

# One Island Family January 13, 2021 Weekly E-letter

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Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

All One Island Family activities and events at the Fellowship Hall can be viewed at the following link: [calendar](#)

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**ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES BY ZOOM JANUARY 2021:**  
**LOOK FOR YOUR OIF zoom invitation each Friday for our Sunday Zoom services.**

**SUNDAY, January 17- Heidi Golightly "Kindness Matters--a look at Keys to Be the Change"**

The zoom recording of our OIF zoom service on Sunday January 10, Grant Couch, "What is your Original Race" is available at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/xq4FnOOO0kHms3MsN2SfSuPrdmPaiHa3jQeKp6v12gpZYekhKoA4jwVGn9wyRtSDOIETauKp\\_s0Zuu4r.reFm3urg9pUSJaoj?autoplay=true&startTime=1610296207000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/xq4FnOOO0kHms3MsN2SfSuPrdmPaiHa3jQeKp6v12gpZYekhKoA4jwVGn9wyRtSDOIETauKp_s0Zuu4r.reFm3urg9pUSJaoj?autoplay=true&startTime=1610296207000)

Our special thanks to Grant Couch for this thoughtful and stimulating presentation about racism from his perspective as a Zen sensei and board member of Zen Peacemakers. Thanks also to Nancy 3. Hoffman for providing music and special zoom features, and to Astoria Nickerson choosing the powerful 1993 inaugural poem by Maya Angelou "[On the Pulse of Morning](#)".

**Election of Officers** On February 7, 2021, we will hold our annual meeting. The agenda includes, among other items, the election of a new slate of officers. The officers to be elected are the president, president, secretary, treasurer and a director at large. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to discuss the responsibilities of the office. The members of the nominating committee are: Toby Armour ([tobyarmour@att.net](mailto:tobyarmour@att.net)), Clare Angermann ([claresunshine@aol.com](mailto:claresunshine@aol.com)) & Liz Levi ([eleastman7@gmail.com](mailto:eleastman7@gmail.com)).

**A wonderful tribute to our long time member Bob Richardson**, as published in the Books and Books January Newsletter: <https://booksandbookskw.com/those-weve-lost/>

**COMMUNITY NEWS: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS- "Unsung Heroes"** Virtual Celebration- Friday, February 5 at 12 noon will recognize our One Island Family unsung hero for 2020, AMELIA HANLEY. Event will be livestreamed on CFFK.org and on Facebook. No need to RSVP. **Join us in honoring Amelia!** [CFFK's 2021 Unsung Heroes Virtual Celebration -- Join the Party! - YouTube](#)

**Virtual "ANNUAL MLK BREAKFAST MEMORIAL" Monday, January 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. by Zoom. Guest speaker will be Bishop Anne Byfield, 135th Bishop of the AME Church. This event raises money for local educational scholarships here in Key West.** The Interfaith Ministerial Alliance of Key West is hosting its annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Memorial online this year due to COVID restrictions. This annual event helps raise thousands of dollars that are awarded to high school graduates heading off to college. These funds are kept local and serve a great purpose towards educational needs inspiring our young future leaders in the spirit of Dr. King. This year's event is a donation style where we ask you to purchase your ticket for whatever donation amount you are able to contribute. We are extremely grateful for your contributions towards this cause. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-breakfast-memorial-scholarship-fundraiser-tickets-128659296419?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NEWS-** EMAIL FROM DEBBY PALMISANO: Hi Everyone, My New Year's resolution is to look for and foster hope. So I'm looking for ways to do that.

Spring Creek Project was referenced in Braiding Sweetgrass. Some of you have read the book and some of you will (I hope). Spring Creek Project is affiliated with Oregon State University, offers writing seminars and, I believe Robin Wall Kimmerer took part in one of these seminars. I signed up for the newsletter, which is below. The current newsletter details a series on environmental issues that will be offered each Tuesday beginning next week and ending sometime in March. Of course it is on Zoom. And given that it originates in Oregon it doesn't start till 9:00 PM eastern time, which may present a bit of a problem for me! But I have signed up for the first lecture.

I hope you'll take a look at what they have to offer and maybe also signed up.

In case you're interested in knowing more about Spring Creek Project here's the link: <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/centers-and-initiatives/spring-creek-project>

**SHARING FROM JIM SMITH, Opening Words from Key West Sunrise Rotarians:**

**PART I:** From the book "And the People stayed Home" by Kitty O'Meara:

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some played, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed and people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed

**PART II:** In March 2013, John Sweeney launched a Facebook page called “Suspended Coffees”. It’s one of many spontaneous responses to the economic hardships posed by COVID-19.

Two people went into a coffee shop and ordered “Five coffees, please. Two for us and three hanging.”

They paid, took their two coffees and left.

I asked the waiter “What’s this about hanging coffees?” He said “Wait, you’ll see.”

The next order from 3 women was for 7 coffees ... 3 for them and 4 hanging.

I still wondered what was the meaning of the hanging coffees?

Then a man dressed in worn clothes who looked homeless came in and asked

“Do you have a coffee hanging?” “Yes, we do, sir.”

They served him a coffee and I got my answer.

People pay in advance for coffee that will be served to whoever can’t afford a hot drink.

It started in Naples, Italy, and spread through the world’s cities and towns.

In addition to “hanging coffees” it is possible to order a sandwich or low-cost meal.

Wouldn’t it be great if everyone started doing this where we live?

Small kindnesses like this can impact so many lives, in ways we could never imagine.

Maybe we should all try it.

**President Trump - attack on U.S. Capital.** I want to pass along the following statements by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters just in case you haven't seen them already. We all hear commentators and politicians assessing the degree of seriousness of the attack on the U.S. Capitol. I think to have the nonpartisan League of Women Voters issue the below statement tells us how extremely serious we should consider the Presidents actions leading up to the attack and his inaction after the attack.

**Link to statement:** <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-united-states-calls-immediate-removal-president-donald>

**New Day Rising National Conference 2021**  
**Saturday, February 27, 2021, 12:00 – 9:00 pm EST**



Is your congregation ready to take a new step in changing white supremacy culture? Want to learn what your fellow congregations are working on, and how you might apply it at home?

Join a continent of UUs as we explore next steps in creating Beloved UU Communities.

### **On Your Own:**

Watch compelling video TED-talk style testimonials from selected congregations around the continent sharing their learnings, hopes and next steps in their quest for racial equity in their congregations

### **Together on February 27:**

- Worship ~ Workshops ~ Caucusing (*With plenty of breaks!*)
- 9a-6p Pacific/10a-7p Mountain/11a-8p Central/12n-9p Eastern

[Register Today!](https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/mf5qtv1163h30/) (<https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/mf5qtv1163h30/>)

***Please note: youth participants must have permission forms signed before they can attend.***

Cost will be a sliding scale fee of your choosing: \$20/30/40/50. Registration fees are on a sliding scale, based on your assessment of your ability to pay. Those who pay at the two highest levels are making a donation to help those in financial need for this event. Please remember that for a sliding scale to work, we need the same number of people with means to generously pay more to balance the needs of those who can afford less. (This is one way we try to build the Beloved Community!) If you are part of a congregational team of three or more, please pay the lowest fee.

This event is brought to you by your Unitarian Universalist Association. We hope to see you on February 27th!

