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WELCOME TO GA

Welcome to the 56th annual General Assembly of our Unitarian Universalist Association.

Some tourists in New Orleans this week may be hoping “what happens here, stays here.” I am hoping for the opposite: “what happens here goes home with us!” May we take the things we learn here back to our congregations, and use them to address the challenges which are all too similar, all over our nation.

This does not mean that we shouldn't enjoy ourselves. Celebration can be a powerful form of resistance. For centuries, the people of this delta have faced numerous oppressors. They have learned to Resist and Rejoice, and to resist by rejoicing. May we honor that tradition, and rejoice and resist with respect.

I offer a special welcome to those who are attending a GA for the first time. May your experience be powerful, challenging, and healing, all in a balance which is ultimately joyful.

See you in the General Session Hall,

Rev. Chip Roush, Chair, GA Planning Committee



GA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ila Klion Tuli Patel Samuel Prince Mary Alm Rev. Jenn Gray
Rev. Chip Roush Katherine Allen Jolanda Walter Debra Gray Boyd

WE COVENANT TO FOSTER MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE AND COMMUNITY:

- Assume positive intent on the part of fellow participants.
- Ask questions from the standpoint of “holy curiosity.”
- Use “I” statements when sharing experiences, feelings, and opinions.
- Withhold unsolicited personal judgments.
- Speak from your own experience; you are the only “you.”
- Do not ask others to speak as “experts” on their particular culture, race, or ethnicity.
- Set your own boundaries for personal sharing.
- Be willing to examine and grapple with the ways personal assumptions shape your “truths.”
- Speak personal “truths” in constructive and civil ways.
- Communicate carefully. Honor other people’s personal “truth(s).”
- Speak personal concerns directly with that person, not about them.
- Recognize that building community is difficult; take risks.
- Respect and validate other people’s experiences.
- Share your personal stories and learning with others; respect those of others.
- Challenge yourself to hear, see and experience old and new information with an open heart with eyes and ears focused on present and future.

By this Covenant, we honor the spirit of Sankofa: looking back in order to look forward.

Adapted from, “Building the World We Dream About.” Unitarian Universalist Association, *Tapestry of Faith*. © 1995-2105.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Persons with vision, hearing, mobility impairment or other special needs will find information about various kinds of assistance and accommodation information at the Accessibility Table. The table is located in the Lobby A of the Convention Center.

The General Session Hall is equipped with an induction Hearing Loop that allows people who wear hearing aids and cochlear implants to directly receive the sound from the PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. Switch your hearing instrument to "T" mode to connect to the signal. Wireless headsets are available at the Accessibility Table for those without t-coil equipped hearing instruments.



ALCOHOL

No alcoholic beverages will be served or allowed at any Planning Committee sponsored event. All events during General Assembly offering alcoholic beverages must also offer attractive non-alcoholic beverages with equal accessibility and prominence. No alcoholic beverages will be served to anyone under the age of 21. As a community we are committed to GA being a safe environment. All attendees are encouraged to support this goal. [See also Recovery Meetings.]

ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND (APF)

Annual Program Fund: Amplifying Unitarian Universalism! The UUA Stewardship and Development booth is located in the lobby outside the Great Hall of the Convention Center. We will recognize the exceptional generosity of our Merit, Leadership and Honor, Honor 10+, Honor 25+ year congregations. Join us to celebrate the connections between all of our congregations.

ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-OPPRESSION

In 1994 and 1997 resolutions at General Assembly were passed calling on the UUA to become an anti-racist, multicultural faith community and to commit to working to remove barriers to persons with disabilities. Guided by our principles and in the spirit of these resolutions, all attendees are asked to be mindful of the ways racism, ableism and oppression impact our community and the larger community that is hosting our gathering. There are numerous opportunities through workshops and other programs to expand your awareness and deepen your understanding, as together we strive to be a welcoming, inclusive and affirming community for all.

BANNER PARADE

Banner Parade carriers may register banners and line up on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. in the Convention Center Hall B2-1 & B2-2. Carriers must wear their name badge. A limited number of banner poles will be on sale in the staging area. Make other arrangements for the security of your purses or other valuables; don't bring them to the staging area. Only the banners of congregations and Associate Member Organizations will be hung. In order to be hung banners must be registered before the parade and must have the required sleeve at the top. Hung banners may only be collected by the authorized individual indicated on the banner registration form. Banners can only be collected on Sunday between the hours of 11:30 am to 2:00 p.m. in Convention Center Hall B2-1 & B2-2. If you cannot arrange for pick-up at the designated time, please do not leave your banner for hanging.

BLACK LIVES OF UU HEALING SPACE

The Black Lives of UU Healing Space is in R01 of the Convention Center. This is a multi-generational explicitly Black space for those who identify as Black or of African descent. There will be worship, fellowship and activities - stop by to find out more information (if you identify as Black or of African descent)!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UUA

The UUA is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by delegates to the General Assembly. The moderator, Jim Key (elected by the General Assembly), presides at the General Assembly and at meetings of the Board of Trustees, and represents the Association on special occasions. The Financial Advisor and the UUA President (elected by the General Assembly) also sit on the Board.

Tim Atkins
Gregory Boyd
Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs, Secretary
Dick Jacke
Sarah Dan Jones
Rev. Patrick McLaughlin
Denise Rimes, Vice Moderator
Christina Rivera, Financial Secretary
Elandria Williams
James C. Key, Moderator
Lucia Santini Field, Financial Advisor
Andrea Briscoe, Youth Observer
Bailey Saddle mire, Youth Observer

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Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, Interim Co-President
Rev. Dr. William Sinkford, Interim Co-President
Dr. Leon Spencer, Interim Co-President
Timothy Brennan, Treasurer & CFO
Rev. Sarah Lammert, Interim Chief Operating Officer

BYLAWS OF THE UUA

To save paper we are no longer including the UUA Bylaws in the printed program book. You can view the bylaws in the GA app or you can go to uua.org/bylaws. The General Session ushers also have access to a few printed copies of the Bylaws for reference.

CHAPLAINS

The GA Planning Committee plans for the wellbeing of all attendees during GA. Volunteer Chaplains are available to all attendees throughout GA to offer spiritual support should you need it. You can find a Chaplain by going to the Chaplains office located in room 211 of the Convention Center. It will be staffed Thursday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday through Saturday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have an emergency, a Chaplain will be available on-call 24 hours beginning Wednesday at noon through Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The phone number to reach a Chaplain is (617) 948-4244.

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITIES

There will be a fragrance-free section in the General Session Hall for individuals with chemical sensitivities. If you need to sit in this section, please ask an usher to direct you to these seats. For questions and concerns please see the volunteer staff at the Accessibility Table located in Lobby A of the Convention Center.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Pre-registration was required for participation in these daytime children's programs. Referrals for evening babysitting may be available from your hotel. Child Care – for infants 6 months to children 9 years – and Day Camp – grades 4 (completed) through 8 – will take place at the Hampton Inn & Suites in the Riverside Ballroom. Please note: if a child or youth is not registered with youth caucus, they cannot attend any GA sessions without a parent or parent-designate.

CHOIR REGISTRATION

Choir registration took place on uua.org before General Assembly. In order to begin Wednesday's choir rehearsal promptly at 2:00 p.m., pre-registered choir members should arrive early to 206-207 (between 1:30 p.m. and 1:55 p.m.) to pick up their music folders. If space is still available, onsite choir registration will also take place from 1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. in 206-207.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS

Offerings are received at the Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy Bridging Worship and Sunday morning worship. The Board of Trustees will also be taking one special collection during the Saturday General Session. Exhibit Hall booths and private events not listed in the Program may ask for donations or sell tickets to events. Any other solicitation or ticketed event must be pre-approved by the Planning Committee and announced in the Program.

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL WITNESS, UUA

The CSW's mission is to help UUs put our Principles and Purposes into action. The CSW assists the UUA and its member congregations by facilitating the articulation of suggested Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) and educating UUs in potential social change inherent in CSAIs. After four years of studying the CSAIs, the CSW prepares and presents to the Assembly draft Statements of Conscience.

Richard Bock

Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers

Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Dr. Susan Goekler, Chair

Rev. Christina Sillari

CYBER CAFÉ AND CHARGING STATION

Check your e-mail and charge your phone or tablet in the Cyber Café, Booth #733 in the Exhibit Hall. The Cyber Café is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Church Mutual Insurance.

DELEGATES

Bring the delegate credential document you obtained from your congregation with you to the registration area (Great Hall Lobby of the Convention Center) to pick up your GA name badge and to credential as a voting delegate. There you will receive your delegate voting card and ribbon. You must have your voting card and ribbon to vote in the General Session. Report to the Credentialing Special Circumstances station to fill out an affidavit to replace lost materials (credential document, voting card, ballot stub, ribbon) or to replace a member delegate with an alternate. Alternate delegates must present their name badge and a signed alternate credential card along with the name badge, ribbon, and voting card of the original member delegate. See also ELECTION.

DISRUPTIVE PERSONS

General Assembly strives to be an inclusive community, affirming our differences in beliefs, opinions and life experiences. When disruptive, discriminatory, or harassing behavior compromises the health of this community, our actions as people of faith must reflect an emphasis on safety and security of those assembled. A person whose presence or behavior disrupts General Assembly or endangers the health or safety of others may be asked to leave. UUA staff, Planning Committee members, chaplains, the Right Relationship Team and mental health professionals will be consulted as appropriate.

DRUUMM TRACK

Much of the programming at General Assembly on social justice in years past has tended to focus on changing the predominantly white UU institutions - through efforts to diversify, educating white middle class UUs on their internalized racism, white privilege, and preferential language of "allyship." While these are not futile pursuits on their own, the membership of DRUUMM, by and large, hasn't felt that these efforts have produced a significant environment of inclusion in our congregations. We believe that this is due to the implicit focus on the benefit of such changes to the white institutions adopting them, rather than to the people of color already within them, as well as those who might otherwise join in the future.

For this General Assembly in New Orleans, DRUUMM is committed to explore what it means to decentralize whiteness in Unitarian Universalism (and the greater communities we live in) through programming created by and for UUs of color. The program track will shift the focus toward the creation of a Unitarian Universalism without whiteness as its cultural, theological, and institutional center. This is a significant paradigm shift - away from attempting to gain acceptance by white UUism, and instead turning our energies to minister more effectively to and with one another. To this end, our six workshop track in addition to our evening activities are explicitly for people of color.

ELECTION

At this GA we will elect our next UUA President and open Board and Committee positions. On Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. delegates may scan their GA name badge at voting kiosks in the Great Hall Lobby of the Convention Center to vote. The Presidential Candidate's Forum will be held on Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Election results will be announced on Saturday at the close of Synergy Bridging Worship in the Great Hall.

EMERGENCIES

In the event of a medical or other emergency at the New Orleans Convention Center **pick up the RED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE, dial 3040 from any other phone in the building or call (504) 582-3040.** to contact Public Safety Dispatch. Please refrain from calling 911. The convention center is very large; Facility and Public Safety personnel coordinate the movement of emergency services to the scene. A roving police officer will be onsite at all times during General Assembly. In case of non-emergency medical needs, go to the GA Local Information table in Lobby A of the Convention Center. The First Aid station in the Convention Center is located in the Lobby B across from Hall B2-1. Please inform the GA Office immediately of any medical emergencies or accidents.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All participants in General Assembly programmed events must be registered for the conference. This includes program participants, presenters, invited guests, performers, office support staff, relatives, hosts, and dignitaries. This policy is consistent with our principle of equity and avoids arbitrary distinctions. GA registrants receive access to all events listed in this Program. GA name badges are required for admission to all GA programmed events, including evening entertainment, the Exhibit Hall (Wednesday-Saturday), the Closing Celebration and the Ware Lecture. The only GA programmed events that will be open to the public (registration not required) are the Opening Celebration, the Service of the Living Tradition, the Public Witness, the Sunday morning worship, and, on Sunday only, the Exhibit Hall.

EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall, located in Hall B-1 of the Convention Center, is a networking hub for the exchange of information and ideas. It features exhibits and sales by social justice organizations, UU-related organizations, individual UU artisans, and a variety of other organizations and vendors. Refreshment concessions are available during hours the Exhibit Hall is open. There is also a lounge for dining and visiting with other attendees. The UUA is committed to a diverse marketplace of ideas. Participation in the Exhibit Hall does not necessarily mean the UUA endorses the position of any given exhibitor.

Exhibit Hall Hours:

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</i>

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL GA ATTENDEES

Let us remember our commitment to the worth and dignity of all. The UUA expects all attendees to conduct themselves in a professional manner with concern and respect for all. As guests of our host city, attendees are asked to extend the same respect and consideration to all with whom they interact, including the hospitality workers who serve them. The UUA is committed to assuring that all participants are safe from abuse and harassment. Any harassment regarding race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, economic class, or employment will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures, or physical contact, requests for sexual favors, repeated sexual advances after an initial turn down, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Religious professionals are to follow their codes of conduct to avoid misconduct or harassment. Any GA participant who believes that they are the victim of harassment should contact either a chaplain or the Right Relationship Team.

As a courtesy, please allow persons using wheelchairs and scooters to exit meeting rooms first. Also, please leave elevators free for the use of persons using wheelchairs, scooters or that have difficulty with stairs.

FEEDBACK

The Planning Committee encourages your comments on all aspects of GA. Surveys will be collected via an online form available through July 25 at uua.org/ga. The GA Planning Committee reviews the surveys and uses your input to improve GA. You can also give feedback on individual sessions using the GA mobile app. Please visit the Planning Committee feedback table in the Exhibit Hall. Hours are Thursday through Sunday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

FUTURE SITES FOR GA

2018	June 20 – 24	Kansas City, MO
2019	June 19 – 23	Spokane, WA
2020	June 24 – 28	Providence, RI

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE SERVICES

The General Assembly and Conference Services (GACS) staff group works to coordinate the many aspects of GA.

Stacey Dixon, Administrator

Don Plante, Meeting Planner

Steve Ransom, Housing and Exhibits Manager

Janiece J. Sneegas, Director, GACS

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

The UUA expects the use of inclusive language in all presentations and programming events. Anyone who encounters sexist or other inappropriate language at GA is urged to speak directly to the person who has used it in order to increase individual awareness. If you need support in this, feel free to contact the Right Relationship team.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

We encourage you to support our environmental responsibility initiatives and minimize the amount of paper distributed. Materials promoting candidates for election, GA events, position papers on business items, and any other leaflets may be handed out by individuals, but may not be left on tables in lobbies. Materials may not be distributed near the entrance to the General Session Hall or in a manner that impedes traffic. In the Exhibit Hall, all materials must be distributed within exhibit booths. No materials may be distributed inside the General Session Hall except official business papers authorized by the Planning Committee. Please help us meet our sustainability goals and reduce the amount of paper distributed.

LOCAL INFORMATION

The GA Local Information table, staffed by UU volunteers, is located in the Lobby A of the Convention Center. New Orleans CVB staffs a Visitors Information Booth also in the main lobby.

LOST AND FOUND

Bring/look for lost and found items in the Volunteer Office – room A101 in Great Hall lobby of the Convention Center.

MEDICAL NEEDS

The EMT First Aid station is located in Lobby B across from Hall B2-1 in the Convention Center. For additional information regarding non-emergency medical needs, go to the Local Information table located in Lobby A. For information about acute care clinics, consult the Local Information table in the Convention Center or your hotel staff. In the event of a medical or other emergency at the New Orleans Convention Center **pick up the RED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE, dial 3040 from any other phone in the building or call (504) 582-3040.** to contact Public Safety Dispatch. Please refrain from calling 911. The convention center is very large; Facility and Public Safety personnel coordinate the movement of emergency services to the scene.

MEDITATION ROOM

231 in the Convention Center is a space for meditation and spiritual renewal. You may also wish to come to relax and lie down. It is open on Wednesday from Noon – 9:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. From 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, we will have Spiritual Practices in the Meditation Room.

MEETING ROOMS – CAPACITY AND ETIQUETTE

Seating in sessions is first come, first served. You are encouraged to arrive early to ensure that you get a seat. Due to fire and safety codes, no one may stand or sit in aisles. To maximize room capacities all rooms are set up theater style. To maintain safety and accessibility in our meeting rooms the rearranging of chairs is prohibited! Accessibility and emergency egress is compromised when there is an unauthorized rearrangement of chairs. Do not attempt to relocate or tamper with audio/visual equipment. Please use trash and recycling receptacles. As a courtesy, please allow persons using wheelchairs or scooters to exit first.

MOBILE APP

The GA app is available for free download in the iTunes and Google Play app stores. There is also a mobile optimized website at uua.org/ga/app. With the app you can view program listings, speaker and exhibitor profiles and maps. You can create a personal GA schedule and get connected via social media. You can also give feedback on individual sessions using the app.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

The GA Music Ministry Team is committed to providing excellence in musical worship leadership.

Leon Burke, GA Music Coordinator

Mark Vogel, Choir Director

Markus Grae-Hauck, Band Leader

Abigail Charbeneau, Accompanist

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME BADGES

All GA participants must be registered for the conference. Everyone in attendance must be registered, including program participants, presenters, invited guests, performers, office support staff, relatives, hosts, and dignitaries. This policy is consistent with our principle of equity and avoids arbitrary distinctions. GA registrants receive an official name badge to identify them to fellow participants, ushers, event staff and security. GA name badges are required for admission to all GA programmed events (except Opening Celebration, Service of the Living Tradition, Sunday Morning Worship, and the Saturday evening witness) including evening entertainment and the Exhibit Hall (Wednesday – Saturday). Please wear your name badge and help us make GA a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Please care for your name badge; it is proof of your paid registration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee nominates candidates for UUA Committees and Commissions that are elected at GA. The Nominating Committee strives to bring in people who have a variety of cultural competencies and life experiences to serve on elected committees; they are particularly interested in identifying qualified candidates who also have connections to, and understanding of, different ethnic communities, youth and young adults, and people with disabilities. The Nominating Committee seeks diversity on elected committees - gender, age, geography, race and sexual orientation are among other identities considered.

Steve Ballesteros
Randy Burnham
Joseph Cherry, Chair
Danielle Di Bona
Aisha Hauser
Christopher D. Sims
Ken Wagner
Amanda Weatherspoon
Elnora Williams

PARKING

Ample parking is available at the Convention Center for a daily fee. For more information go to www.mccno.com/about-us/maps-directions.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Flash photography of GA events is not permitted. Taking of non-flash photographs by individuals is allowed only during the first five minutes of a program. Please be sensitive to someone who may not want their picture taken. The UUA plans to take photographs and video at GA and reproduce them in news, educational or promotional material, whether in print, electronic or other media, including the UUA's website. By participating in General Assembly, registrants grant the UUA the right to use images and photographs for such purposes. All postings become the property of the UUA and may be displayed, distributed or used by the UUA for any purpose.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (GAPC)

GAPC facilitates the smooth running of GA by setting the daily schedule, selecting overall programming, and developing policies for the gathering. They hold primary responsibility for Opening and Closing Worship, music, ambiance, chaplaincy, evening entertainment, logistics for witness events, inclusion efforts, aiding in right relationships and other attendee services. In addition to recommending future sites for GA to the Board, the GAPC establishes and manages the budget of the event attempting to balance the competing needs for financial stewardship, accessibility, attention to children & youth, as well as the support of currently and historically marginalized individuals within our community.

Katherine Allen
Mary Alm
Debra Gray Boyd
Rev. Jenn Gray
Ila J. Klion
Tuli Patel
Samuel Prince
Rev. Chip Roush, Chair
Jolanda Walker, 2017 Local Arrangements Chair

UUA Liaison to the GAPC:

Jan Sneegas, Director of General Assembly and Conference Services

PLATINUM AND GOLD SPONSORS

A very special thank you to the Platinum and Gold sponsors of General Assembly!

Platinum Sponsors:

- **Church Mutual Insurance Company**
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- **First Principle Project**
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- **inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop**
uuabookstore.org
- **Starr King School for the Ministry**
sksm.edu
- **UUA Stewardship and Development**
uaa.org/giving

Gold Sponsor:

- **Meadville Lombard Theological School**
meadville.edu

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GROUP (PDG)

The PDG is a diverse team of UUA staff, GA Planning Committee members, and others charged with identifying excellent General Assembly programming aligned with the vision and mission of the UUA and its member congregations.

Mary Alm
Debra Gray Boyd
Rev. Marisol Caballero
Gail Forsyth-Vail, Chair
Bart Frost
Rev. Jude Geiger
Rev. Nathan Ryan
Annie Scott
Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith

PROGRAM SELECTION FOR 2018 GA

Visit uaa.org/ga this September for information on how programming will be determined for the 2018 GA in Kansas City, Missouri. Program proposals will be due November 1.

RECORDINGS POLICY

If an individual or organization wishes to record (video or audio) any GA event or portion thereof, permission must be obtained from the GA Planning Committee. You must also obtain copyright permissions and written permission from all presenters. No recordings may be made for sale or for commercial use without the express written permission of the Planning Committee.

RECOVERY MEETINGS

There will be daily recovery meetings led by members and friends of the UUA Addictions Ministry. Each meeting will be uniquely UU in flavor. Anyone is welcome to attend whether or not they are in recovery from addictions of substance or behaviors. Meetings are scheduled Thursday through Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Convention Center 213. The Local Information table will also have a list of meetings in the area.

REGISTRATION AND DELEGATE

CREDENTIALING

Registration Badge Pick Up and Delegate Credentialing is in the Convention Center **Great Hall Lobby**.

Registration and Credentialing Hours:

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</i>

RESTROOMS

For transgender and/or gender non-conforming people, the use of public restrooms can come with emotional and physical harassment. As a step toward being a Welcoming Assembly, many restrooms throughout the Convention Center are designated for use by all genders. Gender-specific men's and women's restrooms are also available. In all restrooms we ask you to trust that individuals know which restroom is most comfortable and appropriate for them.

When choosing what restroom to use, we encourage you to thoughtfully examine and challenge your assumptions around gender identity and gender expression. We invite compassionate and ongoing dialogue around these issues, and as part of our work toward right relationship, it is important to remember that personal processing should not be done with transgender and/or gender non-conforming people. We encourage you to contact a GA chaplain if you need support in this work.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIP TEAM

The Right Relationship Team, a resource available to GA attendees, exists to listen and engage with people who have experienced any form of oppression or identity based marginalization during GA. We know from experience that we are still learning how to avoid perpetuating the biases of the larger culture amongst ourselves. GA is among the most diverse gatherings of UUs and in this setting we know we are going to make mistakes. People will make hurtful assumptions about other people based on their actual or perceived race, ethnicity, ability, age, gender, sexual orientation or other identities. When that happens, it is our sincere hope that GA attendees will take it as an opportunity for learning how to engage in ways that are not oppressive. Should you need assistance naming your experience, speaking with others involved or exploring how to make amends, the Right Relationship Team will be there to help. To reach the Right Relationship Team call (617) 948-4334.

SAFETY

For safety reasons, we suggest the following common-sense precautions for any visit to an unfamiliar city. Remove your name badge when leaving the convention area. Walk "smart" – know your destination and the best way to reach it. Stay in populated areas; avoid alleys and short-cuts. Establish a "buddy" system with another attendee, especially at night. Build your awareness of unknown surroundings by reviewing information on the area, especially maps and guides.

SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION

The Service of the Living Tradition, honoring the ministry of fellowshipped and credentialed UU religious leaders, will be held Thursday from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Convention Center. It is open to all. See page 31 for more details.

SERVICE PROJECT

This year's service project is Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children. By developing parent leaders empowered to serve as change agents in their communities and through policy advocacy and grassroots organizing, FFLIC fights the historical inequalities, concentrated poverty, racial disparities in discipline, and segregated education that push our children out of school and into the prison pipeline. To learn more, please visit our booth in the Exhibit Hall (Booth #500).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will take place in the Great Hall of the Convention Center Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend Sunday Worship. See page 49 for additional information on the service.

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

The Volunteer Headquarters is located in Convention Center – A101 in the Great Hall Lobby. Staffed by volunteers, it serves as a coordinating center for the Volunteer Committee and provides a Lost and Found service. Office Hours:

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i>

VOLUNTEERS

The **Local Arrangements Task Force** is a group of dedicated volunteers drawn from our host region who have worked very hard to make this General Assembly possible.

