

# UUAA Men's Council Meeting AGENDA

July 29 2023, 8 AM

Chalice lighting

May the light we now kindle  
Inspire us to use our powers  
To heal and not to harm,  
To help and not to hinder,  
To bless and not to curse,  
To serve the Spirit of freedom.

## Attendees:

| Present?                 | Name                  | Role           | Email  |
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## Agenda

1. 8-815 Chalice lighting, brief check-ins - 15 min – all
2. 8:15-8:20 Approval of minutes (Tim)  
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3. 8: 20-8:35 Discussing possibilities for rescheduling meetings away from Saturday morning–Pat  
Some of us find meeting on Saturday morning difficult and we'd like to explore alternatives (e.g., a weeknight)
4. 8:35-9:00 Retreat report–Tom
5. 9:00-9:10 Request from Deb Markum regarding stewardship campaign  
On Jul 6, 2023 Deb Markum sent the email quoted at the end of the agenda to group leaders. We will consider what we could contribute.

6. 9:10-9:20 Other Reports - (10 min)
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Mojtaba
  - b. Circle Report – Tom C.
  - c. Communications Report – Jim S
  - d. Men's' Breakfast – Kenji Y
7. 9:20-9:25 Matters arising
8. 9:25-9:30 Closing
9. 9:30 Parting Words

2023 meeting schedule (pending discussion on item 3)

September 9th

Work event? Figuring out how to organize something to bring

What will the retreat look like in 2024?

events between retreats for both genders?

November 11th

January 13th 2024

Deb Markum's email

I'm writing on behalf of the UUAA Stewardship & Development Team to enlist the support of you and your group, in a way that I hope will be enjoyable and gratifying to you all.

In anticipation of this year's annual campaign, we're collecting stories from our groups that illustrate the work that UUAA is doing within our congregation and the wider Washtenaw County community. We are asking that each group contribute one or two brief stories about the *impact* and/or *value* of your effort. Perhaps it could be a concrete difference you made. Or a compelling insight derived from your work. Or an "aha!" moment the congregation would benefit from hearing.

The Stewardship & Development Team believes that the collective energy, commitment, and accomplishments of our congregational groups speak powerfully. We plan to flesh out a campaign message that celebrates pride and confidence in who we are--what we value and can accomplish--as UUAA members.

Additionally, your stories will be added to a "library" of information that we can use in several ways, to illustrate who we are to members and friends, newcomers, partner community organizations, and to all who wish to learn more about us.

Thanks in advance for your help with this! Please submit your story here: [  
<https://forms.gle/idMpK7A3PJoekxnU9> ].