



First Church Berkeley UCC

April 3, 2023

Dear Friends and Members of First Church Berkeley,

Throughout Lent we have thought about the theme of **Unraveling**. Early in this Lenten season, Rev. Molly asked us to think about how an unraveling could be positive in our own life and in the world beyond ourselves. How can we “pull apart and repurpose the systems” that are in need of change to make a better existence for all?

In keeping with this theme of unraveling a system of injustice, the Ministry of Justice and Service has selected the **Sogorea Te’ Land Trust** to be the recipient of the Easter Offering.

As written on their website:

The Sogorea Te’ Land Trust is an urban Indigenous women-led land trust based in the San Francisco Bay Area that facilitates the return of Indigenous land to Indigenous people.

Rematriate: to restore a people to their rightful place in sacred relationship with their ancestral land.

The **Rematriate the Land Fund** is dedicated to expenses associated with bringing land back into Indigenous stewardship including purchase and care of land, permits and fees, studies, surveys, remediations, restoration, and related needs.

Each time I visit the **Sogorea Te’ Land Trust** website, I learn more about the inspired vision of co-founders, Corrina Gould and Johnella LaRose and the community they are building. I invite you to learn more by visiting their beautiful and informative website: <https://sogoreate-landtrust.org>

We accept Jesus’ call to serve him by serving others – the hungry, the unhoused, the refugee, the immigrant, the oppressed. As we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, let us support **Sogorea Te’ Land Trust’s Rematriate the Land Fund** by donating online at www.onrealm.org (log in, click **Giving**, then the **blue +Give** button, then choose **Easter Offering** from the **Fund** dropdown menu). You may also write a check to First Church Berkeley; please write Easter Offering in the memo line, and mail to: First Church Berkeley, 2330 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704. All non-pledge offerings received Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, will be contributed to this organization.

Thank you for your generous support!

Blessings,

Maureen Prochaska, Chair, writing for your Ministry of Justice and Service
Winnie Boyle, Doris Lynch, Craig Pratt, and Susan Shome