Jolanda Walter, Local Arrangements Chair
Leslie Runnels, Social Justice Project Coordinator
Kathleen North, Mental Health Professional
Gay DiGiovanni, Information Services Coordinator
Ilea Jones, Atmosphere Coordinator

The **National Volunteers**, selected by UUA General Assembly and Conference Services staff, also worked very hard to make GA possible.

Sue Boone, General Session Hall House Manager
Patty Cameron, Accessibility Services Coordinator
Mary McRae, Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Office Manager
Tim Murphy, General Session Production Manager

WORSHIP ARTS TEAM

The Worship Arts Team was charged by the GA Planning Committee to support a cohesive worship arc throughout General Assembly. Team members have served as liaisons to worship leaders throughout the worship development process.

Leon Burke
Alexis Capen
Tyler Coles
Rev. Patrice Curtis
Rev. Kimberly Debus
Rev. Todd Ekloff
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YOUTH CAUCUS

Youth Caucus is a series of programs and events during GA organized by and for high-school-aged youth where we build sacred community to refocus our faith. Youth are also encouraged to attend other GA programming. UUs of all ages are welcome to attend youth events. The schedule of Youth Caucus business meetings and events can be found on page 17. For youth and sponsors arriving after Wednesday's required orientation, additional orientations will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Youth Caucus room. Youth and their sponsors are required to attend an orientation and must attend the first orientation that occurs after their arrival. For most attendees, this will be the Wednesday orientation.

IN SERVICE: CULTURAL RESISTANCE PROJECTS

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LOUISIANA'S INCARCERATED CHILDREN (FFLIC)

Sunday Morning Worship Collection

The Service Project collection taken at the Sunday Morning Worship during General Assembly 2017 will benefit the Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC). The mission of the FFLIC is to create a better life for all of Louisiana's youth, especially those involved in or targeted by the juvenile justice system.

The scope of their work includes Transformative Leadership Development, Juvenile Justice Reform, and Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline.

BIG EASY / REAL LIFE: AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

Pre-registration required

On Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. participants will work on a rebuilding project that helps families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, or recent tornado, to return home. With support from Long Haul staff and Starr King School for the Ministry faculty, participants will immerse themselves in the culture and history of New Orleans and learn more about local movements for racial, economic and climate justice. Attendance is mandatory at a preparation workshop #228 on Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in 204-205. Age 18 minimum (16 if parent is present). Transportation will be provided on Saturday.

"DAYS FOR GIRLS" SUSTAINABLE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS FIGHT POVERTY AND ISOLATION.

Pre-registration required

An assembly line of volunteers will package kits to distribute to girls in New Orleans and around the world. Those who register for the assembly line are encouraged to attend the Days for Girls Workshop #330 on Friday at 3:15 p.m. in 204-205. The workshop will cover the mission of Days for Girls, the activities of its chapters, how the kits afford girls the freedom to attend school, and how to assemble the kits.

The assembly line will form in the GA Exhibit Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

- Shift One: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- Shift Two: 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Shift Three: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Shift Four: 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

THE RED FLAME HUNTERS AND THE FLAMING CHALICE KEEPERS CREATE!

Pre-registration required

Members of the unique all-youth Black Mardi Gras Indian Tribe will share the history of their art and celebrations and demonstrate how they create their performances and costumes rich with beadwork and feathers. The morning begins with a short guided tour through the neighborhood that inspires the creativity and growth of the Hunters. Then Hunters will train UUs— "Flaming Chalice Keepers" for this day—to sew beadwork, to assemble bead patches into one creation, to lead chants, and to move as the "Hunters" move. A beaded globe featuring UU and Mardi Gras Indians' symbols will emerge from the collective work. UUs will be enabled to carry the lessons and stories home. Please indicate when you register if you have a special interest or ability in sewing, chants and song, or dance. Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday for the International High School of New Orleans and will return by 12:15 p.m.

UBUNTU VILLAGE AND UUS, EMBRACING YOUTH AWAY IN JUVENILE DETENTION

Pre-registration required

Ubuntu Village is an organization whose program areas comprise many services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth and their families. Our project begins at a school near the convention center where leaders of Ubuntu Village and formerly incarcerated young adults will describe the group's work and UUs will assemble care packages for the 48 youth currently in pretrial detention in the City of New Orleans. Then we will all go together into the detention center to deliver the care packages. Bus leaves the Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and will return by 12:15.

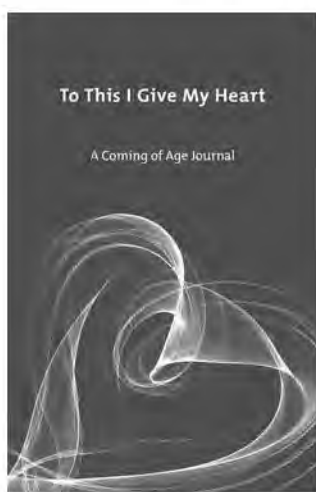
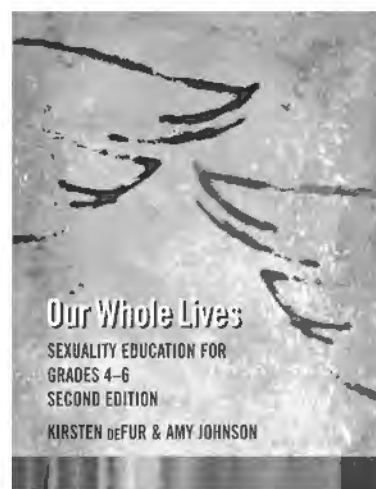
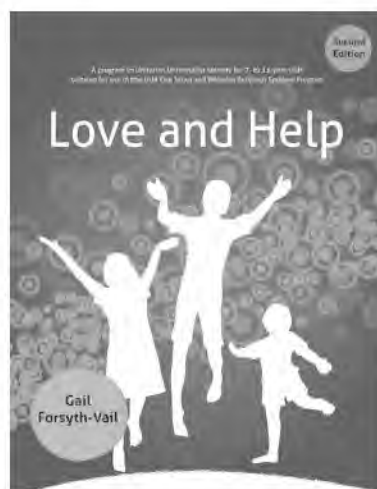
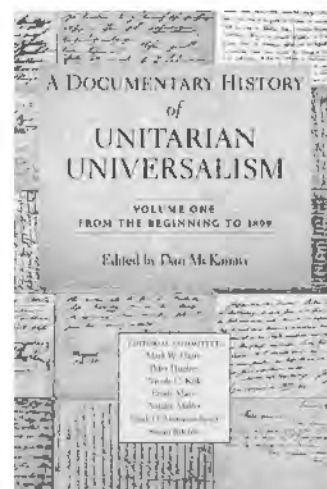
POST CARD WRITING CAMPAIGN TO INCARCERATED YOUTH AND ADULTS

No Pre-registration required

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall

Join us writing GA greetings to 1,100 incarcerated youth and adults. Volunteers will be writing youth connected to Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Youth, the 2017 GA Service Project. The adults are incarcerated UU members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship living in Louisiana and across the country.

GREAT READING FROM SKINNER HOUSE AND THE UUA



Also in the booth:

Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, Mitra Rahnema, Editor

Faith for the Unbeliever, Daniel Kanter

A Documentary History, Volume 2, From 1900 to the Present, Dan McKanan, Editor

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First Principle Project

The First Principle Project proposes to change our first principle from “every person” to “every being.” A yes vote at General Session will start a 1-2 year study commission to begin discussion of this proposed change.

The FPP is not just about discussing a bylaw change; it is also about deepening our faith and relationships through conversations with each other. How can we live more deeply connected to all of life? How can we grow our compassionate actions in response to the suffering of others? What does it mean to be human in a multispecies world?

The FPP is not a litmus test for behavior, but an aspiration that asks us to live into the questions. We hope exploring these types of questions in community will create a reality that will nurture us and help us nurture others.

Events at General Assembly

On-going: Facilitated conversations throughout GA. Visit our Facebook page to see times, and come to our booth to sign up.

Booth #414 - We invite everyone to come by our booth to talk to us and learn more about FPP.

Date & Time TBA: Mini Assembly to discuss the amendment

Date & Time TBA: General Session to vote on the amendment—leading to a 1-2 year study commission process

FPP Sponsors

As of March 20, 2017, twenty-five congregations passed the FPP; four organizations have also endorsed the FPP: UUAM, UUBF, CUUPS, UU Food Justice Ministry.



We will be accepting donations for Animal Rescue New Orleans. Their indigent program seeks to help humans and animal companions together. This is an example of how FPP calls us into relationship with all who are caught up in interlocking oppressions.



For more information visit FPP:

Website: www.firstprincipleproject.org
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ACCESSIBILITY

#433 THE RIGHT TO BE RESCUED: CLIMATE & DISABILITY Saturday 3:15 p.m. 215-216

ACTIVISM AND ORGANIZING

- #223 LOVE RESISTS! DECLARING CONSCIENCE & TAKING ACTION Thursday 1:30 p.m. R02-R03
- #226 PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY: SHARED LIBERATION DECISION-MAKING Thursday 3:15 p.m. Hall B1 Breakout
- #244 ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 1 Thursday 3:15 p.m. R02-R03
- #245 ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 2 Thursday 5:00 p.m. R02-R03
- #337 ACTIVATE JOYFUL WITNESS: A WORKSHOP ON ART & ACTIVISM Friday 3:15 p.m. 217-219

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- #223 LOVE RESISTS! DECLARING CONSCIENCE & TAKING ACTION Thursday 1:30 p.m. R02-R03
- #237 VOICES OF UU REFUGEES: FINDING SANCTUARY Thursday 3:15 p.m. 206-207
- #259 COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 1 Thursday 5:00 p.m. R06
- #321 COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 2 Friday 1:30 p.m. 206-207
- #341 THE RISE OF "CRIMMIGRATION": RHETORIC AND REAL TALK Friday 3:15 p.m. R02-R03
- #431 BRINGING IT HOME: POWERFUL ORGANIZING Saturday 3:15 p.m. R02-R03

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- #216 THE FIRE OF LOVE: SHEIKH IBRAHIM ABDURRAHMAN FARAJAJÉ Thursday 1:30 p.m. R04-R05
- #333 BELOVED CONVERSATIONS: SIT TOGETHER AND GO DEEP Friday 3:15 p.m. Hall B1 Breakout
- #413 REJOICING IN RELATIONSHIP: SACRED SHARING TO RESIST ISOLATION Saturday 1:30 p.m. 222
- #417 CENTERING: NAVIGATING RACE, AUTHENTICITY, AND POWER IN MINISTRY Saturday 1:30 p.m. 215-216

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- #249 BLACK POWER CHALLENGES LIBERAL RELIGION: FIFTY YEARS LATER Thursday 5:00 p.m. 215-216
- #310 BLACK LIVES OF UU: CONVENING AND ONGOING WORK Friday 1:30 p.m. R06
- #326 BLUU ORGANIZING COLLECTIVE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ANTI-BLACKNESS Friday 3:15 p.m. R06

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- #234 CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM Thursday 3:15 p.m. R06
- #318 TURNING TO WONDER AS A JUSTICE-MAKING PRACTICE Friday 1:30 p.m. R09
- #329 INTENT VS. IMPACT: IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND "CIVILITY" Friday 3:15 p.m. 215-216
- #407 THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM! Saturday 1:30 p.m. 204-205
- #418 WELCOMING WARRIORS Saturday 1:30 p.m. R02-R03
- #442 THE 'WELCOME TABLE:' BUILDING TRUST RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK! Saturday 3:15 p.m. R06

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- #428 SOCIAL WITNESS SERMON CONTEST WINNER Saturday 3:15 p.m. R07-R08

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- #416 UPCYCLING CHURCH Saturday 1:30 p.m. R09
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- #260 THE ROLE OF WHITE SILENCE IN RACIAL DISCUSSIONS Thursday 5:00 p.m. R07-R08
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- #236 LIVING THE INTERSECTION OF CLASS AND RACE Thursday 3:15 p.m. R04-R05
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

GA ORIENTATION

#101 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

Attend this session and learn how to make the most of your GA experience. You'll get insider scoop about our host city and get an overview of this General Assembly. This session is especially useful for first time GA attendees.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 1

#102 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **206-207**

The first of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship. The GA Choir Director is Mark Vogel, from the First UU Church of Houston, TX. Accompanist is Abigail Charbeneau, from Penacook, NH.

Mark Vogel

Abigail Charbeneau



Mark Vogel

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY ORIENTATION

#103 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **213**

Orientation for both attendees requiring accessibility services and accessibility volunteers. Come tour the convention center, meet the volunteer staff and ask your questions.

YOUNG ADULT ORIENTATION

#104 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **214**

YA@GA

Come meet other young adults, find out what YA@GA is all about, and get ready to start your GA experience off right with fun and connection.

Aisha Ansano

Cameron Young

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

YOUTH CAUCUS AND SPONSOR ORIENTATION

#105 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Attendance is required for all youth and sponsors attending GA and Youth Caucus programming. Come learn about what to expect at GA, meet the Youth Caucus staff, and learn about the exciting opportunities available this week. Start to build relationships with other youth and sponsors and have some fun!

Eric Broner

Jaidyn Bryant

Kathy Smith

Sam Wilson

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH DELEGATE ORIENTATION

#106 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

For youth representing their congregation as delegates, come to this short orientation that will inform you about the process. We'll answer questions/concerns about serving as a delegate, give you some insight into the agenda items and support you in anyway we can as you take on this important role.

Sam Wilson

Annalee Durland-Jones

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

CENTRAL EAST REGION MEETING

#107 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R07-R08**

MIDAMERICA REGION MEETING

#108 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **206-207**

NEW ENGLAND REGION MEETING

#109 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R04-R05**

PACIFIC WESTERN REGION MEETING

#110 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R02-R03**

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

#111 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP MEETING

#112 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R09**

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WELCOMING CELEBRATION & GENERAL SESSION I

#113 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Great Hall**

A Story of Us

We come together at General Assembly in a spirit of resistance to rejoice in all that we are and all we will discover together. This time of ingathering, welcome and compassion will call us to courageously come home to our souls and invite our spirits to rise for our shared commitments in a new chapter of faith.

Rev. Marisol Caballero
Rev. Paul Beedle

Terry Cummings
Rev. Daniel Gregoire



Rev. Marisol Caballero

Terry Cummings

Rev. Paul Beedle

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT WELCOME WORSHIP

#114 9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. **214**

YA@GA

We'll honor all of the people, events and places that bring us to GA to live into their legacies. We'll share stories, songs and memories that will ground us in our purpose and revolutionary power. Come remember and rejoice for all that we will learn, build and teach while here.

Sara Green



Sara Green

9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

YOUTH CAUCUS WORSHIP

#115 9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Resist and Rejoice together! Join the Youth Caucus for our youth led worship. Make connections and build community as we worship together. All are welcome to be present for music and inspiration as we lift our hearts and begin our week at GA!

Colleen Lee

Elliot Crary



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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

#201 THURSDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE 231

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

#202 MORNING WORSHIP: THE TALE OF A VERY, VERY PROUD ROOSTER Great Hall

8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

#203 GENERAL SESSION II Great Hall

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#204 MINI-ASSEMBLY ON SOC: ESCALATING INEQUALITY 210

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

THURSDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#201 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **231**

Start your day with this informal worship gathering offered by a GA Chaplain. This small group experience will reflect the early morning preferences of the Chaplain of the day.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP: THE TALE OF A VERY, VERY PROUD ROOSTER

#202 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Great Hall**

With morning breaking on the delta, we celebrate the web of life and greet the day with story and song and surprise!

Rev. Nathan A. Ryan
Rev. Julia Hamilton

Steven Ballesteros
Rev. Barbara Jarrell



Rev. Nathan A. Ryan



Steven Ballesteros



Rev. Julia Hamilton

8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION II

#203 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Great Hall**

UUA Moderator Jim Key presides over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda for details on the specific items which will be addressed.

Jim Key



Jim Key

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MINI-ASSEMBLY ON SOC: ESCALATING INEQUALITY

#204 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **210**

Commission on Social Witness

The mini assembly is the only opportunity to propose amendments to the draft Statement of Conscience and to discuss its content prior to the vote. **PW**

Dr. Susan Goekler
Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Rev. Christina Sillari
Richard Bock

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 2

#205 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **206-207**

The second of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship. The GA Choir Director is Mark Vogel, from the First UU Church of Houston, TX. Accompanist is Abigail Charbeneau, from Penacook, NH.
Mark Vogel **Abigail Charbeneau**

LIVING IN THE TENSION: FAITH AND RACIAL JUSTICE

#206 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **220**

Faith and racial justice principles often appear weaved together. In practice, however, challenges arise. What happens when we are asked to take a stand in a way that does not resonate? This workshop explores how “both/and thinking” supports an exploration of our points of resistance and potential for forward movement. **PW**

Dr. Shelly Tochluk



Dr. Shelly Tochluk

NAVIGATING THE NEW MINISTERIAL TRANSITION SYSTEM

#207 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **221**

Entering into Ministerial Transition? There is a new system in place for congregations seeking ministry. Come learn about the new approaches, both human and technological, and find ways to improve the odds for your ministerial search to go well. **PW**

Rev. Keith Kron

Christine Purcell

UU PRISON MINISTRY AND JUSTICE BEGINNING TODAY!

#208 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **215-216**

Church of the Larger Fellowship

The voices of our over 750 members in prison will be part of the conversation as we give you the tools to begin prison justice ministries today. Information will be shared on becoming a pen pal, sponsoring congregation, or CLF Prison Ambassador. **PW**

Rev. Meg Riley
Sarah Prickett

Mandy Goheen



Rev. Meg Riley



Mandy Goheen

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

ADVOCATING EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

#209 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **228-229**

Commit2Respond

Join Salote Soqo, UU Service Committee Senior Program Leader for Environmental Justice & Climate Action, and Bruce Knotts, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association United Nations Office (UU-UNO), to learn about current UU advocacy campaigns for equity and human rights for climate justice, both domestically and internationally. **L Y**

Salote Soqo

Bruce Knotts



Salote Soqo



Bruce Knotts

EXPLORING INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITY WITH PERSONAL STORYTELLING

#210 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **223**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Exclusively for People of Color

We begin our DRUUMM track exploring inter-sectional identities through personal storytelling. This is to ground us in a sense of ourselves, affirming all the inter-sectional parts of individual identity, and to introduce ourselves to each other. Come experience the positive effect of being accepted in the fullness of oneself. **PW M Y**

Erica Shadowsong

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE WHITE?

#211 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

Liberal Religious Educators Association

Dr. DiAngelo describes how race shapes the lives of white people, explains what makes racism so hard for us to see, and identifies common white racial patterns that prevent us from reaching racial equity. Weaving analysis, stories, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy. **L Y**

Dr. Robin DiAngelo



Dr. Robin DiAngelo

- L** Lecture
- M** Multigenerational
- P** Panel Presentation
- PW** Participatory workshop
- W** Worship
- Y** Youth-friendly

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

FARM WORKERS: SÍ, SE PUEDES

#212 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R09**

Florida Unitarian Universalist Churches

How do Unitarian Universalists work with farm labor organizations for economic, gender, and environmental justice? How can Unitarian Universalists defend immigrant and migrant workers? Florida's Coalition of Immokalee Workers is an anti-oppression organization that brings ethical behavior to the food industry. Your congregation can provide support. **PW Y**

Shelby Mack

Feryl Masters

Rev. Robert Murphy

YOUTH MINISTRY: ENGAGING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#213 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **208**

Pacific Western Region of the UUA

Tools for going deeper, exploring faith, and dealing with the rigors of life's complexities are our youth program's unique contribution to adolescents in our congregations. This workshop offers compelling reasons for engaging in practice in your program as well as concrete options and new practices for your youth AND adults. **PW Y**

Eric Bliss

Kenny Wiley

Nancy Combs-Morgan

Ramona Salgado



Eric Bliss



Kenny Wiley



Ramona Salgado

THE SOUND OF FORTIFICATION: WORSHIP WITH SANCTUARY BOSTON

#214 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R06**

Sanctuary Boston

Sanctuary Boston is a community of vibrant worship and real connection. Join us for a Sanctuary-style worship that weaves together music of all different styles with community singing, prayer, and ritual to celebrate the joys and struggles of our shared work for liberation. **W Y**

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Mark David Buckles

Matt Meyer



Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen



Mark David Buckles



Matt Meyer

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

SUSTAINING JUSTICE WORK THROUGH INCLUSIVE WORSHIP

#215 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **209**

Skinner House Books

Our worship sustains our courage and stamina for justice work. Marginalized communities have challenged us to make worship more inclusive, embodying the world we dream about. The co-authors and worship leaders referenced in the 2nd Edition Skinner House book *Worship That Works* will discuss our recent lessons and challenges.

PW Y

Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason
Rev. Theresa Soto

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz
Rev. Josh Pawelek



Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

Rev. Josh Pawelek

THE FIRE OF LOVE: SHEIKH IBRAHIM ABDURRAHMAN FARAJAJÉ

#216 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R04-R05**

Starr King School for the Ministry

Ibrahim Baba is celebrated around the globe for his revolutionary spirit, brilliance, humor, and counter-oppressive activism. Ibrahim Baba educated generations of Unitarian Universalist ministers and progressive religious leaders. Having returned to divine splendor this year, we celebrate his visionary life and prophetic scholasticism through poetry, art, memories, and ecstatic devotion. **W**

Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae
Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini

Pir Issa Golitzen Farajaje Chishti
Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt



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UNDOING RACISM PART 1

#217 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice. **PW**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

APPLYING EXPERIENCE FROM NEW ORLEANS TO SANTA BARBARA

#218 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R07-R08**

Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara - YRUU

In this discussion, featuring opportunities for group focus-work, members of YRUU of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, discuss our service work in New Orleans, its transformative impact on our thinking around privilege, identity, poverty, race and justice and how it has informed our social justice work in our community. **L M Y**

EMERGING NEW SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES: AN INNOVATION UPDATE

#219 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **204-205**

Unitarian Universalist Association, UU Ministers Association

Learn about new forms of spiritual community that are attracting millennials and the “spiritual but not religious.” We’ll showcase several of the most promising ideas that might be adapted by your congregation and update you on our exciting work to inspire and support religious innovators . . . like you! **PW M**

Rev. Don Southworth
Rev. Sue Phillips

Rev. Brock Leach



Rev. Don Southworth

Rev. Brock Leach

Rev. Sue Phillips

SINGING FOR OUR LIVES: A TAIZE JUSTICE SERVICE

#220 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

A service of words, music and contemplation to center participants on our faithful call to justice work. A service in the Taize tradition, with group singing, scripture, poetry, silence. Music from Taize, our UU hymnals, other faith traditions and readings from the sources of Unitarian Universalist faith will be used. **W M Y**

Elizabeth Norton
Rev. Rachel Baker

Bethany Russell-Lowe
Rev. Tony Fisher

UUA CANDIDATE'S FORUM

#221 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **230**

UUA Appointments and UUA Nominating Committees

Candidates to serve on National Committees will be present to answer your questions about their hopes and goals for our UUA. Also present will be members of the Nominating and Appointment Committees. **P**

Rev. Joe Cherry
Tim Atkins

Marcia Bowman
Aisha Hauser, MSW

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

OUR ENDURING LEGACY: END OF LIFE CONVERSATION

#222 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **222**

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop series engages our UU history in New Orleans & beyond to explore ways in which we can create & carry on our legacies. Learn about End of Life Conversations Ministry, Planned Giving, the Congregational “Death Cafe Series,” and reflections on Chaplaincy in New Orleans. **PW**

Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

Rev. Laura Randall

Rev. Dr. Jane Mauldin



Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

Rev. Laura Randall

Rev. Dr. Jane Mauldin

LOVE RESISTS! DECLARING CONSCIENCE & TAKING ACTION

#223 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R02-R03**

UUA, Standing on the Side of Love, UUSC, UU College of Social Justice and Mijente

UUs are part of the movement defending people targeted, excluded, and criminalized under the current administration. Hear from grassroots organizers and partner congregations on how we are living out our Declaration of Conscience through non-compliance and action and are part of realigning the political landscape toward justice in our communities. **PW M Y**

Jacinta González

Caitlin Breedlove

Hannah Hafter

Carey McDonald



Caitlin Breedlove

Carey McDonald

CREATING CONNECTIONS: YOUTH LED GAMES

#224 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Begin the week with fun games that will strengthen community, teach leadership, and make you laugh! Start lasting relationships across the GA community and learn some games that you can take home with you. All ages are welcome!

