respond.org](http://Commit2Respond.org).



*Bob and Irene Keim*

Nancy Nordyke-Shelley, involved in the Justice for All Coalition of Central Florida, an affiliate of the STOP Mass Incarceration Network, a group that works to reduce mass incarceration and racism, will show how inequality, racial bias and mass incarceration are affecting all society. Her session will talk about her initiative or your chosen initiative and develop a way to start a first project. Lastly, Lois Cole, ministerial intern at First Unitarian of Orlando, will give attendees an opportunity to learn ways to prepare and deliver effective messages on all multiple media platforms and for different audiences.

Remember, the next coordinator will be selected at the end of the Workshop. Think about nominating yourself. We want to



## Ministry Matters

7 here are some 40-plus congregations of the UUA in Florida – and my guess is that most, if not all, draw their membership from two distinct sources. First, there are the urbanites who have moved to the Sunshine state and brought with them a well-honed and informed secular humanism or atheism; the other are refugees from a particularly virulent and judgmental form of Christian Protestantism that can especially be found in the southern region of the United States. Overwhelmingly, it seems that most of the UUA membership is white, Anglo-Saxon or Jewish in ethnic identity, educated and suspicious of “liturgy,” anything that even remotely appears Christian and likes their “religion” intellectual. The UUA membership in Florida is not noted for being populated with lots of people under 40, let alone under 25.

Unless, of course, one considers a new interloper, eight years old, young (average age 28) and 90% Hispanic, celebrates “Communion” every time they gather, with a rambunctious country/rock band and often has a Zumba class one-half hour before worship...so people can put body, mind, exercise and spirituality together. Sermons are not lectures, but more “evangelical” in delivery. The content is decidedly not, however. And this is in the UUA. In Florida. In Miami. Particularly, All Souls Miami.

Some observations. The UUA has been “on” about growth and expanding to include more than just its “base”...mentioned above. Yet, if the UUA is going to do this, then it seems there needs to be a serious examination of what others prefer, naturally, for instance, in their worship. Hispanics, as a rule, love music, motion, action, loudness, excitement and vigor – a far cry from the staid worship patterns of the meeting house in New England – or elsewhere. Hispanics do not distrust “liturgy” or religious symbols and the ones I know genuinely want Communion regularly.

What many do not want, however, is the rigidity of either Roman Catholicism or its opposite side of the same coin – rigidity...Pentecostal and Evangelical Protestantism. Into this comes Unitarian theological and liturgical insight. And flexibility. And appreciation of freedom of thought. And democracy and.....

All Souls Miami started because some students and their families wanted to “have a church” but one that was informed not by inflexible doctrine but an openness of spirit and inquiry. One that had a liturgy ...but the content of which was not “orthodox” – and Communion, but in line of a symbolic meal. These early founders wanted to see Jesus as a teacher not as a divine being and they openly enjoyed insights from other religions. Members today continue this with an interesting mix of a Buddhist lesbian congregation president and a Muslim treasurer, atheist faculty members, and some refugees from other churches. Most are of Hispanic origin.

Sounds like classic Unitarian thought...except there is a Service of Word and Sacrament – and this is “done” with loudness, vigor, excitement and rambunctiousness – and other high-churchy elements in form, but liberal in substance, style and attitudes. This is not for everyone. The congregation is small...38 or so members. It is possibly going to start a religious education program as there are now parents with young children, too. If this goes, they will significantly increase the membership and Sunday morning with kids all over the place.

All Souls rents...from the Jewish Community Center. It meets once a month. Again, it is not for everyone. The first worship in 2015 had readings from Lee Ann Womack, the Book of Ecclesiastes and a prayer for peace by an early 20th century Sufi poet. This is considered normal by the congregation. It is obviously not for everyone. But for a few, it is a light, a well, and path to help process “that strange mixed affair we call life.”

The future will be interesting. The church...yes, it considers itself a “Christian” church...will need to expand its budget and be prepared to move beyond its founding minister at some point. Whatever the future holds though, at the present it offers an option to both the Miami community and as a template to the UUA as well. We have within the UUA a theology about Jesus, about Communion as a welcoming meal and an openness to all religions. All Souls Miami suggests these can be combined with delightfully pleasing, if loud and rambunctious, results.

