

## NAUA Programs, Activities, Publications

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The NAUA website ( [www.NAUnitarians.org](http://www.NAUnitarians.org) ) is the best place to start your search for activities and programs, as changes in scheduling are most likely to be posted on the website first.

### PUBLICATIONS:

**The Liberal Beacon** – The Liberal Beacon is the bi-monthly journal offering opinion pieces, history, poems and thoughtful articles. It is distributed at no charge to members, as well as subscribers who have completed our mailing list form. As a member of NAUA, you are automatically placed on our mailing list. You can find copies of the latest and past editions of the Beacon on the NAUA Communications page - <https://naunitarians.org/communications/>

**Compass** – The Bi-Monthly Compass lists upcoming activities, and how members can participate. It is also distributed at no charge to members, as well as subscribers who have completed our mailing list form. Previous and current editions of the Compass can also be accessed on the NAUA Communications page – <https://naunitarians.org/communications/>

### PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES:

**NAUA ACADEMY** - The NAUA Academy provides single or multiple session educational seminars for members and others on a wide variety of topics such as Unitarianism, liberal religions, social issues, and contemporary concerns. Participation in seminars is virtual, using Zoom, and presentations are followed by small group discussions. The Academy sessions are usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 4:30 PST (7:30 EST). Topics are announced on the NAUA website's list of upcoming events. You will find a library of past Academy sessions on the Academy's website page - <https://naunitarians.org/services-and-programs-of-the-naua/naua-academy/>

**INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE** - The goal of the International Alliance is to support and promote the practice and understanding of Unitarianism and Liberal Religion throughout the World. The International Alliance also takes an active role in other liberal religious organizations (e.g. International Association for Religious Freedom, IARF), as well as in non-religious international organizations (e.g. United Nations) whose mission is consistent with principles, goals and objectives of NAUA. In addition, the International Alliance also provides study courses on topics relevant to liberal religion, such as the current course, "Mythology Then and Now: How Can It Inform Our Future?" For more information about the International Alliance please contact: Stephen Polmar at [alliance@naunitarians.org](mailto:alliance@naunitarians.org)

**BOOK CLUB** – The group meets the last Thursday of each month. The NAUA Book Group is designed to allow the members to discuss fiction and nonfiction books chosen by fellow Book group members. All are welcome. Starts at 7:30 PM (EDT) 4:30 PM (PDT). If you are interested in attending, please email Ed Hudak at [bookclub@naunitarians.org](mailto:bookclub@naunitarians.org)

**CIRCLES** - NAUA Circles were established to create a welcoming platform for members to connect, share interests, and foster community. These virtual gatherings serve as an alternative to traditional coffee hours, allowing participants to engage with a broader audience.

**The Forum Circle** meets every other Sunday and focuses on topical or controversial societal issues. While initial topics are pre-selected, members may choose future subjects and lead discussions. The Forum Circle is full now but keeping a waiting list. If you are interested in joining the Forum Circle, when space becomes available, please email [circles@naunitarians.org](mailto:circles@naunitarians.org)

**Conversation/Discussion Circle:** This newly launched Circle meets on the first Wednesday of each month (4:00-5:30 PM Pacific Time). The Circle is designed for NAUA members and friends to gather, share ideas, spark meaningful conversations, and deepen connections. It is facilitated by a member of the NAUA Board of Trustees, is open to all members and friends, and has no limits on participation. The zoom link is: <https://tinyurl.com/naua-circle>

**MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES** - NAUA membership includes ministers with years of experience who are willing to provide guidance to congregations and fellowships regarding organizational matters and questions. On the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. PST, NAUA ministers may attend a regular meeting meant to foster support, collegiality, and learning. For more information about these services, please contact [info@unitarians.org](mailto:info@unitarians.org)

**MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE** - On the third Saturday of each month at 10 AM PT (1 PM ET), NAUA hosts an online worship service. Click here to join the services via Zoom -<https://tinyurl.com/NAUAService> There is a breakout room discussion after the service, where you can meet both new and longtime friends. For more information about upcoming services, and an archive of past service recordings please refer to the Monthly Worship webpage:

<https://naunitarians.org/services-and-programs-of-the-naua/community-worship/>

## **NAUA Summit**

The 2025 NAUA Annual Summit will be held the first week of October. This year it will be all online. Watch the NAUA website and Compass for more details. [naunitarians.org](https://naunitarians.org)

The newly formed **NAUA Member Services Committee** will soon be adding other activities and services. Take a look at their action plan <https://naunitarians.org/naua-member-services-committee-update/> Or contact Judi Durham - [memberservices@unitarians.org](mailto:memberservices@unitarians.org)