Andreas Rivera Young

Elesa Turner

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

FINDING UU COMMUNITY WHILE ON THE MOVE: A YOUNG ADULT STORY

#225 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **214**

YA@GA

As YAs, our lives change at the drop of a dime. We are constantly on the move: entering new cities, graduating, switching jobs, and changing housing. New challenges present themselves as we connect our UU principles to our lives. Come learn and share strategies with your peers.



Sean Page

3:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

PEOPLE’S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY: SHARED LIBERATION DECISION-MAKING

#226 3:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

The US Human Rights Network, Project South, and CELSJR will offer an interactive popular education training on grassroots governance, democracy, and shared liberation. This session will help participants develop their own intersectional analysis and plan for action. **PW M Y**

Colette Pichon Battle, Esq.

Stephanie Guilloud

Rev. Deanna Vandiver



Colette Pichon Battle, Esq.

Rev. Deanna Vandiver

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COMPENSATION: CONSIDERATIONS AND COMPLICATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

#227 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **221**

Economic justice begins at home. When making decisions about staff compensation, is your congregation expressing its values and mission? We’ll help you understand compensation philosophy so that you can develop sound policies and practices. Learn about the UUA Compensation Program, how it is evolving, and how you can provide input. **PW**



Jan Gartner

Rev. Richard Nugent

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BIG EASY/ REAL LIFE: AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

#228 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **204-205**

Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul

Participants will work on a rebuilding project that helps families displaced by Hurricane Katrina to return home. With support from Long Haul staff and SKSM faculty, participants will immerse themselves in the culture and history of New Orleans and learn more about local movements for racial, economic and climate justice. **PW**

Patty Cameron

Betsy Bowles

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Rev. Lindi Ramsden



Patty Cameron

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

#NOTONEMORE: KALIEF BROWDER, WHITE PRIVILEGE, AND RACIAL JUSTICE

#229 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **230**

Art and Resistance Through Education (ARTE)

ARTE will provide educators creative tools on dismantling white privilege and building knowledge in their own communities around the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), honoring the life of Kalief Browder. We will collectively brainstorm artistic strategies for organizing around racial justice and against white privilege. **PW M Y**

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario

EYE-TO-EYE PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE

#230 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **228-229**

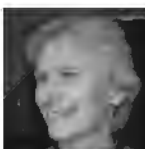
Commit2Respond

Join Salote Soqo and Rev. Paul Langston Daley (UUSC Justice Building Team) and Rev. Karen Brammer (Director, UUA Green Sanctuary Program) in dialogue about best practices for successful partnerships that respect and empower leaders from communities most impacted by climate change, industrial toxins, extreme extraction, etc. for long-haul justice building. **LY**

Rev. Karen Brammer

Salote Soqo

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley



Rev. Karen Brammer

Salote Soqo

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WHITE FRAGILITY

#231 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R07-R08**

Liberal Religious Educators Association, Faith Development Office, UU Ministers Association, UUSC

White Fragility is a state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves, including argumentation, invalidation, silence, withdrawal. This workshop will provide the perspectives and skills needed for white people to build their racial stamina and create more racially just practices. **PW Y**

Dr. Robin DiAngelo



Dr. Robin DiAngelo

EMPOWERING SONG: TOOLS FOR MUSICAL OUTREACH AND IN-REACH

#232 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

Explore what innovative outreach models can teach us about creating more transformative musical experiences in our congregations. Empowering Song combines elements of Liberatory Education, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, and the Seven Principles as music, movement, and meditation help us experience vulnerability as a pathway to deeper spiritual connection. **PW M Y**

Emily Jaworski

Michael Pfitzer

Tyler Turner



Emily Jaworski

Michael Pfitzer

Tyler Turner

HUMANIST WORSHIP SERVICE: RESIST AND RENEW!

#233 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R09**

Unitarian Universalist Humanist Association

All are warmly welcomed to this service of resistance, resilience, and renewal, as we celebrate our shared humanity and commit to serving the world. Drawing on humanist principles of inherent worth and our connection to each other, we will sing together and share a sense of wonder and of justice. **W M Y**

Rev. Amanda Poppei

Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Bailey Whiteman



Rev. Amanda Poppei

Rev. Dr. David Breeden

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

#234 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R06**

Mosaic UU Leadership Institute

"Resist and Rejoice," the 2017 GA theme, speaks directly to the Caribbean experience. We, of the Diaspora, are a resilient People. We overcome adversity again, and again, and again. Unitarian Universalism continues to benefit from its Caribbean Connections. Worship with us as we celebrate our faithfulness, tenacity, and creativity! **W Y**

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Esther Rosado



Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

AND THEN THERE WAS THE WORD...

#235 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **215-216**

Forward Arts

Facilitator from Forward Arts offers a poetry performance and demonstrates how spoken word arises from the urgency of movements for justice and becomes a powerful tool for advocacy and engagement. **PW M**

Donney Rose

Anna West

LIVING THE INTERSECTION OF CLASS AND RACE

#236 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R04-R05**

UU Class Conversations

In America today, the intersection of class and race can no longer be ignored. Our workshop will explore how class and race combine to shape one's life experiences and worldview. With this understanding, we'll look at how UUs can create a culture of radical hospitality and build strong intercultural partnerships. **PW Y**

Kellie Kelly

Rev. Lee Paczulla

Rev. Darrick Jackson

Chris Crass



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3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

VOICES OF UU REFUGEES: FINDING SANCTUARY

#237 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **206-207**

UUA International Office

Unitarian Universalists who have been forced to flee Burundi and Syria in the face of political oppression, violence, and war will share the experience of seeking and finding sanctuary. Hear about how your congregation can support refugees and asylees of all religious traditions, including UUs. **P**

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana

Samer Khaldi

Rev. Dr. Sara Ascher

Rev. Eric Cherry



Rev. Dr. Sara Ascher

Rev. Eric Cherry

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONAL THEOLOGY OF RESISTANCE

#238 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **223**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Exclusively for People of Color

As people of color, these times require us to have a firm understanding and means of articulating how and why our resistance efforts are rooted in our UU faith. Gain an ability to articulate the theological grounding that drives activism and confidence in amplifying religious perspectives in conversation and practice. **PW M Y**

Rev. Marisol Caballero

Rev. Mykal Slack

THE LEGACY OF THE SPIRIT: ART, JUSTICE, WORSHIP

#239 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **222**

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop explores artistic creation - from ministry in dance & music rooted in social justice, to partnership between the Red Flame Hunters (an all-children Mardi Gras Tribe) & Community Church New Orleans to the local UU Church tradition of the Jazz Funeral for the New Year. **P M Y**

Edward Buckner

Rev. Paul Beedle

Erin Walter

Elizabeth Trotter



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3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A NEW WAY TO PREPARE FOR UU MINISTRY

#240 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

UUMA and UUA

If you are preparing for the ministry, currently serving as a minister or are a lay leader in a congregation which has people preparing for the ministry, we invite you to come learn how the new Ministerial Formation Network will strengthen the future of Unitarian Universalism. **P**

Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer **Rev. David Pettee**
Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt **Rev. Megan Foley**



Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer *Rev. David Pettee* *Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt* *Rev. Megan Foley*

ME: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR POC 1

#241 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **214**

YA@GA, UUCSJ, *Standing on the Side of Love*

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this first of three sessions, we'll explore our identities as people of color, the power of our ancestors, the internalized oppression we've learned, and strengthen our spiritual muscles.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen **Elias Ortega-Aponte**

ME: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR WHITE FOLKS 1

#242 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **209**

YA@GA, UUCSJ, *Standing on the Side of Love*

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this first of three sessions, we'll explore our identities as white people, impact of whiteness on our spiritual lives, the internalized superiority we've learned, and strengthen our spiritual muscles.

Nora Rasman **Chris Casuccio**

COMMUNITIES OF RESISTANCE

#243 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

What are the communities that will be most affected by the decisions of the Trump administration, what are they doing to resist and how can we support them? This panel discussion followed by small group conversations will gather local organizers and community members for storytelling and conversation.

Elliot Ferrell-Carretey **Elesa Turner**
Andreas Rivera Young

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 1

#244 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R02-R03**

WeSayEnough! Campaign and UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness

Transformative, intersectional justice is possible, if we shift how we organize. This multi-faith WeSayEnough! Campaign training exposes dominant narratives that allow destructive, divisive systems to prosper. This lens is crucial for organizing around what people believe--faith and worldviews, challenging notions that power simply equals organized money or organized people. **PW M Y**

Dr. Charlene Sinclair **Brittini Gray**
Susan Leslie



Dr. Charlene Sinclair *Brittini Gray* *Susan Leslie*

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 2

#245 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R02-R03**

WeSayEnough! Campaign and UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness

Working from understanding that power equals fraud (false worldviews) plus force (state power over life and death), part 2 of this training helps organizers see how organizing can unintentionally reinforce dominant narratives. Traditional organizing starts with solving problems; here participants are given space to work from a collective strategic vision. **PW M Y**

Dr. Charlene Sinclair **Brittini Gray**
Susan Leslie

THE STRUGGLE WITH CLASS IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

#246 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **204-205**

Commission on Appraisal

The Commission on Appraisal will host a discussion on the updated report on class. Members of the Commission will discuss significant findings and conclusions and invite participants to share their responses and experiences. All are welcome to attend. **P Y**

Peter Kandis **Kathleen Henry**
Rev. Dr. Xolani Kacela **Katie Romano-Griffin**



Kathleen Henry

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

SING TRUTH TO POWER!: RESIST! REJOICE! YOUR VOICE!

#247 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **225-227**

“Beware the movement that sings!” once declared a tyrant King. Past, present, and future UU justice music making and makers unite in this program to better understand history and develop tools for today’s resistance through music across generations, cultures and communities. Based on Amy Carol Webb’s forthcoming Skinner House book. **PW M Y**

Rev. Amy Carol Webb
Rev. Dan Schatz

Reggie Harris
Matt Meyer



Rev. Amy Carol Webb *Reggie Harris* *Rev. Dan Schatz* *Matt Meyer*

OUR EVOLVING LEGACY: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

#248 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **222**

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop includes a leadership vision arising from young adult organizing; the current relevance of Baton Rouge Unitarian’s “Naming Project” honoring 44 people enslaved on the former plantation land of the Church, and how our UU past can create a prophetic voice for the future. **P M Y**

Kadyn Frawley
John Leeker

Rev. Nathan A. Ryan



Kadyn Frawley *Rev. Nathan A. Ryan* *John Leeker*

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

BLACK POWER CHALLENGES LIBERAL RELIGION: FIFTY YEARS LATER

#249 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **215-216**

BLUU

A retrospective conversation led by Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika (aka Hayward Henry Jr.), founding chair of the Black Unitarian Universalist Caucus (BUUC) and Black Affairs Council (BAC), 1967-1973, highlighting the challenges and outcomes of the Black empowerment movement of the 1960s and its relevance to the movement for Black Lives today. **M**

Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika

Rev. Dr. Julie Kain

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

LAY PASTORAL CARE AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#250 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **228-229**

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Virginia

Would you like to build a community of compassion in your congregation to support their needs in times of challenge or stress? A Lay Pastoral Care program is a way to prepare a group within your church to complement the work of the minister in providing pastoral care. **PW**

Rev. Sherman Logan
Carol Wayne

Linda Ericson



Rev. Sherman Logan *Carol Wayne*

WALK JUSTLY AND HUMBLY: HONORING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

#251 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **206-207**

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council

The prophet Micah asks, “What does the Eternal require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” In this worship service co-sponsored by the UUPCC, ICUU and UUA, U/U guests from around the world offer their perspectives on working for justice. **W M Y**

Rev. Diane Rollert

Rev. Roger Bertschausen



Rev. Diane Rollert *Rev. Roger Bertschausen*

EMERGENCY! CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

#252 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R09**

Southern Region UUA

What does environmental justice mean during an era of climate change? Unitarian Universalists in the Southern Region have learned from experience. We’ll provide justice-making resources that your cluster and congregation can use. Learn about emergency services and the New Orleans response to Hurricane Katrina. Moderator: Rev. Robert Murphy. **PW Y**

Rev. Kenn Hurto
Paul Dalzell

Rev. Jim VanderWeele
Mary Sheehan



Rev. Jim VanderWeele

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

AN INJURY TO ALL: STARR KING PRESIDENT’S LECTURE

#253 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R04-R05**

Starr King School for the Ministry

How do we address the lacerating awareness that we are partly victims, perpetrators and powerless witnesses of the intersecting oppressions that violate world communities and planet Earth? Addressing moral injury intersectionally, grounded in a spirituality of righteous interdependence, can offer us new tools in our struggles for healing and justice. **LY**

Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini



Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini

LIVING DOWNSTREAM: THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND NEW ORLEANS

#254 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **208**

Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

Join us to learn why many of the environmental, racial and social problems in Louisiana and New Orleans result from living downstream in the Mississippi River drainage basin that covers parts of 31 states. We will provide an environmental and historic context for your visit to New Orleans. **P**

**Dr. Cynthia Bryant
Charles Fryling**

**Dr. Nancy Rabelais
Dr. Edwin Lyon**

BUSINESS MINI ASSEMBLY 1: FIRST PRINCIPLE BYLAW AMENDMENT

#255 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **210**

UUA Board of Trustees

All GA business is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item. Please read the Delegate Guide, Rules of Procedure and the proposed bylaw amendment in preparation. **PW**

“JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS” SERMON AWARD

#256 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **220**

Unitarian Universalist Women’s Federation

On the 40th anniversary of the UUA Women & Religion Resolution, the winner of the UU Women’s Federation Sermon Award will preach on “justice for women and girls,” inviting conversation and action on the topics raised. **Y**

Justice Waidner Smith

Erin Walter



Erin Walter

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

BUDDHIST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF JUSTICE

#257 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **230**

UU Buddhist Fellowship

Join UUBF in a participatory, contemplative service with meditation, song, and reflections on how Buddhist spiritual practices can ground our activism and develop resilience for challenging times. Return to the body, open the heart, and renew your spirit for the work ahead! UU songwriter Mary Grigolia will lead us in song. **WY**

**Rev. Florence Caplow
Rev. Mary Grigolia**

**Rev. Catherine Senghas
Rev. Patrice Curtis**



Rev. Florence Caplow



Rev. Catherine Senghas



Rev. Mary Grigolia



Rev. Patrice Curtis

MFC: ASPIRING TO BE A LEARNING COMMITTEE/ COMMUNITY

#258 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **221**

UUA

An interactive session focused on process improvements and the future role of ministerial credentialing. Participants will be asked to share ideas, suggestions, feedback, and issues the MFC may consider as it endeavors to be more effective, responsive, and accountable to all of its constituencies. **PW**

**Rev. Maddie Sifantus
Rev. Greg Ward**

**Dr. Joetta Prost
Jesse King**

COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 1

#259 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R06**

UUSC

We will collaboratively explore the global challenges of forced displacement due to war, persecution, and climate change. We define important terms like who is a refugee and who is an asylum seeker. We examine interventions in the global refugee crisis and breakout groups explore in-depth issues and best practices. **PW Y**

**Katia Hansen
Jan Meslin**

Josh Leach



Katia Hansen



Jan Meslin

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

THE ROLE OF WHITE SILENCE IN RACIAL DISCUSSIONS

#260 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **R07-R08**

Liberal Religious Educators Association, Faith Development Office, YY Ministers Association, UUSC

Many white people fear saying the wrong thing in cross-racial discussions, and often choose to play it safe and hold back. This session will look at how white silence and the various rationales for it function in racial dialogues, and offer an anti-racist response. **PW Y**



Dr. Robin DiAngelo

CREATIVE RESISTANCE: A STORYTELLING EVENT

#261 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **214**

YA@GA

Resistance is important work, and it can take so many forms. Join YA@GA as we hear from local organizers, activists, and artists about the ways in which they practice creative resistance that feeds their souls and helps them do the work.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WITH THE UUA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

#262 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Get to know the UUA presidential candidates through interactive discussion and Q&A. For all youth and especially youth who are delegates, this is a great opportunity to further explore their candidacies for yourself and engage in conversation about the future with leaders of our faith!

Hannah Rigdon

Annalee Durland-Jones

9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

HANDS AND HEARTS RAISED: YA@GA AND YOUTH CAUCUS WORSHIP

#264 9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus and YA@GA invite you to an evening of community building, music, and spiritual renewal. Join your voices and hands in celebration of our spiritual ancestors who teach us how to resist and rejoice. Come raise your voices for centering and strengthening.

*Colleen Lee
Sara Green*

Elliot Crary



Sara Green

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION

#263 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Great Hall**

The Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group invites you to join us at this service where we honor those who have died, recognize those who have completed active service, and welcome those who have received fellowship, credentialed or certified status in the past year. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Cheryl M. Walker.

A Name, A Difference

We come into our UU communities to do some good, as we make some friends and grow our souls. What other motivations might we bring with us, and which ones do we need to check at the door? What difference do we want to make with the time we have?

The Reverend Cheryl M. Walker has served as the Pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, NC since 2009. Prior to going to Wilmington, she served four years as the Assistant Minister at the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City. Rev. Walker currently serves as the President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Springfield College and a Master of Divinity from The Union Theological Seminary of New York.



Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

Our Music Coordinator is DeReau K. Farrar. DeReau is the Director of Music First Unitarian Church of Portland, OR. He served as Director of Music for the UU Community Church of Santa Monica, Choir Director for First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, Artistic Director of Selah Gospel Choir – an interfaith community gospel choir, Voice and Choir Teacher for New Roads High School, and Musical Director for classic theater company, A Noise Within. Additionally, DeReau worked in Los Angeles as a freelance music director, vocal contractor, consultant, and arranger, and has a background as a classical singer.



DeReau K. Farrar

Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

DeReau K. Farrar

10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

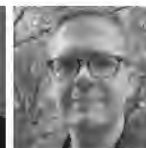
STEP BY STEP: THE RUBY BRIDGES SUITE

#265 10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Great Hall**

Come celebrate the story of Ruby Bridges, the trailblazing African-American girl who, at age 6, integrated the New Orleans Public Schools in 1960. Pianist Darrell Grant's cantata features the choirs of All Souls, DC, and First UU, Nashville, along with a 6-piece all-star jazz ensemble and renowned vocalist Marilyn Keller.



Darrell Grant



Rev. Jason Shelton



Marilyn Keller



Brian Blade

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** #302 MORNING WORSHIP: BRAVE AND STRONG Great Hall
- 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** #303 GENERAL SESSION III Great Hall
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** #304 UU CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLABORATORY 228-229
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**
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- #325 BUSINESS MINI ASSEMBLY 2: SOURCES OF ACCOUNTABILITY BYLAW AMENDMENT 210
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- 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** #345 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FORUM Great Hall
- 10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.** #346 GA DANCE Lounge

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

FRIDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#301 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **231**

Start your day with this informal worship gathering offered by a GA Chaplain. This small group experience will reflect the early morning preferences of the Chaplain of the day.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP: BRAVE AND STRONG

#302 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Great Hall**

A time of ritual, blessing and embodied prayer as we prepare for our day of witness and learning in a sacred community. Let us find humility and care in community that is strong, resilient and capable of transformation.

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson **Rev. Jake Morrill**
Marcy Baruch



Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson



Rev. Jake Morrill

8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION III

#303 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Great Hall**

UUA Moderator Jim Key presides over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda for details on the specific items which will be addressed.

Jim Key



Jim Key

- L** Lecture
- M** Multigenerational
- P** Panel Presentation
- PW** Participatory workshop
- W** Worship
- Y** Youth-friendly

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

UU CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLABORATORY

#304 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **228-229**

Commit2Respond

This People's Assembly will bring together Unitarian Universalists who are deeply committed to mobilizing for environmental justice and climate justice in the world, for strategic dialogue and community organizing. **PW Y**

Aly Tharp
Salote Sogo

Rev. Karen Brammer
Peter Bowden



Aly Tharp



Rev. Karen Brammer



Salote Sogo

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: STAFF DEPARTURES

#305 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **221**

Deliberately or suddenly, in joy or pain, after days or decades, every staff member eventually leaves. Regardless of the circumstances, employee leave-takings deserve consideration and care. Learn what to expect and what to do to facilitate healthy staff departures and to help congregants make meaning out of change. **PW**

Jan Gartner

Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley



Jan Gartner



Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley

BUDGET HEARING

#306 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **210**

Each year the President presents a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and the following year to the Board, which the board considers for adoption. This hearing is an opportunity for delegates to understand the budget of the UUA in greater depth and to ask questions.

Lucia Santini Field
Christina Rivera

Tim Brennan

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

COURAGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE, COURAGE FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

#307 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

We must rise, with our vision, our values, our communities, our courage, for racial justice, human rights and collective liberation in these times. Chris Crass works with congregations and communities around the country to help develop leadership, culture, and vision to inspire and sustain people in justice work. **PW Y**

Chris Crass



Chris Crass

DEEPER THAN THE SKIN: BUILDING BRIDGES WITH MUSIC

#308 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **230**

Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway will illustrate through their remarkable musical relationship of three decades how people from unique histories can build bridges. Reggie (Music Ed Director for Living Legacy Project), and Greg, (Brother Sun), will lead an interactive musical experience on Race and relationship. A celebration of creative justice-making. **PW Y**

Reggie Harris

Greg Greenway



Reggie Harris



Greg Greenway

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR DEALING WITH WHITENESS

#309 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R04-R05**

Unitarian Universalists are committed to resisting white supremacy. White UUs need spiritual practices to help us persist when things get hard or uncomfortable and build our resiliency for the long haul. Come hear stories, share with others and do ritual together as we grapple with our whiteness. **PW Y**

Rev. Ashley Horan

Nora Rasman

Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken



Rev. Ashley Horan

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

BLACK LIVES OF UU: CONVENING AND ONGOING WORK

#310 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R06**

Black Lives of UU

All are invited to join the Black Lives of UU collective for an interactive session recapping the March 2017 BLUU convening, and the collective's ongoing work for liberation. Black Lives of UU serves Black Unitarian Universalists and lives into a long history of anti-racism and Black empowerment within our faith. **PW Y**

Kenny Wiley

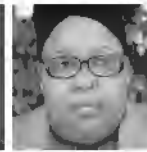
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Lena K. Gardner

COLLECTIVE LIBERATION DECISION-MAKING: REFLECTIONS FOR UU SOCIAL WITNESS

#311 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **208**

Commission on Social Witness

Following sessions on Collective Liberation Decision-making presented by Justice GA community partners, the Commission on Social Witness will conduct a reflection session for rethinking our Associational Social Witness. Let competition and urgency give way to new possibilities, enhancing the Association's and the GA's capacity to be justice centered every year. **PW M**

Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers

Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Dr. Susan Goekler

Rev. Christina Silliari

POST TRAUMATIC MINISTRY

#312 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **223**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Exclusively for People of Color

We live in an era in which more and more people are living with a sense of despair and hopelessness. In this workshop, we will explore the healing properties of ritual, embodied participation and delve into the resources that our theological perspective offers a hurting world. **PW M Y**

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Rev. Darrick Jackson



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Rev. Darrick Jackson

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

FAITHIFY: MOBILIZING NETWORKS FOR RAPID RESPONSE

#313 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **209**

FAITHIFY

Justice work necessitates rapidly responding to emerging events. FAITHIFY reaches funders at the speed of social media. Crowdfunding campaigns, like UU Presence with Standing Rock, connect faithful hearts to ministries in headline news. Learn to amplify your timely justice work, mobilize networks, and build active relationships with passionate funders. **PW Y**

Halcyon Westall Hilary Allen
Rev. Karen Van Fossan



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TRANSITION: HOW WE ARE IS WHO WE ARE

#314 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **215-216**

Liberal Religious Educators Association and Interim Ministers Guild
Every transition is an opportunity to strengthen and improve a system. This workshop will illustrate how to model leadership in a way that empowers decision making based on skills rather than position. How we operate reflects our values and justice work starts at home. **PW**

Rev. Elaine Peresluha Aisha Hauser, MSW
Jason Puracal



Rev. Elaine Peresluha Aisha Hauser, MSW Jason Puracal

SING A NEW SONG: HOW DO WE CELEBRATE?