- Dr. Kenneth Claus, minister, All Souls Miami

*All Souls Miami*

Dr. Kenneth E. Claus  
Minister

FROM OUR WEB SITE

[www.allsoulsmiami.org](http://www.allsoulsmiami.org)

WHAT WE BELIEVE



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## What We Believe (/what-we-believe)

Because of our liberal Christian theology, All Souls Miami appeals to those with religious questions and spiritual longings who cannot accept the belief systems central to much of “traditional” Christianity. We draw those who can no longer recite ancient creeds or those for whom such creeds no longer express their faith. We attract those hurt by other churches where there seems to be more judgment than acceptance. But what is liberal theology? Here are some central affirmations at the heart of All Souls Miami.



### Our General Approach to Religion

- 1. We affirm free thought.** All church members can believe what their consciences, minds, experiences and emotions lead them to affirm. The minister at All Souls Miami simply shares from the pulpit his own faith understandings, hoping that helps others on their faith journeys.
- 2. We affirm a fundamental unity of experience.** There is no intrinsic conflict between faith and knowledge, religion and the world, sacred and secular. Rather than seeing culture, especially science and the arts, as a threat to religious faith, liberal Christians understand their faith with reference to their experience within contemporary culture.
- 3. We define ourselves as a community of seekers.** We want to be a house of truth-seeking for those with searching minds and hearts. We find more value in questions than in absolute answers. We are not afraid of doubt.
- 4. We respect the human mind and its thought processes.** This is a church where you don't have to check your mind at the door. You are encouraged to think for yourself.
- 5. We do not limit the quest for religious truth to the intellect.** We are a community of yearning spirits crying out for experience. Our focus on reason is balanced by a conviction that our hearts and souls must be fed along with our minds.
- 6. We celebrate and respect the religions of every age and culture.** There is wisdom in all the world's living faiths. We recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm and we acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us.
- 7. We affirm the worth and dignity of every human being.** All people have equal claim to life, liberty and justice. So our faith community welcomes men, women and transgender people of all races, backgrounds, classes, abilities, and sexual orientations. Acknowledging the reality of sin and failure, we affirm the goodness and potential in everyone.
- 8. Most of us see the Bible as a collection of helpful ancient human reflections about**

**God and the meaning of life.** The biblical narratives arose from a particular group of Middle Eastern people who were seeking meaning in their journey through life. For many of us at All Souls Miami, the Bible is not literally God's word as it is a collection of human words, many divinely inspired, with the potential to liberate and propel us on a wondrous excursion of exploration.

**9. The historical Jesus opens for us a pathway to God.** Jesus, a Palestinian peasant teacher, began a reform movement within Judaism. His life and teachings offered hope and transformation to those at the bottom of society. To some at All Souls Miami, Jesus is a divine figure sent from God to pay for the sins of a fallen humanity, but for others, it is a human Jesus who serves as an inspiration and role model. Either way, for liberal Christians, Jesus opens a pathway to God which becomes for us a mirror into our own human potential and a window into God's love.

**10. We understand God in various ways, but affirm in common that God's presence, filled with unconditional love, is everywhere.** Some may believe in the traditional definition of God, for others at All Souls Miami, God is a life force, a divine spirit that can be experienced by everyone. Forrest Church, the Senior Minister of All Souls Church in New York City, speaks for many liberal Christians: "God is our name for that which is greater than all, yet present in each. God is the mystery that looms within and arches beyond the limits of my being."

**11. Liberal Christians want to create communities of faith where people care deeply for one another and seek to help heal a wounded world.** In liberal Christianity, religion is more about relationships than commandments, and communities of faith affirm relationships where we nurture and sustain one another in difficult moments, where we encourage one another on our spiritual journeys and where we work together to create a better world.

Most of those who attend services at All Souls Miami probably accept the majority of the affirmations found above. But because of our respect for free thought, many members may reject a few of the affirmations. But the eleven affirmations at least offer a picture of the kind of theology at the heart of our liberal congregation.

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# *All Souls Miami*

**Dr. Kenneth E. Claus**  
Minister

## **ALL SOULS SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETINS**

**---- SOME EXAMPLES**

ALL SOULS MIAMI

11 A.M.

MARCH 8, 2015

MUSIC: JAY VALOR BAND

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ( *a time for preparing spiritually* )

CALL TO WORSHIP:

V. Eternal Source of good...we thank You for the numberless gifts of blessings that fill our days: for life itself and its endless variety.

R. FOR ALL THAT SUSTAINS BODY AND MIND; FOR LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE DELIGHTS OF THE SENSES....

