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## **OVERCOMING OUR RACISM—DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUDING CELEBRATION** *by Nancy Cook*

Three congregants from All Peoples UCC—Kathi Bumblis, Nancy Cook, and Laurie Power—have attended weekly discussions in Bend of the book *Overcoming Our Racism: Journey to Liberation* by Derald Wing Sue. Several community organizations joined the COCC and OSU Cascades campuses (<http://www.cocc.edu/mcc-events/>) in a study of Sue's book. The conversations spanned a period of six weeks from mid-January through late February.

Sue's book takes to task "white folks" for their racist attitudes and support of culture and institutions which continue to keep people of color in inferior positions. Group

discussions have centered on members' feelings about the book and personal experiences with people of color and racism.

As the discussion groups are concluding, COCC and OSU Cascades and co-sponsors Building Common Ground and the Social Justice Center invite all community members whether they have attended the discussions or not to a celebration: A Community United Against Racism, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on March 4. This event will be held in Wille Hall, Campus Center, Central Oregon Community College, Bend Campus. The goals of the celebration are

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to explore continuing the community conversations, inspire activism, discuss further steps in moving to a more just society, plan future social multicultural events, and decide how to continue educating the community and ourselves about racism.

### **JERICHO TABLE— A MOVABLE FEAST ONCE MORE**

Beginning March 2nd, Jericho Table will be changing locations to 205 NW 4th Street, Redmond OR, at the Church of God Seventh Day. I will try to point out some of the main points that we went over at our meeting last week about the change of location.

First of all, whatever “group” working the dinner that particular night, will “open” the facility (not the coordinator) if it is not already open by the “coffee starters” at 4:30. Someone should be there to start the coffee at 4:00, as the coffee maker at this facility is very slow. The lockbox is located by the south set of front doors, and the code is #9045.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**



For the first time in 14 years, this newsletter is very, very short!

Your editor and her partner are busy recovering from a highway event that tore up parts of the motorhome.

When a rear tire attacks the underside of a motorhome with flailing steel belts, there is a lot of damage to repair. So, with sincere apologies, we are publishing just the APUCC information that seems important for the

month of March. Please know that we are unhurt and safe after some rather stressful events. Be well, continue to be the loving congregation to each other and the community at large.

While the Group is busy getting supplies out and set up, the “coordinator” will be picking up the food at Tate and Tate, and should arrive at the church at around 4:45 if not sooner. There should be a designated parking spot right outside the north

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side doors for the coordinator to park, so as to easily get the food in and out of the building.

The supplies are all located in the hallway at the back of the dining room, and labeled quite nicely to find what is needed. If more chairs are needed, there are some in the adjoining classroom, but there should be enough seating for 52 people at one time. There is also a special little table for small children to sit at. Coffee and water should be set out at the table just inside the entry door. As before, we will begin serving at 5:00, and forgive me :) but I am not sure, but I think we quit serving at 6, but we are not under the gun to get out by 6 as before. As we do now, the Coordinator will pick up the food, as well, as return the unwashed containers to Tate and Tate.

They are working on getting us “freezer space” for ice in the fridge.

The GARBAGE key is back by the cupboards in that back door hall, on the left, almost too high for short people :)) to reach back door. Take the garbage out the back door (being sure to UNLOCK the door first), down the path, and the recycle bin, and the

garbage bin are right outside the fence. Be sure to LOCK the back door when back inside.

There is parking for us on the street as well as in a parking lot on the south side of the church.

Just in case someone inquires—on Tuesdays John will be providing Dog/Cat food, as well as extra survival supplies such as sleeping bags, tents, etc. Thursdays he takes care of Gas cards. On Thursdays, also, showers will start in April out in the back parking lot; there will be no parking for us back there on Thursdays (which our group does not to worry about anyway).

The County Health Dept. hopes to start once-a-month counseling as well as vaccinations... we’ll keep you posted on that! They will be doing that most likely in one of the classrooms off of the main dining room.

We will wipe the table clothes (plastic) off, and clean up as usual... check the bathrooms, and empty the small wastebaskets into the main garbage that goes out.

I think that is it :). It should be a lot easier and relaxed at this new location! Melanie

## **SOCIAL-MEDIA WORKSHOP BEAMED TO DAVID AND NANCY COOK'S LIVING ROOM. YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Local Church Ministries team of the Central Pacific Conference is sponsoring a social media for churches workshop, on March 7th. The Cedar Hills UCC church in the Portland area is hosting the meet. True to the intent of the workshop, social media will make it possible to share the workshop with Central Oregon through streaming live over the internet! This is an important opportunity for All Peoples congregation!