#315 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

Our faith has evolved from many traditions. As we continue to evolve what form will our celebration take? What will the congregation that has yet to come be looking for, longing for? This interactive service will give participants take home examples of creative and new celebration (singing together).

PW M Y
Jim Scott



Jim Scott

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

INTERRACIAL FAMILIES RESISTING RACIAL MICRO-AGGRESSIONS

#316 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **220**

Neighbourhood UU Congregation, Toronto, Canada

Workshop presenters (Wilburn, Social Work Professor, & Patricia, Candidate for UU Ministry) will share stories of micro-aggressions and resistance as challenges that affront interracial families in negotiating daily life in a white hegemonic society. Methods of interpersonal communication will be offered to address racial slights and insults that perpetuate exclusion. **PW M**

Dr. Wilburn Hayden Patricia Trudeau



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AWAKENING INNOVATION IN FAITH FORMATION PRACTICES

#317 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **222**

The Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard

We know that contemporary congregations require new forms of faith practice to flourish. What do these practices look like? How can the needs of particular, often marginalized, groups provide opportunities for whole families to reach out and support community growth and development? Three Fahs Research Fellows will provide innovative learning. **P Y**

Dr. Mark Hicks Dr. Melissa James
Rev. David Messner Tracy Beck



Dr. Mark Hicks

TURNING TO WONDER AS A JUSTICE-MAKING PRACTICE

#318 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R09**

UUA

Justice work is more effective when done in partnership with others. Using the principles of Parker Palmer’s Circles of Trust model, the workshop will explore the practices of hospitality and “turning to wonder” when collaborating. It offers skills for leading authentically while in the “tragic gap” existing in all justice work. **PW M**

Rev. Sharon Dittmar Rev. Alicia Forde



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1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

UNDOING RACISM PART 2

#319 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice. **PW**

A LUMINOUS BROTHERHOOD: AFRO-CREOLE SPIRITUALISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

#320 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **204-205**

Unitarian Universalist History & Heritage Society

Conrad Wright Lecture: This lecture introduces the practice of Spiritualism among a small community of Afro-Creole men in nineteenth-century New Orleans and a world of spirits that guided these men as they sought to make New Orleans, the South, the nation, and the world a more just and moral place. **PW**

Dr. Emily Clark

Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk

Rev. Mark Harris



Dr. Emily Clark

Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk

COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 2

#321 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **206-207**

UUSC

We continue to collaboratively explore the global challenges of forced displacement due to war, persecution, and climate change. The issues that refugees face are context-dependent and complex: right to work, access to protection, trafficking, and trauma. We examine interventions in the global refugee crisis and breakout groups explore in-depth issues and best practices. **PW Y**

Katia Hansen

Josh Leach

Sana Mustafa

Pam Sparr



Katia Hansen

Sana Mustafa

Pam Sparr

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

IS THE FIGHT WORTH IT? A MULTIGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION

#322 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **217-219**

YA@GA

UUs know it is important to stay committed to our values and to be strategic about how we pick our battles. Come hear people of different generations talk to each other about how they decide when the fight is worth it and when it's time to compromise or move on.

Alexandria Boutros

Rev. Meg Riley

Elnora Williams



Rev. Meg Riley

Elnora Williams

ROCK THE BOAT: A YOUTH IMPACT STRATEGY SESSION

#323 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **214**

Youth Caucus

For youth who want to lead General Assembly in making an outward impact. Come help harness the power of Unitarian Universalism and strategize with your peers on how to best help GA engage in social witness on issues that matter to you.

Hannah Rigdon

Annalee Durland-Jones

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 3

#324 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Great Hall**

The third of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship. The GA Choir Director is Mark Vogel, from the First UU Church of Houston, TX. Accompanist is Abigail Charbeneau, from Penacook, NH.

Mark Vogel

Abigail Charbeneau

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MINI ASSEMBLY 2: SOURCES OF ACCOUNTABILITY BYLAW AMENDMENT

#325 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **210**

All GA business is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item. Please read the Delegate Guide, Rules of Procedure and the proposed bylaw amendment in preparation. **PW**

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BLUU ORGANIZING COLLECTIVE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ANTI-BLACKNESS

#326 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R06**

Anti-blackness is a global phenomenon that affects people in every cultural and ethnic group. Within larger systems of structural oppression, it translates to higher rates of social ills, including poverty, unemployment, poor health outcomes, and substandard housing. We will also discuss the impact of anti-blackness in our congregations and beyond. **Y**

Lena K. Gardner
Dr. Takiyah Amin

Dr. Michael Dumas
Kenny Wiley



Lena K. Gardner Dr. Takiyah Amin Kenny Wiley

CRAFTING WORSHIP THAT DE-CENTERS WHITENESS

#327 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R07-R08**

Together, let's risk a conversation about cultural misappropriation in worship. How do we make our worship spaces more welcoming, respectful, and brave? Even as we acknowledge different developmental stages of multicultural competency, we reach out to those ready for the complicated, life-giving work of creating an inclusive culture of worship. **P**

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout
Rev. Erika Hewitt

Julica Hermann de la Fuente



Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout Julica Hermann de la Fuente

SOCIAL WITNESS WORKSHOP

#328 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R09**

Commission on Social Witness

Join the Commission on Social Witness (CSW) for a workshop on creating justice at General Assembly. We will discuss ways to do witness and break into groups to form concrete plans. Prior to this workshop you may stop at the CSW booth in the exhibit hall to propose an issue. **PW Y**

Rev. Caitlin Cotter
Rev. Christina Sillari

Dr. Susan Goekler
Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

INTENT VS. IMPACT: IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND "CIVILITY"

#329 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **215-216**

In this experiential workshop, we start off by acknowledging, honoring, and sharing our respective identities and diverse cultures. We then consider and create ways to better bring authentic welcome, inclusion, and civility to our actions and our lives. **PW**

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson
Rev. Anya Johnston

Starr Austin
Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson



Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson Starr Austin Rev. Anya Johnston Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson

"DAYS FOR GIRLS:" MENSTRUAL KITS FIGHT POVERTY, ISOLATION

#330 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **204-205**

Days for Girls International, New Orleans Chapter
Understand how making and distributing menstrual hygiene kits can give days in school back to girls. Communities are stronger when women are empowered. This panel fosters interest among participants in a Days for Girls chapter back home, or joining the kit packing Service Project on Saturday at GA.

Lisa Kamuf
Mary L. Pretz-Lawson

Cassie Catalanotto



Mary L. Pretz-Lawson

A/RELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY AS STRENGTH FOR UNITY

#331 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R04-R05**

Ecumenical Theological Seminary and The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

Unitarian Universalist congregations are communities comprised of believers and seekers representing remarkable differences in faith, ethnicity, and culture. While such profound differences in communities often lead to societal and interpersonal conflict, the dominant UU narrative is that we are strong because of our diversity. We will explore this important dynamic. **PW**

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN OF COLOR AND THEIR NEEDS IN CONGREGATIONS

#332 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **223**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries
Exclusively for People of Color

We move from the individual to our experiences in communities of people of color in general. We'll explore how we relate to each other and our varying needs. The aim of this program is to center children of color in our movement, rather than white allies in our congregations. **PW M Y**

Erica Shadowsong

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS: SIT TOGETHER AND GO DEEP

#333 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard

Bring the fullness of yourself to an experiential, identity-based circle of "critical friends" who listen through a dual lens of race-plus, to help each other learn and grow. Join a topic-based, facilitated group, and respond to evocative questions designed to spark insight, healing and stronger relationships of accountability and compassion. **PW**

Dr. Mark Hicks

Rev. Ashley Horan



Dr. Mark Hicks



Rev. Ashley Horan

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CASE FOR RADICAL CHAPLAINCY

#334 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **230**

Skinner House Books

UU chaplains play important roles in secular institutions. They model non-sectarian care for a world that is increasingly spiritual but not religious. Their work is also filled with challenges in settings where the inherent worth and dignity of those they care for is not always shared. Come hear their voices.

PW

Rev. Karen Hutt

Rev. Dr. Jane Mauldin



Rev. Dr. Jane Mauldin

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

RESIST IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST OUR TOP-HEAVY ECONOMIC SYSTEM

#335 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Most Americans know that our economic system is rigged, that it is also unsustainable, and many are angry. But how can we resist in solidarity - to transform this system? Also, to transcend anger and fight back in hope and joy with people of diverse identities, whether rich or poor? **PW Y**

Dr. Richard Wolff

Chuck Collins



Dr. Richard Wolff



Chuck Collins

COMMUNION SERVICE

#336 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **206-207**

UU Christian Fellowship

All are welcome to this year's annual communion service, sponsored by the UU Christian Fellowship. This service is designed to welcome those steeped in the tradition, as well as those who are new to it.

W M Y

Rev. Dr. Melanie Morel-Ensminger

ACTIVATE JOYFUL WITNESS: A WORKSHOP ON ART & ACTIVISM

#337 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **217-219**

UU College of Social Justice, Youth Caucus

How can we make our activism more joyful, creative, and engaging? What's the connection between art and social change? How can we renew our spirits while confronting injustice? With guest artists and activists, we'll explore some inspiring examples, get crafty together, and prepare to bring spirited presence to Public Witness.

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario

Joyeasha Dutta

Jimmy Betts

Kristin Famula



Joyeasha Dutta



Jimmy Betts



Kristin Famula

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LEADING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

#338 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

This program will include methods to make all people feel welcome and comfortable through congregational singing. We will sing, discuss, and use examples of creating hospitality with different kinds of music from our UU Hymnals. Participants are invited to practice leading hymns that have personal or cultural relevance to them. **PW M Y**

Amanda Thomas

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy



Amanda Thomas



Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

LIVING OUR FAITH: EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE

#339 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **221**

UUA Office of Church Staff Finances

The health insurance marketplace is increasingly chaotic with a struggling Affordable Care Act, more restrictive employer-provided health plans, and under-resourced public programs. In this mix, the UUA Health Plan is celebrating its 11th year of providing quality health insurance to congregational staff. Come learn the latest trends in health insurance. **PW**

Rev. Richard Nugent

Jim Sargent

THE SPIRITS ECHO: WAKE NOW OUR VISION LEGACY PLANNING

#340 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **222**

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop series engages our Unitarian Universalist history in New Orleans & beyond to explore the ways in which we can create & carry-on our legacies. Learn about how you and your congregation can participate in a unique opportunity to strengthen our Unitarian Universalism through planned giving. **P**

Laura Randall

Rev. Jim VanderWeele

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse



Laura Randall



Rev. Jim VanderWeele



Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

THE RISE OF “CRIMMIGRATION”: RHETORIC AND REAL TALK

#341 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R02-R03**

UUSC/UURISE

A fundamental human rights principle is that everyone has the right to leave their country. Yet, deportation policies targeting “criminal aliens” will likely widen to even more draconian effect under Trump. This workshop explores increasing criminalization of migrants, including incarceration, and provides organizing strategies to protect vulnerable community members. **PW Y**

Josh Leach

Katia Hansen

Jan Meslin



Katia Hansen



Jan Meslin

US: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR POC 2

#342 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **214**

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this second of three sessions, we’ll share about our diversity as people of color, what we need from each other as POC and how to have each others backs.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Elias Ortega-Aponte



Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen



Elias Ortega-Aponte

US: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR WHITE FOLKS 2

#343 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **209**

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this second of three sessions, we’ll share about our diversity as white folks, what we need from each other as white folks and how to call each other in.

Nora Rasman

Chris Casuccio

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WITNESS: #LOVERESISTS REJOICING FOR SANCTUARY & SOLIDARITY

#344 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Get ready for a faithful and festive call to action! Across the country, people of faith and conscience are engaging through the Love Resists campaign to resist hate and fear and respond to today's justice movement moment. In New Orleans, Unitarian Universalists will celebrate expanding the notion of sanctuary to help create safe spaces for all people under threat, and rejoice in the solidarity of working with community partners. Come for a distinctly New Orleans take on sanctuary infused with art and imagination, and get connected to the Love Resists campaign's resources to bring home to your congregation.

The event will start with a brass band-led "second-line" style procession to the event site, a tradition established by black New Orleanians to express grief and celebrate life which has offered cultural resistance to systemic oppression for generations. Please join as much of the procession as you like, or simply wait for its entrance to the event site in style! A short program starting at roughly 5:45 pm will feature both community and UU activist voices and honor local General Assembly's New Orleans partner organizations. Get energized and sustained in community for the loving resistance we'll bring forward together.

The Love Resists campaign is co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Learn more at loveresists.org.



LOVE RESISTS

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

#345 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Great Hall**

Please join us as the candidates to be the next President of the Unitarian Universalist Association participate in their final forum, sharing their respective vision of the future with us. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance of the forum.

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray **Rev. Alison Miller**
Rev. Jeanne Pupke



*Rev. Susan
Frederick-Gray*



Rev. Alison Miller



*Rev. Jeanne
Pupke*

10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

GA DANCE

#346 10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. **Lounge**

Come listen and enjoy some live local music by the Young and Talented Brass Band.

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.** #401 SATURDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE 231
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** #402 MORNING WORSHIP: WHO TAUGHT YOU TO RESIST? Great Hall
- 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** #403 GENERAL SESSION IV Great Hall
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** #404 DECOLONIZATION IS CLIMATE JUSTICE Hall B2-1 & B2-2
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- 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** #445 WARE LECTURE Great Hall
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7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#401 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **231**

Start your day with this informal worship gathering offered by a GA Chaplain. This small group experience will reflect the early morning preferences of the Chaplain of the day.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP: WHO TAUGHT YOU TO RESIST?

#402 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Great Hall**

We gather together to acknowledge the complexity of our humanness - the beautiful and the disheartening. In the midst of broken covenant there is something that draws us together as to revel in the Mystery. Come; let us worship together through prayer, song, and the pouring of libations.

**Rev. Melanie Morel-Ensminger Sarah Green
Chloe Ockey**



Rev. Melanie Morel-Ensminger Sarah Green

8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION IV

#403 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Great Hall**

UUA Moderator Jim Key presides over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda for details on the specific items which will be addressed.



Jim Key

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DECOLONIZATION IS CLIMATE JUSTICE

#404 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

Commit2Respond

Our Industrial Growth economy is intricately linked to our history of colonization. How does colonialism manifest in modern times? How is it impacting our response to the climate crisis and the shift to a life-sustaining society? What are the ripple effects of the Indigenous-led Dakota Access Pipeline resistance?



Rev. Karen Van Fossan

PW Y

**Dina Gilio-Whitaker
Ronya Hoblit**

**Rev. Karen Van Fossan
Monique Verdin**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CHILDREN AND RACE: “THE TALK” IS TOO LATE

#405 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R04-R05**

By age four, kids have already internalized the message “white is better.” Yet often congregations, caregivers, and white parents don’t talk about race or racism until kids are older, if at all. What tools for adults can help children of all colors counter white supremacy and develop healthy racial identities? **PW Y**

**Rev. Natalie Fenimore Aisha Hauser, MSW
Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh**



Rev. Natalie Fenimore Aisha Hauser, MSW Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

UU COMMON ENDOWMENT INVESTING IN NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITIES

#406 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **230**

One percent of the UU Common Endowment is invested in Community Investments. Learn about how UU Community Investing works towards economic, racial and environmental justice. Specific presenters include financial leaders remedying food deserts and access to capital by African Americans in the New Orleans community. **P**

**Bill Bynum Alden McDonald
Joan Cudhea James Madison**

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM!

#407 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **204-205**

Central East Region UUA

In this increasingly complex multicultural world, making mistakes is a given. A HUGE elephant is often in the room. Why did we invite this elephant in? Why do we pretend it’s not there? Why do we feed this unwanted guest? What do we do about it? Let’s talk! **PW**

**Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson Andrea Lerner
Shannon Harper**



Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson Andrea Lerner Shannon Harper

- L** Lecture
- M** Multigenerational
- P** Panel Presentation
- PW** Participatory workshop
- W** Worship
- Y** Youth-friendly

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 4

#408 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **206-207**

The fourth of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship. The GA Choir Director is Mark Vogel, from the First UU Church of Houston, TX. Accompanist is Abigail Charbeneau, from Penacook, NH.
Mark Vogel **Abigail Charbeneau**

IMPROVISING FAITH OFF THE BINARY: CLF WORSHIP SERVICE

#409 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R07-R08**

Church of the Larger Fellowship
Our world is full of so-called ‘opposites’ that put us on binary scales. Good/bad. Male/female. Theist/atheist. Body/Soul. Gay/straight. Justice/ spirituality. Black/ white. The revolution in gender identity has taught us the creativity and complexity that can emerge when we refuse to comply. Service will include jazz improvisation. **W M Y**
Rev. Meg Riley **Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt**
Lena K. Gardner **Rev. Sean Parker Dennison**



Rev. Meg Riley *Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt* *Lena K. Gardner* *Rev. Sean Parker Dennison*

TAKING ACTION TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

#410 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **210**

Commission on Social Witness
A panel of UUs working to address corrupting influences on American democracy, and a Clean Elections organizer, will share problems they are addressing and opportunities they see for action. Panelists include the author of the UUAs study guide, the CSAI proposer, and a young adult activist working on voter rights. **P**
Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte **Kindra Muntz**
Dave Jones **Dr. Susan Goekler**



Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte *Kindra Muntz*

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GLOBAL MAJORITY COLLECTIVE

#411 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **223**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries Exclusively for People of Color

The Global Majority Collective will begin by asking ourselves the question: What would Unitarian Universalism be like if whiteness was not the norm? The answers to this question will surely be as varied, but the thought is that these ideas can be nurtured into actualization through mutually-supported projects. **PW M Y**
Rev. Marisol Caballero



Rev. Marisol Caballero

STORIES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF COLOR BOOK LAUNCH

#412 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R06**

DRUUMM
"Unitarian Universalists of Color: Stories of Struggle, Courage, Love, and Faith" consists of stories of UUs in the U.S., a 2015 GA workshop transcript and resources. Contributors will read excerpts from their stories, and two religious educators of color will lead the audience discussion in perspective with faith development. **PW**
Jessica York **Dr. Mark Hicks**
Yuri Yamamoto **Dr. Chandra Snell**



Jessica York *Dr. Mark Hicks*

REJOICING IN RELATIONSHIP: SACRED SHARING TO RESIST ISOLATION

#413 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **222**

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
On our Journey Toward Wholeness, creating beloved community across difference is essential. How we listen to stories and share ours builds multiracial, multicultural and anti-oppressive justice movements. Share stories of your journey, pre-GA training, and justice experiences at this GA. Leave with tools to equip your communities for AR/AO/MC engagement. **PW M Y**
Rev. Wendy von Courter **Rev. Theresa Soto**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

EMPOWERING MEMORIES: ORAL HISTORY AS ACTS OF RESISTANCE

#414 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **228-229**

Meadville Lombard Theological School

Oral history can be an act of resistance when empowered communities create honest histories to correct the stale and safe stories we often tell ourselves. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to create and/or expand and correct oral histories that are radically inclusive of marginalized people. **PW**

Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk **John Leeker**
Claudia Espinel



Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk



John Leeker



Claudia Espinel

UNDOING RACISM PART 3

#415 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice. **PW**

UPCYCLING CHURCH

#416 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R09**

Unitarian Universalist Association

Join authors for an upcoming Skinner House book to learn about creative ways to use materials you have at hand in your church to transform and inspire. Find out how to “upcycle” your music, your building, your coffee hour, your intergenerational programs, your mission...to breathe new life into your congregation. **P Y**

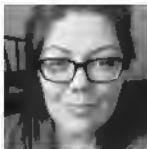
Rev. Christana Wille McKnight **Julica Hermann de la Fuente**
Rev. Seth Fisher **Rev. Lee Paczulla**



Julica Hermann de la Fuente



Rev. Seth Fisher



Rev. Lee Paczulla

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CENTERING: NAVIGATING RACE, AUTHENTICITY, AND POWER IN MINISTRY

#417 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **215-216**

Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association’s Committee for Antiracism, Anti-Oppression and Multiculturalism and Skinner House Books celebrate the publication of “Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry.” Writers will read from their chapters about the experience of clergy of color exercising power at the center of historically white institutions. **P Y**

Rev. Mitra Rahnema **Rev. Walter LeFlore**
Rev. Josh Pawelek



Rev. Mitra Rahnema



Rev. Walter LeFlore



Rev. Josh Pawelek

WELCOMING WARRIORS

#418 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **R02-R03**

UU Christian Fellowship

Unitarian Universalism welcomes and includes many service-members, current and former. This workshop, designed for a broad audience, will affirm that welcome and offer support to those seeking to connect Service-members with our faith. **P M Y**

Susan Maginn **Rev. Dr. Xolani Kacela**
Cynthia Kane

STAFF CONUNDRUM: CREATIVE RESPONSES TO CHALLENGING PROBLEMS

#419 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **221**

UUA Office of Church Staff Finances

The religious and civic landscape in America is changing. Organizations, which had responded to declining volunteerism by hiring additional staff, are finding it more difficult to maintain optimum staffing given personnel costs. Are there options beyond reducing staff and hours? Our workshop will explore creative responses to this staffing conundrum. **PW**

Jan Gartner **Rev. Richard Nugent**
Connie Goodbread



Jan Gartner



Rev. Richard Nugent



Connie Goodbread

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY: SING SPIRITUALS OF THE UU HYMNAL

#420 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

This program allows participants to delve into spirituals included in the Unitarian Universalist hymnals, Singing the Living Tradition and Singing the Journey. Participants will learn the context and stylistic elements of spirituals, and how this particular genre of music is relevant to the current fight for racial justice in America. **PW M Y**

Amanda Thomas



Amanda Thomas

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CUUPS SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL: SHINING JUSTICE'S LIGHT

#424 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **204-205**

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

Drawing on Pagan and Earth-Relating traditions we connect with spiritual power. Calling on the strength of the sun's light, participants will journey to their own illumination and build awareness of how Earth-Relating practices can nurture us as we do the work to build the world we dream of. **W M Y**

Rev. Amy Beltaine
Eddie Love

David Pollard
Debra Gilbert



Rev. Amy Beltaine

FUNDING OUR FAITH, FUNDING OUR FUTURE

#421 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **220**

UU Funding Program

The UU Funding Program will award \$1,065,000 in grants to innovative, challenging projects that build our movements and community connections, increase UU engagement in justice work, and organize for systemic change. Come meet the people who give it away and see if your project can receive funding. **P M Y**

Hillary Goodridge
Rev. David Helfer

Rev. Tony Johnson
Rev. Patrice Curtis



Hillary Goodridge



Rev. Tony Johnson



Rev. David Helfer



Rev. Patrice Curtis

LESSONS OF CULTURE, POWER, AND TRAUMA RESPONSE

#425 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **221**

UU Society for Community Ministries and UU Trauma Response Ministry

Risks of exposure to trauma through violence or natural disasters are increasing in this era of climate change and racial and economic turbulence. Come learn lessons of culture and power from an urban organization serving families after homicide as well as from the UUTRM's work during and after Hurricane Katrina. **P M**

Chaplain Clementina M. Chéry **Rev. Wayne S. Daley**
Rev. Susan Karlson **Dr. Ted Jones**



Chaplain Clementina M. Chéry



Rev. Wayne S. Daley



Rev. Susan Karlson



Dr. Ted Jones

FINISHING THE WOODSHED: BRIDGING OUT OF YOUNG ADULthood

#422 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **214**

YA@GA

At YA@GA we believe that, like the transition from youth to young adulthood, the transition away from being a "young adult" should be an honored right of passage as well. Join us as we celebrate these individuals beginning a new stage of their life's journey.