V. For your teachings that deepen our life and enrich our days;

R. HELP US TO WORK FOR A JUST AND COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY WHERE ALL MAY SHARE YOUR GIFTS OF JOY AND FREEDOM.

( Reform (Jewish) prayers for Shabbat )

MORNING PRAYER SAID BY ALL:

O One, Who is the Perfection of Love, Harmony, and Beauty, open our hearts, that we may hear your Voice, which constantly comes from within. Disclose to us your Divine Light, which is hidden in our souls, that we may know and understand life better. Most Merciful and Compassionate, give us your great Goodness; teach us your loving Forgiveness; raise us above the distinctions and differences which divide us; send us the Peace of your Divine Spirit, And unite us all in your Perfect Being. Amen.

( Inayat Kahn ... Muslim...Sufi mystic )

SPECIAL MUSIC



ALL SOULS MIAMI

11 A.M.

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

MUSIC: JAY VALOR BAND

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ( *a time for preparing spiritually* )

CALL TO WORSHIP:

V. There can be

R. NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY'S SOULS THAN THE WAY IN WHICH IT TREATS ITS CHILDREN. Nelson Mandela

V. I have a dream one day that my children will live in a nation where they...

R. WILL NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN BUT BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER..... M.L. King

V. The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grand children is not money ...or.....

R. MATERIAL THINGS ACCUMULATED IN ONE'S LIFE, BUT RATHER A LEGACY OF CHARACTER AND FAITH. Billy Graham

MORNING PRAYER SAID BY ALL:

KEEP EVER BEFORE US, WE PRAY, THE VALUE, THE CARE AND THE NUTURING OF CHILDREN, ALL THE CHILDREN, NOT ONLY THOSE WE LOVE, BUT, THOSE FOR WHOM WE HAVE A MORAL AND FAITHFUL RESPONSIBILITY.

AND SURPRISE US THAT CHILD LIKE THINGS OFTEN BRING US CLOSER TO YOU AND EACH OTHER. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jay Valor Band

SECULAR READING: *Children's Letters To God*

RESPONSIVE READING: *"Lining Out" Winnie the Pooh, Shel Silverstein et al*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 19: 13 - 15

11 A.M.

JANUARY 11, 2015

MUSIC: JAY VALOR BAND

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ( *a time for preparing spiritually* )

CALL TO WORSHIP: Lee Ann Womack

V. I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,  
R. *You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,*  
V. May you never take one single breath for granted,  
R. *GOD forbid love ever leave you empty handed,*  
V. I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,  
R. *Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,*  
V. Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,  
R. *And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.*

ALL: I HOPE YOU DANCE.....I HOPE YOU DANCE.

MORNING PRAYER: by Sufi Inayat Khan

Send Your peace that our souls may radiate peace.  
Send Your peace that we may think, act and speak harmoniously.  
Send Your peace that we may be grateful  
and thankful for the good there is in life.  
Send Your peace that amidst our worldly strife  
we can move to end strife between all peoples everywhere.  
Send Your peace that we may endure and seek friendship with  
all in the spirit of Your grace and mercy.  
Send Your peace, that our lives may become a divine vision  
and in Your light all darkness may vanish.  
Send Your peace that we Your children may all unite in one family.  
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

RESPONSIVE READING: Lee Ann Womack

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
Livin' might mean takin' chances but they're worth takin',  
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth makin',



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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

ENCLOSED HERE PLEASE SEE 3 EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS  
THAT WERE WRITTEN FOR ALL SOULS, BY ME, TO FULLFIL  
THE NEED FOR SUCH PRAYERS IN A SETTING LIKE OURS.

ALL 3 WERE PUBLISHED BY THE UUCF, OF WHICH I AM A  
BOARD MEMBER.

ALL 3 ARE NOW INCLUDED IN THE NEWLY REVAMPED UUA  
WEB SITE.

