

Envoy Meeting Notes

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Next Envoy Meeting will be at 3 pm ET and 6 pm ET May 10.

I know this is a week earlier than normal, but I will be on leave the following week. The meeting on April 19th was lively and interesting. We discussed the terrible and brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine. The reporting of this tragic war and its consequences is justified, but it is shameful that we are neglecting to focus on many other tragic conflicts in the world, such as Ethiopia, Yemen, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Cameroon, Syria and elsewhere. We discussed the concern that focus on Ukraine and ignoring other conflicts is a factor of white supremacy and turning a blind eye to the suffering of people of color.

We also discussed our various congregations and our efforts to get back to more normal services. Many congregations are offering hybrid services. Some congregations, such as Morristown UU are experiencing ministers who are leaving and the congregations transitioning to interim ministers leading to a new settled minister.

Congregations are working on making membership more meaningful.

I also asked participants who their favorite person in history was.

Some congregations are adopting the 8th principal ending white supremacy. We talked about funds sent to Hungarian Unitarian churches to support their help for Ukrainian refugees.

All in all it was a rich and meaningful conversation with 9 envoys in attendance.