YOUTH IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

#423 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

This workshop will bring community members together to discuss what they are doing or want to do at home to create change. Using real life examples as case studies, breakout groups will be challenged with brainstorming community organizing strategies for dealing with activism in relation to local issues.

Eric Broner

Jaidyn Bryant

EIGHT TOOLS FOR POWERFULLY DISMANTLING SYSTEMS OF SUPREMACY

#426 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **228-229**

This workshop provides tools for white individuals and predominantly white organizations to begin to powerfully dismantle systems of supremacy. These tools are designed to guide white people in self-education and recovery from our inevitable errors, with a goal of sustained accountable relationship with marginalized communities and people while reducing harm. **PW**

Rev. Julie Taylor

Drew MacFadyen



Rev. Julie Taylor

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

TO BOLDLY GO: CHOOSING A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CAREER

#427 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **222**

Central East Region

Religious education is attracting The Next Generation and just in time! Hear stories of young adults who have pursued this vital, dynamic ministry as an intentional career path. Learn to prepare for and find a fulfilling professional position. Many seasoned religious educators are approaching retirement. Our faith needs you! **PW**

Andrea Lerner

Pat Kahn

Julie Rigano



Andrea Lerner

Pat Kahn

Julie Rigano

SOCIAL WITNESS SERMON CONTEST WINNER

#428 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R07-R08**

Commission on Social Witness

Rev. Julia Hamilton, the winner of the Social Witness Sermon Contest will preach her sermon “Shared Bounty.” This event is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Commission on Social Witness (CSW) & Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) **W M Y**

Rev. Julia Hamilton

Rev. Christina Sillari



Rev. Julia Hamilton

ADVOCACY AND HEALING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES: RELATIONAL-CULTURAL THEORY

#429 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **230**

This workshop uses the intersectional Relational-Cultural Theory, to bridge differences and care for ourselves during difficult times. We offer techniques for connection that honor integrity and justice while fostering growth across relationship, creating spaces of supported vulnerability and mutuality to care for ourselves and the world. **PW Y**

Amy Makice, LCSW

NOW: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE 3

#430 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **214**

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this final of three sessions, we'll talk about this movement moment, the skills of community organizing and facilitation that we need for this urgent now.

Elias Ortega-Aponte

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Chris Casuccio

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BRINGING IT HOME: POWERFUL ORGANIZING

#431 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R02-R03**

UUSC, UUA, UURISE, CIVIC

This concluding section of the refugee track will engage you (and/or your team) in interactive planning. This session will enable you to plan next steps with UU leaders from national and statewide organizations and, congregational clusters. Now is the time to move into action! **PW Y**

Susan Leslie

Pam Sparr



Susan Leslie

Pam Sparr

DRUUMM WORSHIP: INTERSECTIONAL ALLYSHIP WITHIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

#432 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **206-207**

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Exclusively for People of Color

Finally, we end with a worship service and return to our UU identities while asking ourselves, what would UUism centered on POCs look like? This leaves us with some visioning and imagining of a future in which we lead from the margins and become the face of our UU movement. **W M Y**

Ben Gabel

Erica Shadowsong

THE RIGHT TO BE RESCUED: CLIMATE & DISABILITY

#433 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **215-216**

EquUUal Access

Disasters disproportionately affect people with disabilities. As the frequency and severity of disasters rises with climate change, the courts have recognized that we have a right to be rescued. Hear the stories, learn about emerging best practices, and explore how you and your congregation can be part of creating solutions. **P Y**

Patty Cameron

Rev. Suzanne Fast

Imari Kariotis

Els Nieuwenhuijsen

CONSIDERING CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP?

#434 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **210**

UUA Nominating Committee/Appointments Committee

If you want to participate in making our faith stronger in the future, meet with the UUA's Appointments and Nominating Committees to learn about national leadership opportunities. Information about open positions and the roles committees play in the UUA will be presented. Help us build a stronger UUA by coming! **PW**

Rev. Joe Cherry

Marcia Bowman

Tim Atkins

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BEARING WITNESS WITH FRESH EYES

#435 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **209**

GA Middle School Camp

Overcome by grief at injustice? Learn heart techniques for responses to injustice, as taught by Middle School Campers and their Directors. Centering practices help children, youth, and adults bear witness to injustice and suffering. Learn practices to find our spiritual center and embolden us to be an engaged non-anxious presence. **PW M Y**

Rev. M. Jamil Scott

Katie Covey



Rev. M. Jamil Scott

Katie Covey

ACTIVATE SUSTAINED RESISTANCE: TAKING IT HOME

#436 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **217-219**

UU College of Social Justice, Youth Caucus

As GA comes to a close, how can we stay engaged with the justice issues we've explored? What commitments will you make to continue Resisting & Rejoicing when you return home? Youth leaders will share ways to stay sustained while we create action plans to bring back to our communities.

Kristin Famula

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario

Angela Kelly



Kristin Famula

Angela Kelly

OUTREACH REVOLUTION: TURN OUT, TURN UP FOR JUSTICE

#437 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R04-R05**

UUA

It's now or never. In Trump's America, congregational participation is at an all-time high. Turn that energy into momentum by turning your congregation's ministry outward and reaching new audiences. More than safety pins and love notes, learn social media, outreach, design, and empathy-building techniques to seize this justice movement moment. **PW**

Carey McDonald

Anna Bethea



Carey McDonald

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THE POWER OF PASTORAL SONG: UU COMPASSIONATE CHOIRS

#438 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **225-227**

UU Musicians Network

Through gentle/joyful song and pastoral presence, compassionate choirs offer support to the sick, the elderly and the dying in UU communities. Participating singers also deepen their own spiritual practice. Experience the power of song with leaders of UU compassionate choirs. Learn how to bring this ministry to your congregation. **PW M Y**

Kellie Walker Hart

Elizabeth Norton

Bea Ann Phillips



Kellie Walker Hart

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Bea Ann Phillips

FAITHFUL RESILIENCE: ENGAGING THE WORLD THROUGH SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

#439 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **220**

UU Wellspring

Are you longing to ground yourself in this shifting world? Do you want to create in your congregation a support for courageously and joyfully addressing the brokenness of this world? Explore the power of UU Wellspring's small group program that grounds participants deeply in UU values, spiritual practice, and theological depth. **PW**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi

Kimberley Debus

Sean Neil-Barron

Sara Smalley



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Sara Smalley

RECOVENANTING FOR THE FUTURE

#440 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hall B1 Breakout**

UUA Task Force on Recovenanting/UUA Board

The UUA Task Force on Recovenanting is charged with replacing our static models of membership (of congregations to the UUA, and members to a congregation) with a relationship of dynamic covenant. We will explore the vision/theology behind this recommendation, as well as participate together in a sample process. **PW Y**

Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie

Rev. Thomas Schade

Rev. David Miller

Kathy Burek

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING A BROADER WEB: FOSTERING YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

#441 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R09**

If congregations wish to learn, grow, and engage deeply in social justice, we must recognize and celebrate the resources, gifts, and challenges brought to the table by people of all ages. Participants will learn and discuss strategies for nurturing intentional young adult communities that strengthen and sustain a multi-generational congregation. **PW M Y**

Julie Bero

Katie Trossello



Julie Bero

Katie Trossello

THE 'WELCOME TABLE:' BUILDING TRUST RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK!

#442 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R06**

Mississippi Unitarian Universalist Congregations

Relationship building and work for positive social change are the hallmarks of the Welcome Table, a program which bridges the divide between racial equity and racial healing. Experience the power of this dialogue-based process, a program of the William Winter Institute. Institute staff and New Orleans program participants will present. **PW M**

April Grayson

Troi Bechet

Rachel Dangermond

Annette Hollowell Simons-Jones

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

SYNERGY BRIDGING WORSHIP

#443 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **Great Hall**

This is the middle and we are enough! The transition from youth to young adulthood is the middle of a lifelong journey. Politically we are in the middle an ongoing struggle. We keep moving forward knowing we are UU enough, and we have enough of what we need to resist.

Colleen Lee

Zollie Davis-Huntley

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario

8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

SING

#444 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Great Hall**

Join us for a sing along featuring the music of UU composers and UU singer songwriters. This promises to be a high energy event.

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

WARE LECTURE

#445 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Great Hall**



Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse

of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Mr. Stevenson has successfully argued several cases in the United States Supreme Court and recently won an historic ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court banning mandatory life-without-parole sentences for all children 17 or younger are unconstitutional. EJI has also initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts challenging the legacy of racial inequality in America. Mr. Stevenson's work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards including the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award. In 2015, he was named to the *Time* 100 recognizing the world's most influential people. Recently, he was named in *Fortune's* 2016 World's Greatest Leaders list. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, has been awarded 26 honorary doctorate degrees and is also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. He is the recent author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, *Just Mercy*, which was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 10 best books of nonfiction for 2014 and has been awarded several honors including the Carnegie Medal by the American Library Association for the best nonfiction book of 2014 and a 2015 NAACP Image Award.

9:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

GAME NIGHT

#446 9:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Come to the Youth Caucus room for games galore. There will be group games such as Family FUUed. There will be card games and board games for small groups to play as well. All generations are welcome for great fun and fellowship!

Kiernan Dean-Hall

Nyana Harper

Shari Halliday-Quan

Jordan Licari

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

#501 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **231**

Start your day with this informal worship gathering offered by a GA Chaplain. This small group experience will reflect the early morning preferences of the Chaplain of the day.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BRIDGING RECEPTION: COFFEE AND CONVERSATION BEFORE THE SERVICE

#502 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **214**

YA@GA

Come celebrate those who have bridged in the Synergy worship service with what we UUs do best: coffee! This will be a chance for bridgers and YA@GA to converse and connect with and each other.

Zollie Davis-Huntley

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

#503 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Great Hall**

This powerful, communal worship experience will be led by Rev. Mara Dowdall. She is Senior Minister of the First UU Society of Burlington, Vermont. Previously, she served congregations in Montpelier, Vermont and the Boston area, and spent a year as the UUA's Interim Youth Ministry Director. A Philadelphia native, life-long Unitarian Universalist, and graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Mara worked in national politics before her call to ministry. She lives in Burlington with her husband, Ben, and their two young sons.



Rev. Mara Dowdall

2017 GA Choir Director Mark Vogel has been Music Director at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston since 2015. Previously, he was Director of Music & Arts at the UU Congregation of Fairfax, VA. He is also Artistic Director of International Voices Houston, a 140-voice multicultural choir specializing in global repertoire.



Mark Vogel

“The Shared World”

The poet Naomi Shihab Nye speaks of “the shared world,” in which we connect deeply with one another in and through our differences. What does it mean to live in “the shared world”? As we navigate this time of peril and possibility, beauty and anguish, despair and resistance, how might a theology and practice of “the shared world” help us find our way?

Rev. Mara Dowdall

Mark Vogel

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

YOUTH CAUCUS CLOSING CIRCLE: REFLECT AND RENEW

#504 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **217-219**

Youth Caucus

Begin the last day of General Assembly reflecting on the connections made and the things learned during the week.

Kiernan Dean-Hall

Nyana Harper

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL BANNER PICK UP

#505 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Hall B2-1 & B2-2**

If you left your congregation's banner to be hung, don't forget to pick it up. Please be sure to bring your copy of the banner registration form with you. More banner information can be found in the General Information section.

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION V AND CLOSING CELEBRATION

#506 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Great Hall**

General Session V

UUA Moderator Jim Key presides over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda for details on the specific items which will be addressed.



Jim Key

Jim Key

A New Chapter: Resist and Rejoice!

New Orleans is a storytelling place, now go and bring the story home...

Rev. Marisol Caballero

Terry Cummings

Rev. Paul Beedle

Rev. Daniel Gregoire



Rev. Marisol Caballero



Terry Cummings



Rev. Paul Beedle



Rev. Daniel Gregoire

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Worship Arts at General Assembly 2017
New Orleans is a storytelling place...
and Unitarian Universalists are a story telling people.
Come, be part of the next chapter...

OPENING CELEBRATION
A STORY OF US
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Liturgist: the Rev. Kimberly Debus

With Rev. Paul Beedle, Rev. Daniel Gregoire, Terry Cummings, Rev. Marisol Caballero, Rev. De Vandiver and Ruth Idakula and the UUA CoPresidents, the Rev. Sofía Betancourt, the Rev. William G. Sinkford, and Dr. Leon Spencer

Featured Songs: *Home*, by Taya Shere ~ *Grace*, by Eric Morel-Ensminger ~ *Hand in Hand*, by Melissa Monforti ~ *Where Do We Come From*, by Brian Tate ~ *Resist*, by Scott Roewe ~ *There's a River Flowing In My Soul*, by Rose Saunders ~ *The Tide is Rising*, by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter

THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP
A VERY IMPORTANT ROOSTER
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Liturgist: the Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof

With Rev. Nathan A. Ryan, Steven Ballesteros, Rev. Julia Hamilton, Rev. Barbara Jarrell, Leslie Taylor-Grover, Seynabou, Leon Burke and Guest Musicians

Featured Songs: *This Little Light of Mine*, *Woyaya*

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP
BRAVE AND STRONG
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Liturgist: the Rev. Patrice Curtis

With Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson and Rev. Jake Morrill and Marcy Baruch with the General Assembly Band

Featured Songs: *What Wondrous Love*, *The Strength of Love*, *Love Will Guide Us*

**SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WHO TAUGHT YOU TO RESIST?
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

With Chloe Ockey, Rev. Melanie Morrill-Emsinger, Sarah Green and the General Assembly Singers

Featured Songs: *Wade in the Water, We Resist*

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLOSING CEREMONY
A NEW CHAPTER: RESIST AND REJOICE!**

New Orleans is a storytelling place, now go and bring the story home...

Liturgist: Rev. Kimberley Debus

Our celebration this afternoon will include the General Assembly Choir led by Mark Vogel, with our New UUA President and Rev. Marisol Caballero, Ms. Terry Cummings, Rev. Paul Beedle, Rev. Daniel Gregoire

With Special Thanks to all our Guest Musicians, Band Members, and Technical Support Teams who bring worship to life. And much gratitude to the visual artists - including Aly Tharp, Rose Galloghly, Ann-Meredith Wooten (NOLA Radical Arts and Healing Collective) and the Activate Youth who have brought creative spark to our gatherings.

The UUA General Assembly Worship Arts Team 2017

Rev. Michelle Favreault, Chair
Leon Burke, Music Coordinator
Alexis Capen
Tyler Coles
Rev. Patrice Curtis
Rev. Kimberley Debus
Rev. Dr. Todd F. Eklof

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SYNERGY BRIDGING WORSHIP
Saturday, June 24, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Gathering Music		The GA Band
Welcome		Zollie Davis-Huntley and Colleen Lee
Chalice Lighting words		Elliot Crary
Singing Together	“The Tide is Rising”	The GA Band
Story		Elliot Ferrel-Carrey
Sung Response	“Como La Marea”	The GA Band
Story		Kadyn Frawley
Sung Response	“Monte la fièvre”	The GA Band
Story		Zollie Davis-Huntley
Sung Response Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter	“The Tide is Rising”	The GA Band
Invitation to the Offering		Lugh Baxter
Offering Music		The GA Band
Introduction to the Bridging Ritual		Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Bridging Ritual		Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Charge to the Bridgers		Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario
Singing Together	“Turn the World Around”	the GA Band
Benediction		Colleen Lee

THE SHARED WORLD
Sunday, June 25, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

“And I thought this is the world I want to live in. The shared world.
This can still happen anywhere. Not everything is lost.”
-Naomi Shihab Nye

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting *Bright Morning Stars (Trad. folk/AtIhouse)*

Welcome

Story A Bus Called Heaven (Graham)

Hymn *Now On Land And Sea Descending* (Longfellow/ arr. Stevenson)

Reading On the Day You Were Born (Frasier)

Spoken Prayer/Silent Meditation

Response *Comfort Me*

Reading Gate A-4, (Shihab Nye)

Anthem *We Are One* (Tate)

Offering Recipient: FFLIC.org
Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children

Anthem *Hope* (Barnwell)

Sermon The Shared World

Hymn *Life Calls Us On* (Gibbons/Shelton)

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Amens* (Smallwood)

Shared Ministry: Rev. Mara Dowdall & Mark Vogel; GA choir, soloists, and Abigail Charbeneau, accompanist;, GA band with Leader Markus Grae-Hauck; Interim co-presidents Rev. Bill Sinkford, Rev. Sofia Betancourt, and Dr. Leon Spencer; Sana Saeed; FLICC Executive Director Gina Womack, and Charmaine Washington; and Denver Film & Digital.

Special thanks to: The GA Planning Committee; Todd Eklof and the GA Worship Arts Team; Leon Burke; Leslie Runnels, Tim Murphy; the crew behind the computers, curtains and cameras; and the many volunteers and staff.



SUSAN FREDERICK-GRAY FOR UUA PRESIDENT

Love ☪ Justice ☪ Vitality

MEET SUSAN

At her Exhibit Hall booth #307

Meet the Candidate Luncheon
Rivergate Room in the Convention Center
Friday • 12 noon - 2 p.m.

Post-Election Gathering
Hilton Riverside - Jefferson Ballroom B
Saturday Night • 9:30 - 11:30 p.m.



*Now more than ever, we need
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ALISON MILLER

FOR UUA PRESIDENT

“Throughout 27 years of UU leadership, I have witnessed the life-saving power of our faith when we say “Yes!” to the risks that love demands. Together, we can create a faith that stirs the heart to action, a legacy of embracing change, and a covenant to heal what is broken.”

-Rev. Alison Miller



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Conversations with Alison

Visit with Alison in this casual setting to learn more about her experience and vision for the UUA.

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- **Thursday**, June 22nd, Noon - 1:30pm
Convention Center - Rivergate Room
- **Friday**, June 23rd, Noon - 1:30pm
Hilton Riverside - Camp

Alison's GA Reception

- **Thursday**, June 22nd, 9:30pm - 11:30pm
Find details about this NOLA style bash at Alison's booth in the Exhibit Hall or alisonforuapresident.org/ga-schedule/

Campaign Breakfast

- **Saturday**, June 24th, 8am - 9:30am
Hilton Riverside - Marlborough A&B
Start the day with breakfast and get energized for the last day of voting!



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Jeanne Pupke for UUA President



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ALUMNI/AE DINNER

Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Hilton Riverside, Marlborough Room A&B

SERVICE OF LIVING TRADITION RECEPTION

Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Hilton Riverside, Parish Room

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Convention Center Rivergate Room

WORKSHOP: AWAKENING INNOVATION IN FAITH FORMATION PRACTICES

Friday, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Convention Center 222

Fahs Fellows present new forms of faith practices.

WORKSHOP: BELOVED CONVERSATIONS:

SIT TOGETHER AND GO DEEP

Friday, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Convention Center, Rear of Exhibit Hall (B1)

Dr. Mark Hicks will lead facilitated groups based on his curriculum, *Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race and Ethnicity*

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT LUNCH

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Riverside, Parish Room

Come meet our faculty, staff, students and alums.

WORKSHOP: EMPOWERING MEMORIES:

ORAL HISTORY AS ACTS OF RESISTANCE

Saturday, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Convention Center 228/229

Learn from Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk, John Leeker and Claudia Espinel how to create or expand correct oral histories as acts of resistance.

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS REUNION

Saturday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Hilton Riverside, Magazine Room

For updates, go to www.meadville.edu/GA



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Thursday, 6/22

- 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
- 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
- 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

- Advocating Equity and Human Rights for Climate Justice (228-229)
- Declaring Conscience, Taking Action, Resisting Hate (R02-R03)
- Eye-to-eye Partnerships for Environmental & Climate Justice (228-229)
- Collaborating to Address the Refugee Crisis: Part I (R06)

Friday, 6/23

- 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
- 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
- 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

- Collaborating to Address the Refugee Crisis: Part II (206-207)
- Peoples Movement Assembly for Climate Justice (228-229)
- The Rise of "Crimmigration": Rhetoric and Real Talk (R02-R03)

Saturday, 6/24

- 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

- Bringing It Home: Powerful Organizing (R02-R03)



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UUSC AWARDS GALA

Saturday, June 24th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come hear UUSC President Tom Andrews in conversation with this year's recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights Leadership. More details at uusc.org/ga.

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Thursday, June 22, 2017

7:30-8:30 a.m. • Hampton Inn & Suites - Fulton

UUWF Breakfast Celebrates 40 Years of Women and Religion



**Unitarian Universalist
Women and Religion**

Join the UU Women's Federation and UU Women & Religion for a breakfast celebrating the 40th anniversary of the UUA Women & Religion Resolution. We will enjoy food together and honor the women past and present who have helped bring about change in our movement around gender equity and justice.

RSVP requested, but not required, at
<http://tinyurl.com/UUWFBreakfast>

Thursday, June 22, 2017

5:00 p.m. • Convention Center, Room 220

Sermon Award Winner Erin J. Walter *From Eve to Hillary*

Erin Walter will explore how different life would have been for women if the story of Eve in the Garden of Eden had been interpreted differently. Sexism, misogyny, and the silencing of women's voices have persisted in our culture up until the present day – from Eve to Hillary, and to all of us. What are we going to do about it? How can people of all genders heal from sexism? As we mark the 40th anniversary of the UUA Women & Religion Resolution, join us to hear the sermon and engage in lively conversation about how we are called to create justice for women and girls in this time.



Stop at booth #513 in the
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Advocating Equity & Human Rights For Climate Justice

THURSDAY 1:30 - 2:45 PM

Eye-to-Eye Partnerships for Environmental Justice & Climate Justice

THURSDAY 3:15 - 4:30 PM

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Shared Liberation Decision-making

THURSDAY 3:15 - 6:15 PM

EMERGENCY! Climate Change & Environmental Justice

THURSDAY 5:00 - 6:15 PM

LIVING DOWNSTREAM

The Mississippi River & New Orleans

THURSDAY 5:00 - 6:15 PM

UU Climate Justice Collaboratory

FRIDAY 1:30 - 4:30 PM

ACTIVATE JOYFUL WITNESS

A Workshop on Art & Activism

FRIDAY 3:15 - 4:30 PM

Decolonization is Climate Justice

SATURDAY 1:30 - 4:30 PM

THE RIGHT TO BE RESCUED

Climate & Disability

SATURDAY 3:15 - 4:30 PM

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Visit us at Booth #524!



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<http://huumanists.org>

Humanism is a positive philosophy of life that focuses on human reason, compassion, and experience as the basis of our commitment to love each other, spread justice, and help heal the world.

Please join us for our Annual Meeting, Award Ceremony and Reception

Friday June 23, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Hilton Riverside -- Commerce

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Murry's name is synonymous with Religious Humanism in many minds. We're proud to honor his years as a humanist UU minister, his many books on the subject, and his outstanding service to the UU Humanist Association.

Dr. Anthony Pinn



Religious Humanist of the Year, 2017

Tony Pinn is a professor, author, and public intellectual working at the intersections of African-American religion constructive theology, and humanist thought. He is an original, forceful voice for modern humanism.

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Booth 501

UU Humanist Association - www.huumanists.org

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connect

Stop by our booth in the exhibit hall to connect with our senior minister, **Meg Riley** and our staff. We would love to get to know you! **CLF Booth #407**

Join us for CLF In-Gathering!
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 PM, Rm R09

deepen

Worship with us in person! **"Improvising Faith Off the Binary"** led by Rev. Meg Riley, Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, Lena K. Gardner, and Rev. Sean Dennison.
Saturday, 1:30-2:45 PM, Rm R07-R08

act

For the 2017 GA Service Project, we are sending GA greetings to 1,100 incarcerated youth and adults. You can write to youth incarcerated in Louisiana and incarcerated CLF members from Louisiana and around the country.
Thursday, 10:00 AM-Noon, Exhibit Hall (and all week at CLF Booth #407).

