

Year for Reflection and Visioning The Grand Finale!

Listening Sessions? Done. Congregational Survey? Done!

It all comes together on March 9 – 10 at the All Congregation Retreat!



The Standing Committee is planning an engaging, thoughtful, and stimulating program for everyone 13 years and older, where together we begin building the First Parish community we want for 2023. There will be child care and activities for younger children.

More Details

Friday, March 9, at 6 pm

Share a potluck dinner and engage in community building activities, with the option to dance afterwards, courtesy of the Immigration Justice Task Force.

Saturday, March 10 (8:30 am – 3 pm)

Light breakfast begins at 8:30 am. Starting at 9 am:

- We'll unveil the results of our congregational survey.
- Parishioners Jim Sherblom and Jim Tull will lead an interactive workshop on compassionate communication, problem solving, and conflict resolution.
- We'll begin generating ideas around building stronger relationships and fully living our UU values within community.

Please NOTE: Saturday's lunch will be a true [stone soup](#) community meal. Please bring something to contribute (i.e. onions, garlic, carrots, kale, turnip, cauliflower, squash, parsley, roast chicken, cooked sausage, canned beans, broth, pasta, etc.) Please have your food **cut up and ready to add**. We'll have a separate pot that will be gluten free, nut free, and vegan – so please label your contribution appropriately. We'll also serve salad and bread.

About Our Workshop Leaders

Jim Tull is a Partner with CMPartners of Cambridge, MA, where he provides training and process assistance in the areas of negotiation, communication, consensus building, mediation and dispute resolution. Jim has consulted and trained in over 60 countries around the globe, helping non-profits, governments and corporations to deepen their understanding and heighten their effectiveness in the face of conflict. Jim's teaching experience includes Brandeis University, Cambridge College, the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Education as well as Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Jim received his BA with honors from Kenyon College, and his Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Rev. Jim Sherblom holds a BA from Yale, an MBA from Harvard, and MDIV and DMIN degrees from Andover Newton Theological School. Jim served as senior vice president and CFO of Genzyme Corporation and as chairman and CEO of TSI Corporation. As a venture capitalist, Jim created six biotechnology companies and invested in twelve more. He was ordained at midlife and served as senior minister at First Parish in Brookline. He and his wife Loretta have been members of First Parish in Concord for over thirty years and brought their children up here. Since retiring Jim writes about his travels with mystics, pilgrims, and spiritual seekers.

Questions - Feel free to [contact](#) any member of the Standing Committee.