# Live Oak UU News

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# Sunday, July 12: Worship & Fellowship

This month's service, led by Richard Stromer and Kate Hand, explores "What Matters Most" in our lives and in the life of this community.

This service marks the beginning of including our children in the service, for a children's story at the start of the hour (see story below).

The choir will be joined by Mike Dwyer on drums and Joe

Cristofalo on guitar. The service promises to be lively and moving.

If you've been thinking of introducing a friend to the Live Oak community, invite them along, and join us for the service at 4:00 p.m. and the potluck supper after.

The Home of Truth is at 1300 Grand St., Alameda (on the corner of Grand & Alameda). Please be



Richard Stromer introducing the Embracing Meditation.

sure to allow time to find us and to find parking.

#### **NEW: Children (K-12) Will Join Us in the Sanctuary**

Starting Sunday, July 12, we invite children and youth (Kindergarten & up) to join the adults in the



sanctuary for the first part of our worship service.

During this gathering time, among other things, we will hear a story for all ages, a story that will connect adults and children with the topic of the service and homily.

After about 15 minutes, the children will be escorted to the cottage for fun and games while the adults continue in

worship. There will, of course, be a childcare provider with them in the cottage.

As always, childcare will be provided for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers in the cottage beginning at 3:45 p.m. And children (of all ages) are always welcome to stay with their parent(s) for the service. We usually have a few young ones there.

### **Building an RE Program**

We are delighted to announce Kathryn Duke and Laura Prickett will serve as co-chairs of our Religious Education team.

With the help of many, Live Oak hopes to offer a strong RE program for our youth.

The team needs teachers to help staff classes. But they intend to create a more supportive system for teachers, making it a more fulfilling role for each of us. Watch for more info. And many thanks to Kathryn and Laura.

#### **Board Officers Elected**

President: Peter Hand Vice-president: Ruby Reay Treasurer: Bill Pezick Secretary: Lisa Fry

Each officer will serve a one-year term. Our thanks go to Peter, Ruby, Bill, Lisa, and Sharon Slaton for serving on the Board.

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest of truth is its sacrament And service is its prayer.



### **Sunday, August 2: Meet with Our District Executive**

Please come to this important meeting on Sun., Aug. 2, 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Applied Research Center, 900 Alice Street, Oakland.

Cilla Raughley, District Executive wants to get to know us -- a first step toward recognizing Live Oak as an emerging congregation.
Cilla may have questions for us and I'm sure we have questions for her. She is informative and forthcoming -- and a warm, engaging person.

We need a count so please email lisasfry@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

BART: Lake Merritt Station. Exit station on NINTH Street side; turn left and walk East on 9th Street, past the park, crossing Madison and Jackson. At Alice turn right. 900 Alice St. is on the corner. Walk PAST the double doors marked 900 and go to the small single door, propped open. Take elevator to floor 3R (note: not 3, but 3R).

Cilla Raughley, District Executive, Pacific Central District



Bike: The elevator is big enough for bikes. Just bring them up.

Car: Parking in Chinatown is challenging, so consider public transit or carpooling. If driving, leave extra time for the parking.

## **Identifying, Creating Live Oak's Vision**

We will gather on Sunday, August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. to help our growing congregation identify



Robert Mittman

who we are and what we hope to be in five years.

*Note:* This will not be one of those deadly meetings you may have experienced at work or with other organizations. This will be a lively session, fun and community-building.

We intend to create a vision for Live Oak that is full of passion and helps each of us "fall in love with our community" every time we are together.

To help us, Robert Mittman will facilitate. Robert is an experienced consultant and facilitator who combines deep knowledge of UUism (and experience in several congregations) with an engaging facilitation style. Plus, Robert and his wife Kate Rowland are friends of Live Oak.

#### We Have 33 Members -- And Counting!

We are pleased to recognize the first 33 members of Live Oak:

Chris Celata
Annabelle Conlin
Kathryn Duke
Laurel Eber
Jim Freschi
David Fry
Lisa Fry
Vera Gassner
Sara Gassner-Wollwage
Kate Hand
Peter Hand
Judith Heller
Bob Hood

Jackie Jenks
Vicky Jensen
Elizabeth Keir
Sally Kennedy
David Keys
Ruth Levitan
Kate Mehler
Darlene Pagano
Bill Pezick
Rebecca Ramirez
Kim Rankin
Ruby Reay
Jay Roller
Jackie Roth

**Jody Savage** 

Sharon Slaton Lette Stockwell Richard Stromer Debra Temple Carol Thornton



We look forward to you making the membership commitment, too! The membership book will be available at services and our business meetings.

#### **Live Oak UU Fellowship**

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