Then attend our workshop: UU Prison Ministry and Justice Beginning Today!
Thursday, 1:30-2:45 PM, Rm 215-16

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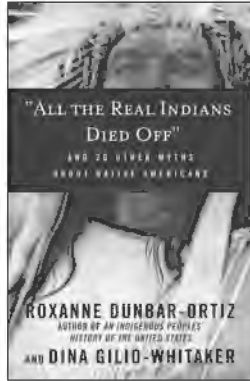
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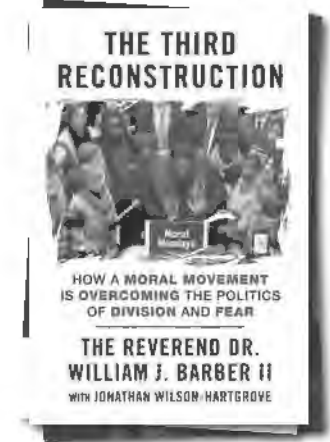
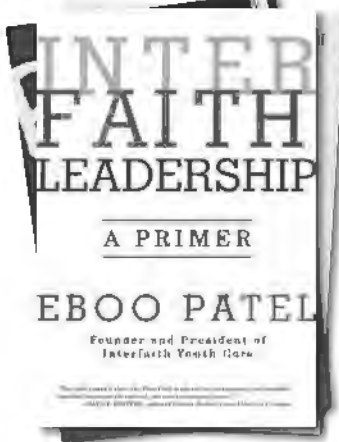
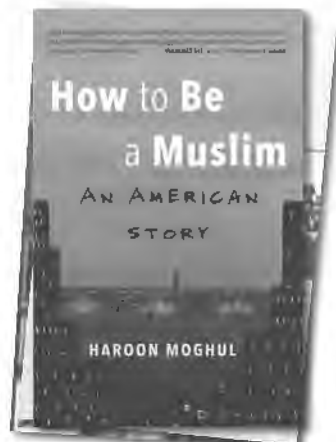
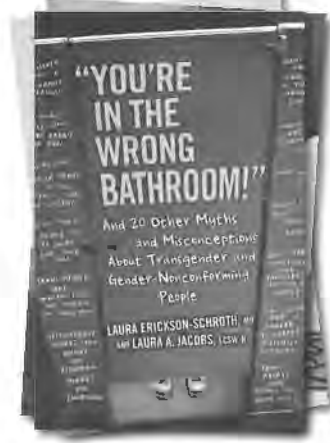
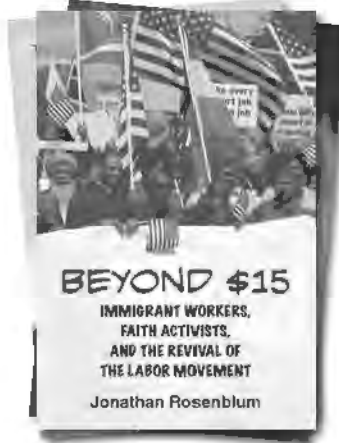
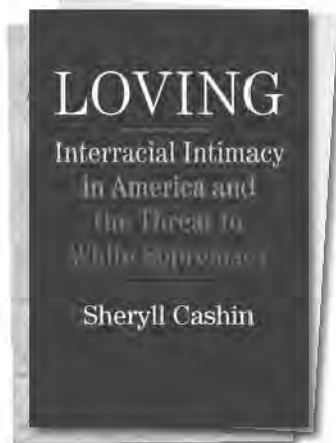


Program: Decolonization Is Climate Justice
Saturday 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

Don't miss Beacon Press author Dina Gilio-Whitaker, co-author of *All the Real Indians Died Off: And 20 Other Myths About Native Americans*, as she speaks out about the connections between our country's Industrial Growth economy and its history of colonization. How does colonialism manifest in modern times? What are the ripple effects of the Indigenous led Dakota Access Pipeline resistance?

This program is organized by Commit2Respond and features Dina Gilio-Whitaker, Karen Van Fossan, M.Div, Ronya Hoblit and Monique Verdin.

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w/ Rev. Karen Van Fossan,
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Friday, June 23
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

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Ask us about the **Inclusive Hymn Contest**

The Right to be Rescued: Climate & Disability 6/24 3:15-4:30 CC 215-6
EqUUal Access Celebration 6/23 1:30 - 2:30 CC 213

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LREDA at General Assembly

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

Author of "What Does it Mean to be White? Developing White Racial Literacy"

Thursday, June 22

1:30 – 2:45 Fabs Lecture What Does it Mean to Be White?

Seeing the Racial Water Post-Civil Rights

3:15 – 4:30 Workshop White Fragility

5:00 – 6:15 Workshop Nothing to Add: The Role of White Silence in Racial Discussions

Booth 610



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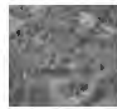
UUACCC recognizes and embraces the crucial importance of fostering connections among Unitarian Universalists beyond the walls of our congregations. Our vibrant network of camps, retreats and conference centers offer experiences of growth, connection, spirituality and community throughout the year. Each of these independent camps and centers identifies with Unitarian Universalist (UU) values and traditions.

UUACCC MEMBER CAMPS & CONFERENCE CENTERS

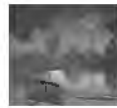
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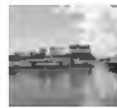
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Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

GA Workshop, Friday, 3:15 pm, Hall B2-1 & B2-2

Strategizing Beyond Trump:

“Resist in Solidarity Against our Top-Heavy Economic System”



Chuck Collins

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Come to the UUFP Workshop:

Funding Our Faith, Funding Our Future

Saturday, June 24th, 2017

1:30–2:45 pm

New Orleans Convention Center—220



Booth #327



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Nurturing Excellence in Ministry

Visit the UUMA at Booth #611

PROGRAMS AT THE UUMA BOOTH

Taking Care of Business: The Administrative staff will be on hand to answer membership questions.

Book Release Party: Join us as we celebrate the CARAOM and Skinner House Books newest publication.

Wake Now Our Vision Campaign Celebration: Come celebrate the launch of this historic campaign.

State of the UUMA: Meet members of the hardworking UUMA Board of Trustees.

Caring for Your Minister: Stop by for tips and prizes!

Nurturing the Future of Ministry: Come learn about the new Ministerial Formation Network.

Task Force Feedback: Representatives of the Multi-Minister, Family Ministry, Ableism and Retired Ministers/Families task forces will be on hand.

Program Fair: Join us for fair-style games, prizes and UUMA program info.

Visit Booth 611 for a complete event schedule.

WORKSHOPS

A New Way to Prepare for UU Ministry

co-sponsored by the UUMA and UUA

Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry

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The Role of White Silence in Racial Discussions

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Social Witness Sermon Contest Winner

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Check the GA schedule for times and locations

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3/23 5 pm Hilton Riverside
Windsor Room



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UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 20 – 24, 2018

BUSINESS PROCESS

MINI-ASSEMBLIES

All business of the General Assembly is conducted in General Sessions (formerly known as Plenary Sessions). Mini-Assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual business items before a vote in General Session, and propose amendments to the business item or social witness statement. They are not the place to debate the pros and cons of a proposal. The Board of Trustees or the Commission on Social Witness may move amendments to business items as a result of discussion in Mini-Assemblies.

Mini-Assembly on Statement of Conscience: Escalating Inequality

Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 210

Business Mini Assembly 1: First Principle Bylaw Amendment

Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. | 210

Business Mini Assembly 2: Sources of Accountability Bylaw Amendment

Friday 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 210

BYLAW AND RULE AMENDMENTS

Proposed Bylaw and Rule Amendments will be discussed in Mini-Assemblies in 210 on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. (First Principle Bylaw Amendment) and Friday 3:15 p.m. (Sources of Accountability Bylaw Amendment). After the Mini-Assemblies, the Board of Trustees consolidates results and formulates any amendments to be proposed.

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE: ESCALATING INEQUALITY

Discussion on the proposed Statement of Conscience takes place at the Mini-Assembly on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in 210. Amendments may be introduced only as proposed at the Mini-Assembly. The vote to adopt is scheduled in a General Session.

2016 CONGREGATIONAL STUDY/ACTION ISSUE: THE CORRUPTION OF OUR DEMOCRACY

No vote is taken this year on the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) that was chosen at the 2014 General Assembly. There will be a workshop on the topic offered on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in 210.

BUDGET HEARING

The UUA Finance Committee members and UUA officers conduct a hearing on the 2017 - 2018 budget Friday at 1:30 p.m. in 210. This session offers an opportunity to ask questions about and consider changes to the budget. Motions on the budget must be submitted in writing in the Volunteer Office (A101 in the Great Hall Lobby) by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday for consideration Sunday.

Global ENDS/Shared Vision for the UUA

- 1.0 Global End -
A healthy Unitarian Universalist community that is alive with transforming power, moving our communities and the world toward more love, justice, and peace in a manner which assures institutional sustainability.
- 1.1 Congregations and communities are covenanted, accountable, healthy, and mission driven.
- 1.2 Congregations and communities are better able to achieve their missions and to spread awareness of Unitarian Universalist ideals and principles through their participation in covenanted networks of Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities.
- 1.3 Congregations and communities are intentionally inclusive, multigenerational and multicultural.
- 1.4 Congregations and communities engage in partnerships to counter systems of power, privilege and oppression.
- 1.5 Congregations and communities have and use Unitarian Universalist Association resources to deepen the spiritual and religious exploration by people in their communities, to enhance the ministry of their members and to improve their operations.
- 1.6 There is an increase in the number of people served by Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities.
- 1.7 There is an increase in the number of Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities.
- 1.8 There is an increase in the number of inspired ordained and lay religious leaders equipped to effectively start and sustain new Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities.
- 1.9 Unitarian Universalist institutions are healthy, vital, collaborative partners invested in the future of Unitarian Universalism, its principles and theologies.

LIVING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

Purpose

General Assembly: A Meeting of Congregations is an annual opportunity for delegates from member congregations to affirm, promote, and practice the democratic process while conducting the business of the Association.

Rules of Procedure are adopted at the start of the Assembly. They are printed (as proposed but not necessarily as adopted) in the GA Agenda. The Rules of Procedure are designed to help the delegates effectively represent their congregations.

Speaking in General Sessions

Before speaking, you must be recognized by the Moderator. To be recognized, you must be at a microphone. The Moderator recognizes you by referring to the microphone (“I recognize the delegate at the Pro microphone...”).

Any **delegate** or member of the Board of Trustees may speak; non-delegates, other than members of the Board of Trustees, need the consent of the Moderator or a vote of the Assembly to admit the speaker to the floor. (Such permission is granted only rarely.) Once recognized, identify yourself (name and congregation from which you are a delegate), e.g., “I’m Chris Doe from the UU Congregation of Great City, Ohio.”

Be succinct and remember you have only two minutes. You may speak on a motion only once as long as others wish to speak.

Speaking time is limited. Do not speak if your point has already been made by another speaker. Be respectful by speaking only when you have something important to add to the discussion.

There are four microphones: **pro**, **con**, **procedure** and **amendment**

- To speak in favor - go to the **pro** mike.
- To speak against - go to the **con** mike.
- To make an amendment – go to the **amendment** table for assistance.
- To raise a procedural issue – go to the **procedure** mike.

Procedural questions are limited to:

- Parliamentary inquiry
- Points of order and information
- Question of privilege
- Motions to extend or limit time of debate, change the order of business, recess, or adjourn.

Procedural issues must be raised at the **Procedure** microphone. They take precedence over discussion.

The **amendment** mike is used only for making an amendment that has first been processed at the Amendment table.

Debate

There must be 15 minutes of discussion allowed on the motion as printed (or as presented by the Board of Trustees or Commission on Social Witness) before an amendment may be proposed unless the Rules of Procedure specify otherwise. If no one is standing at a microphone or in the off-site queue to speak on the motion as presented, this time may be shortened. The Moderator alternates recognizing speakers at pro and con microphones.

After 15 minutes of debate, amendments may be presented. Debate takes place on each amendment until it is resolved. **Only one amendment maybe presented at a time.** (You may not amend an amendment.) An amendment may be to insert new words, delete words, or to delete and insert. Each amendment may cover only one subject. An amendment may not change a non-business resolution into a Business Resolution; for example, you can’t add language to an Action of Immediate Witness that requires specific action from congregations or the UUA Board or staff. Before an amendment may be presented to the Assembly, it must be presented in writing at the Amendment table next to the Amendment mike (see also “Mini-Assembly” below).

Some motions must be filed prior to the opening of a session, particularly ones concerning the budget. See Rules of Procedure in the Final Agenda for deadlines and place for filing them.

DELEGATE GUIDE

Motions of Amendment to items on the Agenda, Actions on Reports, etc., may be made as part of the debate. Be careful that your motion does not change the meaning so much that it is a substitute rather than an amendment. At times, you may make a substitute motion but must recognize it as such.

Voting

Delegates & Trustees vote by:

- Voice (call for ayes and nays)
- Uncounted show of voting cards
- Counted show of voting cards
- Written ballot

The Moderator is responsible for determining whether a motion passes or fails. A delegate who disagrees with the Moderator's determination may come to the procedural microphone and ask for a counted vote. At least 99 other delegates present must support the request to require the counted vote.

It is crucial that you bring your voting card with you to each General Session. Voting cards are difficult to replace if lost, and you may not vote without your card. As a delegate or member of the Board of Trustees, you may not give your voting card to anyone else to use.

Mini-Assembly

A Mini-Assembly is an opportunity for delegates to propose amendments to matters on the final agenda and to the proposed Actions of Immediate Witness admitted to the final agenda. It's also an opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments. Mini-Assemblies are not the place to debate the Pros and Cons of a proposal. In years when the selection of a Congregational Study/Action Issue is on the agenda, the Mini-Assembly is an opportunity to work collaboratively with other delegates on ways to garner support for their issue. In years when a vote to adopt a Statement of Conscience is on the agenda, the Mini-Assembly is an opportunity to work collaboratively with other delegates to draft amendments. Mini-Assemblies save time in General Session and permit freer debate than General Sessions do. It is not possible to offer an amendment to a Business Resolution, bylaw change, rule change, or social witness statement during General Session debate if it was not submitted for consideration at the appropriate Mini-Assembly.

There is a Mini-Assembly scheduled for the bylaw and rule changes listed on the final agenda. All Mini-Assemblies are listed in the program. After a Mini-Assembly and before voting in a General Session, the Board of Trustees may incorporate proposed amendments into a Business Resolution or a Bylaw, and the Commission on Social Witness may incorporate proposed amendments into a Statement of Conscience or an Action of Immediate Witness. For statements of Conscience, the Commission on Social Witness is required to report all amendments to the Assembly. The Commission on Social Witness may prioritize the amendments, including the order of their presentation at the amendment microphone in General Session. If you wish to modify the Statement of Conscience, plan to attend the entire Mini-Assembly and work collaboratively with other delegates to suggest amendments.

Budget Hearing

At the Budget Hearing, questions may be answered, but no motions may be made. Motions to modify the budget must be made in writing by the time announced in and in the manner required by the Rules of Procedure. Budget motions, if adding funds to an item or proposing new spending, must specify which other specific categories are to be reduced. See Rule G-10.1.4.

Statements of Conscience

Based on feedback from the Mini-Assembly, the Commission on Social Witness may recommend that the Assembly (which includes both the delegates & Trustees) change the length of time the statement is debated before amendments are in order. Debate is limited to 12 minutes per amendment.

Actions of Immediate Witness

The Actions of Immediate Witness process is suspended for the 2017 General Assembly.

To Get Your Questions Answered

Play fair. The guidelines that follow are not subterfuges for you to use to get around time limits. They are designed to make you more knowledgeable and effective.

Point of Information. Raise a point of information when you want to get information, not give it. A delegate or member of the Board of Trustees may request "Point of Information" from the procedural microphone. It's exactly that: a request

for information such as “On what are we voting?” or “What is the cost to the UUA of this motion?” Your question cannot be a statement, and no preface except your identification is permitted.

Point of personal privilege. Raise a point of personal privilege when your ability to do business is being hampered. Any delegate or member of the Board of Trustees may request a Point of Personal Privilege. You go to the procedural microphone and say “Point of Personal Privilege” and wait to be recognized by the Moderator. After recognition, identify yourself and state your point (no statement, no argument or preface, just the bare request), such as “It is not possible to hear from the pro microphone” or “Our section was not counted.”

Point of procedure. You use this for questioning parliamentary procedure. A delegate or member of the Board of Trustees may interrupt debate by going to the procedural microphone and saying “Point of Procedure” and wait to be recognized. A sample point is “Is this not an amendment to an amendment?” or “Was a vote taken?”

Need information? Have a question about the status of the Agenda, a business matter, procedures, etc.? Ask a member of the Board of Trustees. They will be identifiable on the floor of the Assembly during each General Session.

Do you have an amendment? Are you unhappy with wording? Time constraints preclude more than two or three amendments to an item being considered in General Session. Preliminary work on agenda items is completed in the Mini-Assembly.

Committee of the Whole

When the Assembly is debating a particularly complex or difficult question (there may be two, three, or four alternate versions or ideas), the Moderator may decide, or a delegate may move, that the Assembly move into a “Committee of the Whole” to consider the subject. If done, the Rules of Procedure are eased and the Assembly now acts as a committee.

- A person other than the Moderator may occupy the Chair.
- Discussion may take place without motions.
- The only motions allowable are motions to amend, adopt, or reconsider.
- Non-binding straw votes may be taken.
- The formality of pro/con microphones is somewhat relaxed.
- You may speak only once on a topic in a discussion unless no one else wishes to speak.
- Time limits are relaxed or do not exist unless the “Committee” sets them.

Once the Committee of the Whole has decided what it wants to do, a delegate or Trustee moves that the Committee of the Whole “rise and report” specifying the agreed upon result. The Moderator takes the Chair, and the General Session of the General Assembly is again in session. The motion formulated in the Committee is reported and vote is taken immediately, without debate or possibility of amendment.

AGENDA: ORDER OF BUSINESS

General Session I **Wednesday 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Review and Adopt Rules
- Introduction: Right Relationship Team
- Introduction: Chaplains
- GA Accessibility
- Recess

General Session II **Thursday 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

- Call to Order
- Chalice Lighting
- Reflections
- Preliminary Credentials Report
- Right Relationship Team Report
- Introduction: GA Planning Committee
- Introduction: Youth Caucus
- Introduction: Young Adult Caucus
- Recognition of Emerging Congregations and Covenanted Communities
- Living Downstream, A History of Mississippi and New Orleans
- Commission on Social Witness
- Singing
- Moderator's Report
- Board of Trustees Report
- Financial Advisor's Report
- Singing
- Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) Report
- Renewing the Covenant Task Force Report
- Announcements
- Process Observation
- Closing Reading
- Recess

AGENDA: ORDER OF BUSINESS

General Session III

Friday 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Lighting the Chalice
- Right Relationship Report
- Presidents' and Staff Report
- Beacon Press Report
- Introduction: International Guests
- Singing
- Commission on Appraisal Report
- Beloved Conversations
- UU Women's Federation Report
- Presentation: Angus MacLean Award
- Annual Program Fund Report
- Presentation: Legacy Society
- Singing
- Consider Bylaw Amendment Article II, Section C-2.1. Principles, Line 12, changing person to being
- Announcements
- Process Observation
- Recess

General Session IV

Saturday 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Lighting the Chalice (candidate)
- Right Relationship Team
- Presentation: Distinguished Service Award
- UU Service Committee Report
- College of Social Justice Report
- Collection to Benefit Standing on the Side of Love
- Singing
- Journey Towards Wholeness Transformation Committee Report
- Consider Statement of Conscience
- Consider Bylaw Amendment Article II, Section C-2.1.1 Principles, Line 26, changing women and men to people
- Singing
- Announcements
- Process Observation
- Recess

General Session V

Sunday 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Lighting the Chalice
- Right Relationship Team Report
- Panel Discussion – Young Adults
- Establishing a Study Commission for Bylaw Article II, Principles and Purposes
- Presentation: President's Award for Volunteer Service
- Responsive Resolutions (if any)
- Declare Election Results for Newly Elected Trustees, and Nominating Committee, followed by installations
- Right Relationship Team Final Report
- GA Kansas City 2018
- Final Credentials Report
- Process Observation
- Recognition of all who made GA possible
- Adjournment

RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of and action upon items must proceed in the order set forth in the Final Agenda unless during the meeting that order is changed by majority vote.

RULE 2. MEANS OF VOTING

So long as a quorum is present, action on any question, unless the Bylaws otherwise provide, will be decided in the first instance by an uncounted show of voting cards and off-site delegate input. If the Moderator wishes a counted vote or if a delegate requests it and the Moderator determines that at least 99 of the other delegates join in the request, the vote must be counted. No vote will be taken by written ballot unless the Assembly orders a written ballot by a two-thirds vote. Provided a quorum is present at each General Session, all matters submitted to a vote of the Assembly will be determined by the number of votes cast by delegates and Trustees voting on the matter. The required proportion of votes cast by delegates and Trustees to approve any action or resolution will be as set forth in the Bylaws or Rules or these Rules of Procedure.

RULE 3. MINUTES

The Board of Trustees will approve the minutes of the General Assembly General Sessions, which will be prepared by the Recording Secretary in consultation with Legal Counsel.

RULE 4. PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

The provisions of Rule 5 notwithstanding, the Board of Trustees and/or the Commission on Social Witness will, at their discretion, move the item as printed on the Final Agenda or move an amended version of the item.

RULE 5. AMENDMENTS

Except for clarifying amendments, amendments to the main motion and motions to refer, table or to call the question will not be in order until there has been at least 15 minutes of discussion, if that much is needed, on the merits of the main question as moved.

Amendments to a business resolution, a bylaw, a rule, a Statement of Conscience, or a proposed amendment must be submitted for consideration at the appropriate Mini-Assembly in order to be offered in the General Session. No amendment or other change to any motion under consideration will be entertained unless it is submitted in writing on forms prescribed by the Moderator, who may, however, waive this requirement.

Only the section of particular bylaws that are proposed to be amended may be amended during GA. The remaining text of a bylaw, which may have been printed for the convenience of the reader, may not be

amended. The Moderator will determine whether a particular section of text is eligible for amendment.

RULE 6. TIME LIMITS

The following time limits are imposed on all business transacted by the Assembly except as otherwise provided in these Rules for Actions of Immediate Witness, Congregational Study/Action Issues, and UUA Statement of Conscience. If, however, there is no objection from the floor, the Moderator may grant minor extensions of time. Any time limits imposed by this rule may be extended by a two-thirds vote.

- a) No person may speak on any motion for more than 2 minutes, and not more than once, so long as there are others who have not spoken who desire the floor, except that persons having special information may, with the permission of the Moderator, reply to questions.
- b) Thirty minutes are allowed for discussion of any proposed bylaw or rule amendment, resolution, or action on a report that is on or admitted to the Final Agenda. This time includes time devoted to discussing any amendments to the proposed amendment. Any motion to extend the time for debate must be made from the procedural microphone before time for debate expires. Whenever possible, the discussion time will be equally divided between proponents and opponents through equitable recognition of speakers at microphones designated “Pro” and “Con” and off-site delegates in “Pro” and “Con” queues.
- c) A motion to call the previous question on the main motion shall not be in order if there are potential speakers at both Pro and Con microphones whether on-site or offsite, and the original or extended time for discussion has not expired. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a motion to call the previous question is in order if there has been at least 5 minutes of discussion concerning the main motion and there are no speakers at either the pro or con microphones, whether on-site or off-site.
- d) Time taken at the Procedure microphone for procedural questions will not count against pro or con discussion time as allotted elsewhere in these rules. .

RULE 7. MICROPHONES

- a) Pro and Con Microphones. Usage of the microphones designated “Pro” or “Con” and off-site “Pro” and “Con” queues is limited to statements in support of or in opposition to motions.

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- b) Amendment Microphone. Usage of the microphone or off-site queue designated “Amendment” is limited to presenters of motions and members of the Board of Trustees who may use the microphone only for:
1. Making an amendment to a main motion or another amendment, provided the motion is otherwise in order;
 2. Using such additional time remaining under Rule 6, if any, to speak in support of the amendment; and
 3. Stating the Board of Trustees’ position at the outset of debate on those items on the Final Agenda on which the Board takes a position.
- c) Procedure Microphone. All other matters must be brought to the Procedure microphone or off-site “Procedure” queue.