**(SEE ATTACHED FLIER)**

Nancy Cook has volunteered to serve as our UCC connection to the workshop. Her living room will be the venue where as many APUCCers as possible can gather to see the proceedings on her large screen...FREE!

Sit in on this gathering on March 7th. Then, the next time discussions of social media come up in church, you may not feel uncertain due to lack of information about the applications. Perhaps a glimmer of understanding about the value of using one of these computer programs to strengthen our congregation will result from attending.

### **About the guest presenter:**

Bruce Reyes-Chow is a San Francisco-based writer, speaker, coach, pastor and technology enthusiast who speaks and teaches on faith, race, parenting and technology in a variety of contexts from seminaries to pre-schools.

Bruce has been a Presbyterian pastor for nearly 20 years. He founded Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco, a church of young, multicultural and progressive Presbyterians. In 2008, he was the youngest person ever elected as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the highest elected office of the 1.8 million-member denomination.

Bruce is a Senior Consultant with the Center of Progressive Renewal. He is the author of two books, *The Definitive-ish Guide for Using Social Media in the Church* (2012) and *But I Don't See You as Asian: Curating Conversations About Race* (2013)

## **WORSHIP ALTAR'S NEW LOOK!**

Thanks to volunteers Liz Douville and Laurie Power, our worship center promises to be a more gracious focus of attention. The plan is to make sure that we have flowers there every worship day. As our friends at Bloom in the Desert Ministries in Palm Springs note... the flowers are “to the glory of God” and may be dedicated to the memory of someone special.

If you wish to contribute, be sure to sign up with Liz or Laurie for your Sunday. Either potted plants or bouquets are welcome!

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**See You at Dawg House II**—The last Monday of the month, March 30, APUCC friends gather for fun and supper at Redmond’s Dawg House II restaurant, 507 SW 8th St, in Redmond at 6 p.m. Servers at Jericho Table will join us as soon as possible.

**Mission giving** in February came from two sources. Church budget: The Bethlehem Inn—\$125 and Jericho Road—\$50.

Congregant donations: St. Vincent de Paul in Bend (\$60) and in Redmond (\$30), Jericho Road (\$35).

**REMINDER**— This month is the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, a national fund-raising effort of the UCC. It is one of 5 such offerings collected every year. All Peoples has participated in each of the five, every year. Please contribute whatever you can.

## **ALL PEOPLES VOLUNTEERISM**

**Special Thanks to Jericho Table’s March volunteers.** They are:

Mar. 9th— Rich and Kathi Bumblis, Nancy and David Cook and Melanie Feilzer our Jericho Table service coordinator!

Mar. 16th—Liz Douville, Laurie Power, Gerry Soto and Melanie Feilzer

Mar. 23rd—Fran Davis, Thom Larson, Gloria Olson and Melanie Feilzer

Mar. 30th—Fran Davis, Liz Douville and Melanie Feilzer

**Volunteer alert**—One more person would round out the serving crew for the 30th. See Melanie if you can step up.

Thanks ahead of time to all of our servers!



## MARCH WORSHIP PLANS

All Peoples UCC meets to worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study meets from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Worship will be in Redmond at St. Charles Hospital's Juniper Room.

### FINDING ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL IN REDMOND

- **From the north**—From Hwy 97 reroute in Redmond, right on Larch; first left on Canal, right on Kingwood, 3rd right into parking lot.
- **From the south**—coming north on the Redmond Hwy 97 reroute, exit left at Glacier, right on 5th north through downtown to Kingwood, right on Kingwood, go 1.75 blocks, and turn left into the hospital parking lot.
- **From west** on Hwy 126, left on 5th and follow southside directions to hospital.
- **Finding the Juniper Room**—Enter at the main entrance or the next door on the left. Go left to the end of the hall and then right to the first room on left, opposite the rest rooms.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**March 1st**—11 a.m. Worship—Nancy Cook  
10 a.m. Laurie Power leading.

Discuss Chaps. 9 & 10 *Convictions*  
by Marcus Borg

### **March 15th**—

11 a.m. Worship Leaders—Kathi Bumblis  
and Milly Whatley

10 a.m. Discussion of Chapt. 11 of  
*Convictions*—by Marcus Borg.

This will complete our reading and lively discussions of the Borg book. Watch for information about our next reading and discussion selection.

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