( SEE: AUTHOR: KENNETH CLAUS; 3<sup>RD</sup> PRINCIPLE )

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER " A "**

**O One, for whom words to describe are always inadequate, we give thanks that You may be often found in the most common, the most basic of human experience.**

**Particularly we give thanks for the common meal...that which has sustained us as individuals, as families and as faith communities.**

**Among the many who exemplify Your Presence, we give thanks for Jesus, of Nazareth, who used the meal to gather all kinds of people to become One in You and You in them.**

**On the night of his betrayal, Jesus used the meal to share of himself and You...asking that as we break common bread and share a common cup we experience an uncommon Oneness.**

**We ask that in this meal, we again experience what this Jesus would have of us all.....a sense of You that unites us in faith, hope, peace and blessing ....with You and with each other.....**

**May we remember those who cannot be with us, both near and far, and those who remain on another shore but who, too, have rejoiced at the power of healing and love that comes from bread and cup.**

**Bless us we pray, as we go on our separate ways, reminding us that in all, through all, You remain Present.....Amen.**

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR ALL THAT IS GOOD, AND KIND AND JUST. FOR THE ALL THE WONDERS OF NATURE THAT SPEAK OF YOUR CONTINUING DIVINE PRESENCE: THE SUN RISE AND SUN SET, THE RAINBOW, THE WATERFALL, THE ROARING OCEAN AND THE QUIET STREAM, THE MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN PEAK AND THE SERENE DESERET.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR PEOPLE, WHO, THROUGHOUT HISTORY, HAVE HAD PROFOUND AND SIMPLY STATED INSIGHT INTO YOUR PRESENCE IN ALL THAT IS AROUND US. WE GIVE THANKS, TOO, FOR ARTISTS, POETS, MUSICIANS, PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS, DIFFERENT CULTURES, DIFFERENT TIMES AND DIFFERENT PLACES... EACH HAS HELPED US TO AFFIRM, THAT BIDDEN OR NOT, YOU ARE WITH US—EVEN IN TIMES OF DEEPEST DARKNESS AND DOUBT.

WE GIVE THANKS THAT IN A PARTICULAR TIME AND PLACE JESUS WAS BORN AND LIVED AMONG US AND SPOKE TO US IN WAYS THAT AGAIN AFFIRMED YOUR PRESENCE . JESUS' WORDS, HIS LIFE AND HIS MINISTRY GAVE US INSIGHT AS TO WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE CAN BE AND HOW WE CAN LIVE LIFE IN YOUR IMAGE.

WHEN HE FACED DEATH, HE REMINDED US THAT THOUGH WE WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, WE NEVER WALK ALONE. DURING HIS LAST MEAL, HE GAVE US A CONTINING MEMORIAL :

FOR ON THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED, HE TOOK BREAD, BLESSED AND BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID: "TAKE AND EAT, THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU." HE ALSO TOOK A CUP AND SAID: "AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK THIS, DRINK THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

IN THE COMPANY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, PROPHETS AND APOSTLES, DISCIPLES AND MARTYRS, MEN AND WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, PEOPLE OF PROFOUND FAITH AND PROFOUND DOUBT, WE NOW SHARE THIS BREAD AND THIS CUP, IN THE AFFIRMATION THAT THE CONTINUNG SPIRIT OF THE JESUS WILL MAKE US ALL... ONE IN YOU ...AND ...YOU IN US ...IN HIS NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER " C " THE DIDACHE\* ....RE IMAGED .**

**O God, we give thanks this day and every day for all you have made known to us through the life of Jesus.**

**Glory to you throughout the ages.**

**We give thanks for all the knowledge, faith and hope that is implanted in our hearts by the teachings of Jesus, who you sent to us, and spiritually remains with us today.**

**Glory to you O God, through the ages.**

**You have created everything, O God, implanting within us a sense of the Divine. You have given all sustenance, food and drink, to remind us to give thanks for all that is good in life. You have also given us spiritual food and drink to remind us of the promise and power of your Divine love, for which we give thanks this day and every day.**

**Glory to you O God through the ages.**

**As this bread is made from ingredients that must be gathered together from different places and sources, so too may your church be gathered from all peoples and places to become One, One in you and you in them.**

**Deliver those gathered in Your Name from all evil and teach us to love each other and to build a church that becomes the holy and sacred community you wish for all.**

**Come again, Jesus, .... bring us closer to God.**

**Come again, Jesus, .... instill in us justice and compassion .....**

**Come again, Jesus, to nurture hope and faith in you, for all, always .**

**Come again, Jesus ..... come again ..... Amen.**

*The Didache ( "The Teaching" )\* is dated to about 100 C.E. and may have come from the community that produced what is now called the Gospel of Matthew. In it is our first "Communion" service. When sharing this with my students, several noted that it portrayed Jesus as a teacher. I smiled.*

*\* "Teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles (or Nations) by the Twelve Apostles"*

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