RULE 8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

At any stage of the meeting, the Moderator, without a vote of the Assembly, at the Moderator’s discretion from time to time may order the meeting resolved into a Committee of the Whole or reconvened in regular Session. While the meeting is acting as a Committee of the Whole, the following Special Rule will apply:

The Presiding Officer, without a vote of the Committee of the Whole, may permit reconsideration of any action taken by the Committee of the Whole and other departures of the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure if it appears the Presiding Officer that the work of the Committee of the Whole will thereby be expedited. When the General Assembly is reconvened, the only motion in order will be to adopt the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole. A motion recommended by the Committee of the Whole will not be subject to amendment, discussion, or delay.

RULE 9. BUDGET MOTION

Any motion concerning the 2017–2018 budget that is to be made at the time provided for such motions during the formal business sessions must be filed in writing in the Volunteer Office no later than 5:00 PM Saturday, June 24, 2017. All such motions must comply with Rule G-10.1.4. Adoption of the motion requires a two-thirds vote.

RULE 10. RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS NOT ON THE FINAL AGENDA

A Resolution or Action not on the Final Agenda may be considered only under the following circumstance:

Under Bylaw Section 4.16(d), which permits the addition of Responsive Resolutions in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to the General Assembly.

The author of a Responsive Resolution must notify the Moderator in writing of the title and content of the Responsive Resolution as soon as it is practical to do so, but not later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, June 24, 2017 for Responsive Resolutions based on reports delivered in General Sessions 1 through 4.

RULE 11. UUA STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

In a year in which a UUA Statement of Conscience is proposed, one hour will be allowed for discussion. The Commission on Social Witness may recommend for Assembly approval by majority vote an amount of time for the Statement to be discussed before amendments are in order. If no such recommendation is proposed and approved, no amendment shall be in order unless there has been at least 30 minutes of discussion, if that much is needed, on the merits of the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience. A motion to amend a proposed UUA Statement of Conscience is not in order in the General Session unless it first was presented to a Mini-Assembly as described in Rule 4.12.4. Up to 12 minutes will be allowed for the discussion on an amendment. The Commission on Social Witness will have the discretion to prioritize the amendments including their presentation at the amendment microphone in General Session.

RULE 12. ACTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

The Actions of Immediate Witness process is suspended for the 2017 General Assembly.

RULE 13. AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

These Rules of Procedure will be adopted by a two-thirds vote and may be amended, suspended, or repealed during the course of the Assembly only by a two-thirds vote, except for the preceding Rule 9, the amendment, suspension, or repeal of which requires a four-fifths vote.

RULE 14. PRECEDENCE OF THE BYLAWS AND RULES

In the event of a conflict between these Rules of Procedure and the Bylaws or Rules of the UUA, the Bylaws and Rules of the UUA take precedence.

RULE 15. ADJOURNMENT

The final business session of the 2017 General Assembly will be adjourned no later than 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

ESCALATING INEQUALITY

Discussion on the proposed Statement of Conscience takes place at the Mini-Assembly on Thursday from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Convention Center 222. Amendments may be introduced only as proposed at the Mini-Assembly.

1 Challenging extreme inequality is a moral imperative. The escalation of wealth inequality undergirds
2 many injustices that our faith movement is committed to addressing: from economic injustice to mass
3 incarceration; from migrant injustice to climate change; from sexual and gender injustice to attacks on
4 voting rights.

5 Since the adoption of the 2000 Statement of Conscience on Economic Injustice, Poverty, and Racism,
6 economic inequality has escalated. We have experienced accumulation of debt, decreased support
7 for growth and innovation, and increased concentration of wealth at the top accompanied by wage
8 stagnation for 99% of the population. Furthermore, within the 99% huge disparities exist between
9 racial groups. For example, the typical black household has just 6% of the wealth of the typical white
10 household, and the typical Latino household has 8%.

11 Factors that have contributed to this escalation include the decline of labor unions, the increased cost of
12 education and health care, and automation. The unlimited funding of campaigns by wealthy individuals
13 and corporations, predatory lending, and flawed tax policies increase inequity and insecurity. In the
14 political realm, corporate personhood and the focus on individualism (rather than the collective good)
15 have also contributed to escalating inequality.

16 **Intersectionality**

17 All forms of oppression or privilege intersect and contribute to inequity and inequality. We are not
18 a homogenous nation. Social differentiation; where we live, work, and play; and our family systems
19 all determine our access to money and wealth. Our political, social, and economic constructs do
20 not provide an equitable playing field. Because the tax system in the United States is increasingly
21 regressive, billionaires often pay little or nothing while middle class and lower middle class people are
22 driven into bankruptcy by combinations of educational debt, unexpected medical costs, and a lack of
23 public services.

24 The 2000 Statement identified systemic racism as a major factor in economic inequality and racism
25 continues to contribute to inequality, but is not the only contributor. Other systems that are intrinsically
26 intertwined with the economic system include technology, health care, education, judicial and criminal
27 justice, community development, environment, and transportation. A change in one system usually
28 affects other systems. Therefore, improving our economic system requires making changes beyond
29 the finance and business sectors. For example, people with ill health and low literacy tend to have
30 lower wealth, conversely one's financial position influences health status and educational attainment.
31 Increased rates of incarceration have disenfranchised and made less employable large numbers of
32 people, especially people of color. The lack of protection for the large numbers of undocumented
33 workers, increased automation, and the decline of unions puts downward pressure on wages for many
34 unskilled and semi-skilled jobs and encourages exploitation. Within societal systems gender identity,
35 sexual orientation, race, class, and physical, mental and developmental ability all intersect with issues of
36 economic inequality. These identities shape one's labor market experience, opportunity, and outcome.

37 Many black, Latino, Native American, transgender, and immigrant workers are relegated to "second-class
38 work," and are over-represented in low-skill, low-wage occupations with limited chances to move up
39 the ladder of opportunity. People in low-skill, low-wage occupations are likely to lack a college degree
40 due in part to underfunded public schools and the increasing costs of higher education. Those that do
41 get advanced education often end with huge student debt that limits their purchasing power. People

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42 in poverty often cannot get to jobs far from their homes because of inadequate public transportation
43 services. Low-income people often live where employers don't locate, where local and county
44 governments have failed to build public transit, and where the tax base is too small to properly fund
45 schools. Even when people of color surmount these obstacles, they still often face job discrimination.

46 **Religious Grounding**

47 Our Unitarian Universalist faith demands that we respond to economic injustice and advocate for those
48 among us being harmed by inequity. We know that there is enough for all but not enough for greed and
49 that we can create a world based on inclusive wealth creation and wealth sharing. We cannot ignore
50 the harm caused by a system that gives control of wealth and resources to a very small percentage of
51 people while many others, including those who carry out the work of the world, struggle to survive. Our
52 sources, principles, and theologies compel us to act.

53 Wisdom from the world's religions inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life. Buddhists acknowledge the
54 poisonous nature of greed. Islam asserts that the principle of justice must be at the core of economic
55 activities. The Tao Te Ching states that if you chase after money and security your heart will never
56 unclench. Judaism teaches that poverty is an unjustifiable burden, and our Judeo-Christian roots teach
57 that we should love our neighbors as ourselves.

58 Our economic status does not determine our inherent worth. We will all live in more abundance when
59 our economy connects human gifts with human needs and when budgets at all levels, especially those
60 derived from tax dollars, value equity and people over property. Money should be a tool to serve the
61 collective good. It is not an end unto itself or a measure of success.

62 Words and deeds of prophetic people challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil such as
63 inequality with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love. We are called to be in solidarity
64 with the most vulnerable, disenfranchised, and oppressed among us. Our prophetic call is to speak out
65 against toxic ideas and falsehoods that divide us and pit us against one another rather than bringing us
66 together in love.

67 **A Moral Economic System**

68 Our principle of justice, equity and compassion in human relations drives us to work for healthier and
69 more equitable economic systems. We strive to build communities where everyone is supported in living
70 healthy, safe, and sustainable lives.

71 A moral economic system would include:

- 72 • Equal pay for equal work and elimination of the racial, ethnic, and gendered wealth gap;
- 73 • A major societal investment in communities that have been left out and locked out;
- 74 • A guaranteed minimum income for everyone;
- 75 • A minimum wage, indexed for inflation, that provides a living wage with benefits and a career path;
- 76 • A tax structure that rewards the creation of good paying jobs and adequately and fairly taxes the
77 wealthy and corporations, including the reconstruction of the inheritance tax;
- 78 • Higher marginal tax rate and closing tax loopholes;
- 79 • Stronger worker protections and rights, a strong union movement, and more worker-friendly trade
80 agreements;
- 81 • Access to non-predatory lending and affordable banking;
- 82 • Financial sector reforms that lower risk and create markets that reward long term investments,
83 research, development, sustainability, and reinvestment in people and communities;
- 84 • Investment in innovation, long-term growth, and institutions and businesses that provide good
85 paying jobs;
- 86 • Environmentally sustainable economic practices and policies, for example renewable energy;
- 87 • Access to affordable quality education at all levels (from preschool through vocational or graduate
88 school) and to job- training and retraining plus support in achieving a career path;

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- 89 • Universal health care;
- 90 • Affordable housing for all; and
- 91 • Dismantling of the prison industrial complex and implementing systems of restorative justice.

92 **Actions**

93 Unitarian Universalism has a prophetic message about the human capacity to create change and make
94 our world, societies, systems, and communities better. By speaking, acting, and spending in concert with
95 one another, we can create better and more just economies. Together we can make a difference. Listed
96 below are possible actions to select from.

97 As Individuals we can:

- 98 • Review our personal history with money, our class background, and how that shapes our
99 relationship with financial matters.
- 100 • Examine our role in the financial system and what we are willing to change.
- 101 • Assess how we personally spend money and use our money in support of our values.
- 102 • Invest in social impact hubs that fund entrepreneurs representing those parts of society that are
103 economically oppressed or marginalized.
- 104 • Seek out and support black-owned businesses and other enterprises directly benefiting those who
105 are marginalized or oppressed
- 106 • Whenever possible, buy local and participate in Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs), farmers'
107 markets, and locally owned businesses.
- 108 • Spend money compassionately, considering whether items are ethically sourced and employers
109 have ethical labor practices.
- 110 • Track, promote, and abide by boycotts and support firms that treat workers, suppliers, and the
111 environment fairly.
- 112 • Mobilize ourselves and others to use the ballot box, campaign donations, letters to the editor, social
113 media, and calls/emails/visits with elected officials to work for a moral economic system.
- 114 • Invest in micro-loan projects, crowd-source funding, time banks, and other finance options outside
115 the corporate banking and investment system.
- 116 • Engage in socially responsible investing and use our power as stockholders to influence company
117 policies.
- 118 • Divest from racist systems; invest in communities of color.
- 119 • Move accounts from corporate banks to local banks or credit unions.
- 120 • Report and avoid businesses that use enslaved labor.

121 As Congregations we can

- 122 • Create a study group on the Commission on Appraisal's 2017 book on Classism and take action on
123 it.
- 124 • Assess the congregation's biases and attitudes toward those from various class and economic
125 backgrounds and then make adjustments as needed to be more welcoming and inclusive.
- 126 • Examine the congregation's relationship with money, including how finances drive operations and
127 programs and how money is discussed, disbursed, and secured.
- 128 • Create an equitable salary scale and benefit package for the congregation's staff including the
129 minister(s) using the UUA guidelines.
- 130 • Determine how transparent the congregation is about money matters.
- 131 • Organize advocacy initiatives such as postcard, Twitter storm, petition drives, or other large volume
132 campaigns in support of a just economic system.
- 133 • Keep the congregation's money in socially responsible investment vehicles.
- 134 • Divest from racist systems; invest in communities of color.
- 135 • Advocate for affordable housing and other community efforts that assist those who are oppressed,
136 marginalized, or disadvantaged.
- 137 • Partner with other local faith communities on joint actions for livable wages, affordable housing,
138 disruptions of intact low-income neighborhoods, gentrification projects, etc.

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- 139 • Actively participate in interfaith community organizing efforts for local policy and systemic changes
140 that affect economic inequality.
141 • Organize or participate in local alternative financial opportunities such as time banks and co-ops.
142 • Sponsor educational opportunities within the congregation and the community that reveal factors
143 contributing to increased economic inequality.
144 • Advocate for getting money out of politics, ending corporate welfare, reforming corporate
145 governance, changing tax laws to be more equitable, revising bankruptcy laws, and increasing
146 support for public education.

147 Our State Legislative Ministries can

- 148 • Include wealth inequality as a factor in determining legislative advocacy priorities.
149 • Create and publish report cards on state legislators' records on issues impacting the financial well-
150 being of marginalized groups.
151 • Host bi-partisan forums that bring attention to issues identified as part of a moral economic system.
152 • Engage in advocacy consistent with a moral economic system: getting money out of politics,
153 ending corporate welfare, reforming corporate governance, reforming bankruptcy laws, reforming
154 the tax code, reforming laws pertaining to sentencing and incarceration, and increasing support for
155 public education and job retraining.

156 As a Denomination we can:

- 157 • Offer to all interested Unitarian Universalists an affordable group health insurance plan.
158 • Continue socially responsible investment practices.
159 • Invest in state legislative ministries and in advocacy at the national level.
160 • Participate in interfaith coalitions that work toward achieving a moral economic system.
161 • Continue to work cooperatively with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) on
162 projects such as "Behind the Kitchen Door."
163 • Invest in low income communities.
164 • Invest in communities and leaders of color, and support reparations.
165 • Advocate for the various elements of a moral economic system.

166 As Unitarian Universalists our faith calls us to counter fear with courage and manifest a collective vision
167 of a more just, equitable, and compassionate society.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE II PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

Two separate petitions proposing changes to Article II Principles and Purposes were successfully submitted to be included in the 2017 General Assembly Business Agenda.

- Change “every person” to “every being” – This proposed change affirms explicitly that individuals of other species merit our compassionate consideration. The Mini-Assembly for this item is Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in Convention Center 210.
- Change “prohetic men and women” to “prophetic people” – This proposed change will move from women and men gender binary language to reflect more gender neutral and inclusive terminology. The Mini-Assembly for this item is Friday at 3:15 p.m. in Convention Center 210.

Underlining indicates insertion; brackets indicate deletion.

168 ARTICLE II Principles and Purposes

169 Section C-2.1. Principles.

170 We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- 171 • The inherent worth and dignity of every [person] being;
- 172 • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 173 • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 174 • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 175 • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in
- 176 society at large;
- 177 • The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- 178 • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

179 The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- 180 • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves
- 181 us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- 182 • Words and deeds of prophetic [women and men] people which challenge us to confront powers
- 183 and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love;
- 184 • Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- 185 • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as
- 186 ourselves;
- 187 • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science,
- 188 and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- 189 • Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and
- 190 instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

191 Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our
192 understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to
193 one another our mutual trust and support.

President

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray has served as lead minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix since 2008. She previously served as minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, Ohio, where she was a leader in congregation-based community organizing efforts, and served as intern at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville, Tennessee. After leading the UU response to Arizona's anti-immigrant laws in 2010, she became lead organizer for the Arizona Immigration Ministry and a key organizer of the 2012 Justice General Assembly. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Harvard Divinity School. She lives with her husband, the Rev. Brian Frederick-Gray, and their nine-year-old son, Henry.

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Rev. Alison Miller

The Rev. Alison Miller has served as senior minister of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship since 2005. Previously, she served All Souls (NYC) in Ministry, Religious Education, and Administrative staff positions; All Souls (Tulsa) as Intern Minister; and on UUA's Stewardship and Development staff. Miller is an interfaith leader for immigrant rights, anti-racism, and economic justice and is on the Boards of UU Legislative Ministry and United Way of Northern-NJ. Miller invests in growth as Board Chair of Church of the Larger Fellowship and as a planter of young adult and campus ministries. She graduated from Bryn Mawr and Harvard Divinity School. Miller, her husband, David Snedden, and son, Asher, are all lifelong UUs.

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Rev. Jeanne Pupke

The Rev. Jeanne Pupke has served as senior minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Virginia, since 2006, and was consulting minister of the UU Fellowship of Central Oregon in Bend (2004-2006). She was a UUA trustee (2009-2013) and chaired the board's Finance Committee. Once a Catholic nun, she was an executive for Diemakers, Inc., and Batdorf & Bronson Coffee Roasters before entering the UU ministry. A director of UU Legislative Ministry of Virginia, Pupke frequently testifies for women's, LGBTQI, and youth rights. Pupke has completed a two-year course in spiritual direction. She and wife Regina Largent, a retired Army officer, university administrator, and UU Buddhist, have been together twenty-three years.

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Board of Trustees

Kathy Burek

Kathy Burek has served the UUA as a member of the UUA Employee Benefits Trust Board from its inception in March 2007 until the summer of 2015, chairing the Board three times. She was Prairie Star District President and President of the District Presidents' Association. Kathy was on the steering committee that helped create the MidAmerica Region, and served on the region's board. She received the 2014 UUA Presidents' Award for Volunteer Service. Kathy was recently elected to the International Women's Convocation Board. At her home congregation, Michael Servetus Unitarian Society of Fridley, MN, she has served in many leadership roles, including President and Co-Chair of the Ministerial Search Committee.

Sarah Dan Jones

Sarah Dan, a native Southerner, is a UU music director of 15 years, having served congregations in Georgia and New Hampshire. Continuing to serve the denomination in a variety of leadership roles, she's an active member of the UU Musician's Network, and served as both secretary and president of its board. She was a Northern New England District congregational consultant and musician for its annual meetings, musician of the week at Ferry Beach, and musician for the Mosaic Makers Conference. A believer in the mystery, the power of the Holy, and the saving message of Unitarian Universalism, Sarah Dan's mission is to spread the good news of UUism through music. She does this by encouraging congregational singing, practicing shared ministry, and actively participating in the denomination.

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Manish serves as Senior Minister of The First Parish in Lincoln, MA, a dual UUA and UCC member congregation. He has served extensively in Unitarian Universalist leadership including as President of DRUUMM (our UU people of color organization), Commissioner on the UUA Commission on Appraisal - co-authoring its report "Engaging Our Theological Diversity" - Secretary of the Board of Starr King School for the Ministry, and as an author and advocate of our 2007 GA resolution confronting gender identity-related discrimination. He is currently completing service as Chair of the UUA Election Campaign Practices Committee. Manish brings to the ministry his experience serving as a U.S. diplomat during the Clinton Administration.

Christina Rivera

Christina Rivera serves as Director of Administration and Finance at Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist in Charlottesville, VA. Prior to that, she served as Director of Religious Education at the UU Fellowship of Waynesboro. In 2014, she was elected to serve our wider UU community as a member of the UUA Board of Trustees. Most recently Chris joined the inaugural Advisory Board of the UU House of Studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Chris has the faith and support of her husband Chris and twin sons Andreas and Miguel who, along with her ancestors, form the support base for her calling to UU ministry.

Board of Review

Karen Hall

Soprano Karen Hall, www.KarenSHall.com, is active both as a performer and teacher. Dr. Hall received her doctorate from Columbia University, Teachers College, and she is an Associate Professor of Music at Western Wyoming Community College. She continues working in the area of Vocology as a researcher, writer and editor. She has presented workshops and pedagogical presentations with NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing), The Voice Foundation, and CMS (College Music Society). A member of the Unitarian-Universalist church for over twenty years, she has served on the Leadership Development Committee, as a Board Member and received Russell Lockwood Leadership School certification in 2014.

Rev. Charlie Ortman

After graduating from Meadville/Lombard Theological School, Charlie Ortman was ordained to the UU ministry in 1992. Since then, he has served congregations in Burlington, IA, Fitchburg, MA, and Montclair, NJ, where he had the great privilege of serving for 20 years and "retired" as Minister Emeritus in 2015. He now serves as Interim Minister at First Unitarian Church in Providence, RI. Along the way he has had opportunities to serve on UUA Task Force One on Clergy Sexual Abuse and Misconduct, the UUA Nominating Committee, the UUA Board of Trustees, the UUMA's CENTER Committee, and in various leadership positions in UUMA District Chapters.

Commission on Social Witness

Rev. Meredith Garmon

Meredith Garmon is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. He holds an MA in communication studies, an MA in philosophy, and a PhD in Government: Political Theory, and was formerly an assistant professor of philosophy at HBCU, Fisk University. Meredith has been a minister in fellowship since 2004, and has served our congregations in El Paso, TX, Midland, TX, and Gainesville, FL. Since 2013, he has been senior minister at Community UU Congregation at White Plains, NY.

Commission on Appraisal

David Friedman

David is a retired optical software engineer who joined First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY in 1975. At church, he was Treasurer for 14 years, and currently chairs the Investment Committee, serves on the boards Financial Advisory Committee, and is on the Interim Senior Ministers Transition Team. David served the St. Lawrence District as a board member and its treasurer, and represented the District on the UUA board for eight years. His UUA portfolio included five years on the Finance and Audit Committees and two years on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. He has co-chaired the local Volunteer Committee at General Assembly and has been co-recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award (Buehrens).

Holley Ulbrich

Holley Hewitt Ulbrich lives in Clemson, SC, and has been a Unitarian Universalist for 26 years. She has a Ph.D. in economics and a Master of Theological Studies degree and is a retired economics professor and adjunct professor of Policy Studies at Clemson University where she has taught graduate courses in Ethics and Public Policy and Political Economy and Public Policy for the last 15 years. She is the author of 16 books, including a history of the fellowship movement published by Skinner House, and served on the UU Fund for a Just Society panel for six years. She has been active in leadership in her congregation and frequently leads worship in several lay-led area congregations. She also serves as co-president of her local League of Women Voters and is a member of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina.

General Assembly Planning Committee

Debra Gray Boyd

Debra Gray Boyd is all-in and seeking her final elected term on the Planning Committee to institutionalize many of the positive changes that the Committee has made over the last four years. She has served First UU Columbus as Congregational Treasurer, Board Member, Steward, Family Camping organizer, and general instigator of good governance and healthy congregational life. In addition, she has served as a District Board Member and Vice President where she was part of the original four District Board meeting which explored the benefits of working together for the betterment of Unitarian Universalism. Nationally, she has served as a Compensation Consultant, a two-year board appointed term to the General Assembly Planning Committee, and is completing a four-year elected term this year. She was part of the team that created Justice GA in Phoenix and has been a constant advocate for the Planning Committee working with the Board and Administration to plan farther ahead to create and take advantage of themes and opportunities that both take more time to plan, but also have the potential for larger change opportunities for Unitarian Universalism and our world.

Oshara Meesha

Oshara Meesha is member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka. She and her daughter, Ashanti, joined the fellowship in 2007 and, since then, she has been involved in different areas of her fellowship. She is currently the layout/design editor for the church newsletter and a member of the Program Committee. She has helped on various committees such as Program, Music, Pastoral Care, Social Justice, and Community Outreach. Serving in this capacity will give her the opportunity to broaden her horizons in the UUA. She is proud to be part of Black Lives of UU (BLUU).

Tuli Patel

Tuli Patel currently serves as Executive Director at The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit, NJ, in a shared Leadership Team Model of Governance with two called ministers, the Reverends Emilie Boggis and Robin Tanner. She was previously Director of RE at Summit and continues to be a member of LREDA. Tuli was introduced to UUism when she came to the United States for graduate studies in 1988, and has attended congregations in Belmont, MA, Oak Park, IL, Los Angeles, CA, and Kirkwood, MO. Tuli was appointed to the GAPC by the Board of Trustees in 2015, and believes her time so far has prepared her well for the coming elected term. She enjoys strategic thinking and working within tight budgets.

Chelsea Surfus

Chelsea is a lifelong UU who has made it her life's mission to love the hell out of the world. She was raised at First UU Ann Arbor before finding her way to Texas. She is currently heavily involved in the Southern Region's Heart of Texas cluster youth programs. She and her husband are welcoming their second son in February. Looking to the future, she plans to change the world one teenager at a time by bringing youth and adults together to build bridges and bonds that last for lifetimes.

Nominating Committee

Jessica Falconer

Jessica Falconer is a clinical social worker at Searsport District Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. She lives in Belfast, ME, with her very patient husband, two energetic kids, and one neurotic but lovable dog. Jessica has been an active Unitarian Universalist since 2012, and has been the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast's YRUU advisor since 2013. She enjoys serving as an RE guide, hiking, quilting, and swimming.

Rev. Joanne Giannino

Rev. Joanne Giannino currently serves the UU Church of Urbana Champaign in Illinois as interim minister. She has also served congregations in Massachusetts and Arizona. She has contributed to our denomination in a variety of capacities including as a member of the Nominating Committee for the Pacific Southwest Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association; and, as a member and chairperson of the Nominating Committee of the UUA's Ballou Channing District. Giannino graduated with honors from Andover Newton Theological School. Previously she served as an expressive arts therapist at a community mental health center, as adjunct faculty at Lesley College Graduate School, and as managing editor for a chain of weekly newspapers.

Rev. Michael Walker

Rev. Michael Walker was first introduced to Unitarian Universalism in 1995 and was ordained in 2010 after graduating from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. He has served in the ministries of UU congregations in California, Washington, and Pennsylvania, and on staff of the First UU Society of San Francisco (where he was ordained) and the UU Rowe Camp and Conference Center in Massachusetts. He has also served in volunteer capacities in various LGBTQ+ and Pagan/earth-centered spirituality organizations, including on the national Board of Trustees of the Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) for 2007-2013. He is pleased and honored to be of service to the UUA now.

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A Thread of Hope Guatemalan Fair Trade

www.athreadofhope.coop

Beautiful, meaningful! Handmade scarves, bags, beaded jewelry, stoles, more! Bring your gift list for the year. Support indigenous artisan co-ops in the Guatemalan highlands. Free shipping for purchases over \$50!

Alison for UUA President

alisonforuua.com

Get inspired by Alison's dynamic vision for Unitarian Universalism and learn why she was the nominated candidate for President of the UUA.

All Souls Church with Shelly Tochluk

allsoulschurch.org

Speak with Shelly Tochluk, author of *Living in the Tension*, and learn about groundbreaking programs and connection opportunities through programs and events at All Souls.

Alliance for American Manufacturing

www.americanmanufacturing.org

The Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM) is a non-profit, non-partisan partnership formed in 2007 by some of America's leading manufacturers and the United Steelworkers.

Allies For Racial Equity

alliesforracialequity.wildapricot.org/

Allies for Racial Equity exists to build an anti-racist movement among white Unitarian Universalists in ways that are accountable to communities of color.

Andover-Harvard Theological Library

library.hds.harvard.edu/specialcollections

AHTL's Special Collections department serves the UU community by collecting, preserving, and making available UU history as a living resource. Come by and learn more!

Art and Stole(s)

kitskarmacreations.com

Kit Wright's magically original Art Stoles, mini stoles, chalice bags and Happy Coats. The Olympia Brown Mysteries, w/author Judith Campbell, www.holymysteries.com. Wood turnings by Chris Stokes.

Association of UU Administrators

uuadmins.org

Supporting and strengthening Unitarian Universalism through effective administration. AUUA networks paid administrators in local UU congregations, district offices, or UU affiliated organizations.

Balzar Designs

www.BalzarDesigns.com

Fine Hand Dyed one of a kind Stoles, Jackets, & Chalice Scarves. Great for UU's, including ministers, students, & lay leaders. Travel Chalice Kit's.

Beethoven Hero Films

beethovenhero.com

Documentary films using music in the cause of social justice, healing and repair of a world in crises. Working on a Beethoven trilogy about the global impact of his music.

Brave New Films

www.bravenewfilms.org

We are a non-profit organization with a mission to champion social justice issues by using a model of media, education, and grassroots involvement that inspires and motivates civic participation.

Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal

www.celsjr.org

Center for Ethical Living & Social Justice Renewal (CELSJR) is a catalyst in New Orleans & beyond for promoting social, economic, environmental and racial justice.

ChaliceWorks

www.ChaliceWorks.etsy.com

Fabulous handmade fused glass Chalice jewelry and gifts! New styles. Great colors. Come check out Betsy's latest work!

Church Mutual Insurance Company

<https://www.churchmutual.com/>

Church Mutual is the nation's leading insurer of religious institutions and a premier insurance services provider for senior living facilities, schools – both religious and non-religious based – and camps.

Church Mutual Sponsored Cyber Cafe

www.uua.org/cybercafe

Thanks to Church Mutual's generous sponsorship of the Cyber Café, you can check your e-mails, connect to Wifi, print boarding passes, or charge your phone – all free of charge!

Church of the Larger Fellowship

clfu.org

Color a post card to an incarcerated UU! Test out virtual reality! Learn how you can connect with a 24/7 online global community of UUs.

Citizens Climate Lobby

www.citizensclimatelobby.org

Citizens' Climate Lobby works to create the political will for climate solutions by enabling individual breakthroughs in the exercise of personal and political power.

Claremont School of Theology

CST.edu

Claremont School of Theology, UMC in origin; ecumenical and interreligious in spirit. Students nurtured by Scripture, tradition, & experience. Graduates are prepared to become agents of transformation/healing for the world.

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

www.crcds.edu

CRCDS, a leading progressive graduate school of theology, prepares socially active leaders for the church, academy, and society via Masters' and Doctorate degrees to engage, impact, and transform the world.

Commission on Social Witness

www.uua.org/csw

Come here to learn about the UUA Statement of Conscience process and to suggest new ways of engaging in social witness when we are gathered together.

Covenant of UU Pagans

www.cuups.org

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans is a covenanting community dedicated to supporting UU-Pagans, to promoting Paganism with Unitarian Universalism, and to promoting Unitarian Universalism within Paganism.

Crafts from Jerusalem

The display is hand made artifacts from the holy land and Palestine. Olive wood carvings, shawls and silver earrings pendants and rings.

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

druumm.onefireplace.org/

DRUUMM is a collective of people who identify as People of Color, grounded in Unitarian Universalist tradition. DRUUMM is a volunteer-led organization, with a Steering Committee elected by its members.

Donnelly/Colt Progressive Resources

www.donnellycolt.com

Donnelly/Colt is the oldest (since 1975) mail-order source for union-made peace, social, gender & environmental justice buttons, stickers, postcards, posters, banners and customprinting services in the U.S. (860)455-9621 (860)428-4867 (cellphone)

Earlham School of Religion

esr.earlham.edu/

Earlham School of Religion is a Christian graduate theological school in the Quaker tradition. ESR prepares individuals for leadership that empowers and ministry that serves.

Earth Wisdom

earthwisdommusicandclothing.com

Featuring silk and velvet jackets, magic dresses that become 6 different dresses and the best tee shirts in the known universe.

Emma's Revolution

emmasrevolution.com

"Social justice power duo" of Pat Humphries & Sandy O perform at UU events nationwide. Their songs are sung throughout UU community. Bookings, CDs, "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" tees & more!

emPower Music & Arts

www.emPowerMA.com

emPower Music & Arts is a community dedicated to creating positive global change through music, writing & the spoken word. Change Your Music Change Your Life!

Equal Exchange

equalexchange.coop

For 30 years Equal Exchange has built long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, fostering mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers.

EqUual Access

www.equalaccess.org

The Mission of EqUual Access is to enable the full engagement of people with disabilities in Unitarian Universalist communities and the broader society.

Families & Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

www.ffflic.org

Families & Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) is a grassroots membership based organization working to transform systems that put children at risk of incarceration.

Final Exit Network

www.finalexitnetwork.org

Final Exit Network is the only organization in the US that provides education and a compassionate presence to members who suffer today with no hope of recovery from debilitating diseases.

First Principle Project

www.firstprincipleproject.org

UUA delegates vote this GA to change the First Principle to the "inherent worth and dignity of every being." Information, conversations, and resources available on the process, promise, and possibility.

Green Century Capital Management

www.greencentury.com

Green Century provides 3 fossil fuel free environmentally responsible mutual funds and helps our investors make an impact through our sustainable investment strategy, shareholder advocacy program and unique nonprofit ownership.

Green Mountain Stoles

www.greenmountainstoles.com

Our stoles are created by Ellen Allman and Rev. Erica Baron. Both women started their lives in the Green Mountain State of Vermont. Come and see their unique stoles.

Harvard Divinity School

hds.harvard.edu/

Co-hosted by Admissions and Alumni Relations at Harvard Divinity School, this booth is a resource for prospective students and alumni as we celebrate our Bicentennial!

Icon Systems Church Management Software

<https://www.iconcmo.com>

Icon Systems has been developing church management software for more than 20 years. We've added many custom features to make IconCMO friendly to Unitarian Universalist congregations.

Iliff School of Theology

www.iliff.edu

Iliff is a progressive graduate school of religion, theology, and spirituality that is committed to social justice, inclusiveness, and religious diversity.

In Memoriam

A space to honor, remember, and reflect upon recently deceased credentialed/certified religious leaders with photos and obituaries on display.

Inclusivi-tee, P.B.C.

inclusivi-tee.com

Inclusivi-tee is a quarterly tshirt subscription club whose goals include building a progressive community and creating beautiful wearable art.

inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop

uaa.org/bookstore

We feature books from Skinner House, Beacon Press, and other publishers, as well as UU identity and Standing on the Side of Love merchandise.

Jeanne Pupke, Candidate for UUA President

jeannepupke.com

Jeanne Pupke is running for UUA President because she has a vision for a Unitarian Universalist faith on fire. Stop by to learn more.

jeff wunrow designs

www.jeffwunrow.com

jeff wunrow designs creates contemporary interfaith liturgical stoles, banners and paraments. We will have samples of banners and paraments and stoles for sale or special order.

john madsen

Enamel, wire and gemstone jewelry; handmade by a UU, for UU

Latin American Committee

social justice-themed t-shirts; Central American handcrafts; stoles, shirts; blouses, jewelry, purses, bags, and caps. so

Launchpad

launchpad.faith

Launchpad helps congregations go farther than they thought possible. Our services range from providing back-end administration to close-up strategic support, as your congregation plans new ventures and ministries.

Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA)

www.lreda.org

LREDA promotes religious growth and learning for people of all ages and advocates for and supports religious educators and the field of liberal religious education.

LightSpring Press

lightspringpress.com

LightSpring Press creates fine art prints, digital prints, handmade journals and notebooks, all featuring explicitly Unitarian Universalist themes.

Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association

www.L9WHA.org

Eleven years after the levees failed, only 37% of neighborhood residents have returned. It's our mission to find the missing homeowners and bring them home.

Massachusetts Bible Society

www.massbible.org

The historic Massachusetts Bible Society is dedicated to promoting biblical literacy, understanding, and dialogue in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Exploring the Bible is our popular Bible study series.

Mayan Families

www.mayanfamilies.org

Mayan Families provides opportunities and assistance to the indigenous and impoverished people of Guatemala through education and community development programs.

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Meadville Lombard Theological School

meadville.edu

Educating future Unitarian Universalist ministers and vocational leaders who are prepared to energize social justice movements and heal communities from the inside out.

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

www.mtso.edu/academics/unitarian-universalist-house-studies

MTSO is one of 13 seminaries affiliated with the United Methodist Church, with over 20 faith traditions represented, including our growing Unitarian Universalist House of Studies.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture

www.nrcat.org

Join NRCAT for a powerful virtual reality experience that places viewers inside a U.S. solitary confinement prison cell.

Navigators USA: Scouting for All

navigatorsusa.org

Navigators USA is a co-ed, secular, inclusive scouting movement founded and supported by All Souls NYC it has grown to over 150 Chapters, 40 of which are in UU congregations.

Northern Sun

www.northernsun.com

Northern Sun has Chalice T-shirts, banners, etc, as well as a large selection of T-shirts, stickers, buttons, magnets, and flags

One Earth Conservation's Nurture Nature Program

www.oneearthconservation.org

Through a vision that all beings have inherent worth and dignity, individuals gain the capacity to nurture themselves and nature, fostering resistance, solidarity, and hope.

Richard Morris Social Justice Novels

richardmorrisauthor.wordpress.com

Richard Morris's social justice novels are *Cologne No. 10 for Men* (peace), *Well Considered* (racial justice), *Canoedling in Cleveland* (environmental justice) and *Masjid Morning* (religious liberty).

Starr King School for the Ministry

www.sksm.edu

Starr King School for the Ministry is a graduate theological school and seminary, a member of the Graduate Theological Union, in Berkeley, CA.

Susan Frederick-Gray for UUA President

www.susanfrederickgray.com

Susan Frederick-Gray is a candidate for UUA President. Learn more about Susan's vision for the UUA: Spiritually Vital, Grounded in Partnership, and Organized for Impact.

Syracuse Cultural Workers

www.Syracuseculturalworkers.com

Since 1982, Syracuse Cultural Workers has published posters, T-shirts, calendars, cards, more - 100% pcw stock to celebrate and further a vision of justice, equality, peace.

The Urantia Book Fellowship

urantiabook.org

We facilitate the worldwide dissemination of The Urantia Book, to stimulate study, connect students, and ensure that truth seekers have access to this supernal text.

TIAA

TIAA.org

TIAA, the UUA's Retirement Plan provider hopes you stop by for a visit. Our booth is across from the UUA Expressway.

US Navy Recruiting

www.navy.com

The Navy Chaplain Corps comprises Chaplains from over 100 different faith groups, representing Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist faiths. They serve as Navy Officers.

UU Alliance of Camps & Conference Centers

uuacc.org

The mission of the UUACCC is to foster and promote the success, growth and well-being of Unitarian Universalist camps, retreat and conference centers.

UU Association of Membership Professionals

www.uuamp.org

We focus on helping our congregations welcome the stranger, provide newcomers with education and encourage membership as expressed in community involvement, spiritual deepening and stewardship.

UU Christian Fellowship

uuchristian.org

We are non-creedal followers of Jesus rooted in the history and tradition of Unitarian Universalism. We are a movement and organization of members who are interested in exploring liberal Christianity.

UU Class Conversations

uuclassconversations.org

UU Class Conversations educates Unitarian Universalists about class awareness and inclusion – empowering our religious movement to dismantle classism within our congregations and communities.

UU History and Heritage Society

UUHHS.ORG

The UUHHS carries on the legacy of the Universalist Historical Society (founded in 1834), the Unitarian Historical Society (1901), and the UU Women's Heritage Society (1980).

UU Humanists

huhumanists.org

Representing Humanism within the UUA; Building connections between UUism and secular Humanism; Promoting the values of Reason, Compassion and Community.

UU Ministers Association

www.uuma.org

The UUMA seeks to nurture excellence in ministry through collegiality, continuing education, collaboration and shared commitment to antiracist, anti-oppressive, multicultural practice. Come see how you can help!

UU Ministry for Earth

uuministryforearth.org

UUMFE works to connect and inspire an active community of UUs for ecological justice, spiritual renewal, and shared reverence for our Earth home.

UU Musicians Network

uumn.org

UUMN connects music leaders to inspire, educate and nurture one another and create transformative worship in their congregations. Many musical questions, one answer: UUMN.

UU Mystics in Community

www.uumystics.org

UU Mystics in Community www.uumystics.org Community of UU's sharing an interest in mysticism and our UU first source statement about direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder. Also on Facebook.

UU Partner Church Council

www.uupcc.org

The UU Partner Church Council connects and supports UU congregations in the US and Canada with U/U congregations in other countries in mutually beneficial relationships.

UU Peace Ministry Network

uupeacemakers.org

The UU Peace Ministry Network (UUPMN) assists congregations and UUs in creating cultures of peace within their Churches, communities, families, themselves, and the wider world.

UU Small Group Ministry Network

www.smallgroupministry.net

Small Groups, Deep Connection. Resources and consultation for Small Group Ministry/ Covenant Group leadership and facilitation, session topics, and social justice in and beyond the congregation.

UU Society for Community Ministries

www.uuscm.org

The Unitarian Universalist Society for Community Ministries is a professional organization of lay ministers & ordained clergy.

UU Trauma Response Ministry

www.traumaministry.org

UUTRM serves the UU community by providing spiritual & emotional care to those affected by critical incidents. UUTRM also provides training and consults with congregations on preparedness and crisis response.

UU Veatch Program / UU Funding Program

uufunding.org

The UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock and UU Funding Program make grants supporting denominational growth, engaging UUs in social action and to non-denominational organizations reflecting UU principles.

UU Women and Religion

www.uuwr.org

UUWR began as grassroots lay leaders in the 1970s promoted examination of religious roots of sexism and patriarchy. Feminist theology resources for congregations and individuals.

UU Women's Federation

www.uuwf.org

UUWF is a circle of liberal religious women and men working to advance justice for women and girls and promote their spiritual growth. Join us!

UUA Expressway

uua.org

The UUA Expressway is a one-stop-shop for support and connection with the Unitarian Universalist Association while at GA. Meet UUA staff, learn about programs and opportunities, and join meetups on special topics. Visit the UUA Expressway behind the Book

UUA Green Booth

Come learn about onsite sustainability during GA. Green team volunteers are present to answer questions and discuss sustainability initiatives at GA.

UUA Nominating and Appointments Committees

Interesting in serving our faith on a continental level? Drop by the booth of the Appointments and Nominating Committees. We have information to help you make a difference!

UUA Stewardship and Development

www.uua.org/giving

Pick up your Annual Program Fund and Friends of the UUA ribbons and let us say thanks for your generosity!

UUA, Church Staff Finances

www.uua.org/compensation

UUA Church Staff Finances provides information to congregations about recommended salaries, employee benefits, and good staffing practices. We also manage the UUA Health Plan, Retirement Plan, and other insurance plans.

UURISE - UU Refugee & Immigrant Services & Education

www.uurise.org

Advancing justice and human rights for immigrants and refugees through: legal representation, education, advocacy, and community organizing; and trainings, workshops, and consultations for UU congregations.

UUs for A Just Economic Community

www.uujec.com

Our mission is to engage, educate and activate Unitarian Universalist individuals, congregations, social justice groups and community partners to achieve the economically just community.

UUs for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

uuadp.org

UU for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (UUADP) assist congregations in implementing the many UUA resolutions calling for the end of the Death Penalty.

UUs for Jewish Awareness (UUJA)

www.uuja.org

UUJA is committed to supporting Unitarian Universalist Jewish multi-religiosity. We work to help people understand Judaism and the ways it has impacted and continues to develop our Unitarian Universalist faith.

UUs for Justice in the MiddleEast

www.uujme.org

UUJME helps UUs learn how to seek peace with justice in Palestine/Israel. Find our study guide based on 7 UU Principles, interactive experiences, Palestinian crafts, and information on Human Rights Travel Scholarships

UUs for Polyamory Awareness

www.uupa.org

UUPA promotes education, spiritual support, and advocacy for UUs involved or interested in responsibly non-monogamous relationships.

UUSC (UU Service Committee)

www.uusc.org

UUSC advances human rights, working toward a world free from oppression. The Good Buy sells ethically sourced products to help people live sustainably and raise funds for UUSC's programs.

Veterans for Peace

<https://www.veteransforpeace.org>

Veterans For Peace is a global organization of Military Veterans that informs the public of the causes, spiritual/physical costs and obligation to heal the wounds of wars.

Visit KC

www.vistkc.com

Visit KC is an economic development organization dedicated to tourism. Our mission is to ignite global passion for visiting Kansas City.

Wake Now Our Vision Collaborative Campaign

www.wakenowourvision.org

Shape the future of Unitarian Universalism while supporting the UU organizations and congregations you care about today through legacy giving.

Watson Studios - Brian Watson, UU Sculptor

www.bwatsonstudios.com

Brian Watson is a UU sculptor and carver, creating one-of-a-kind, hand-made chalices, labyrinths, and laser-engraved veneer from sustainable and salvaged hardwoods.

Wesley Theological Seminary

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu>

WTS: A graduate theological institution offering Masters, Doctorates & certificates in many fellowships/specializations: Urban & Missional theology, Public Theology, African American church studies, etc.

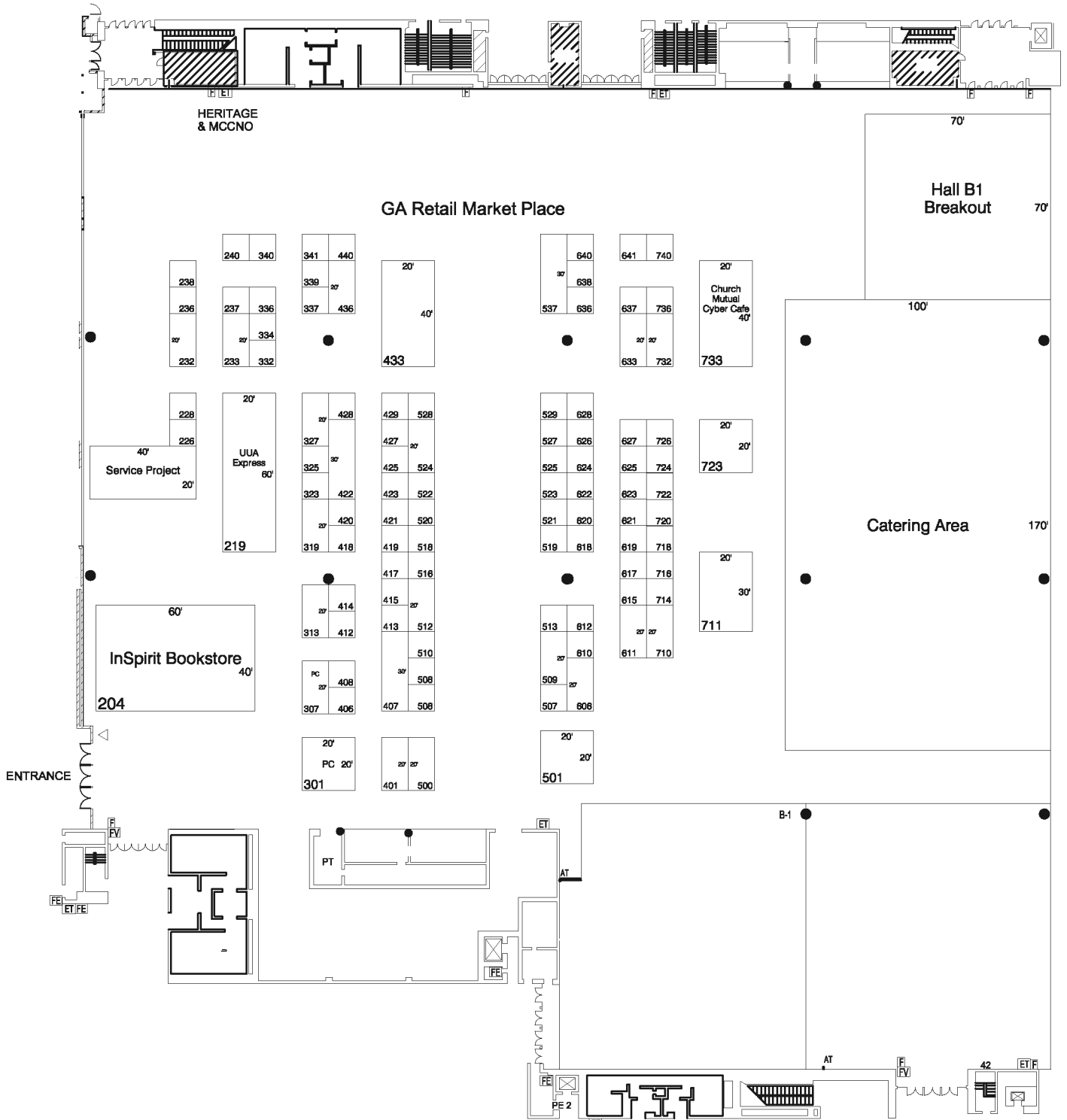
WomenSpirit and Abiding Spirit Vestments

www.womenspirit.com

WomenSpirit and Abiding Spirit Vestments. Our selection includes robes, albs, stoles, and shirts. Beautiful garments in quality fabrics designed for discerning clergy.

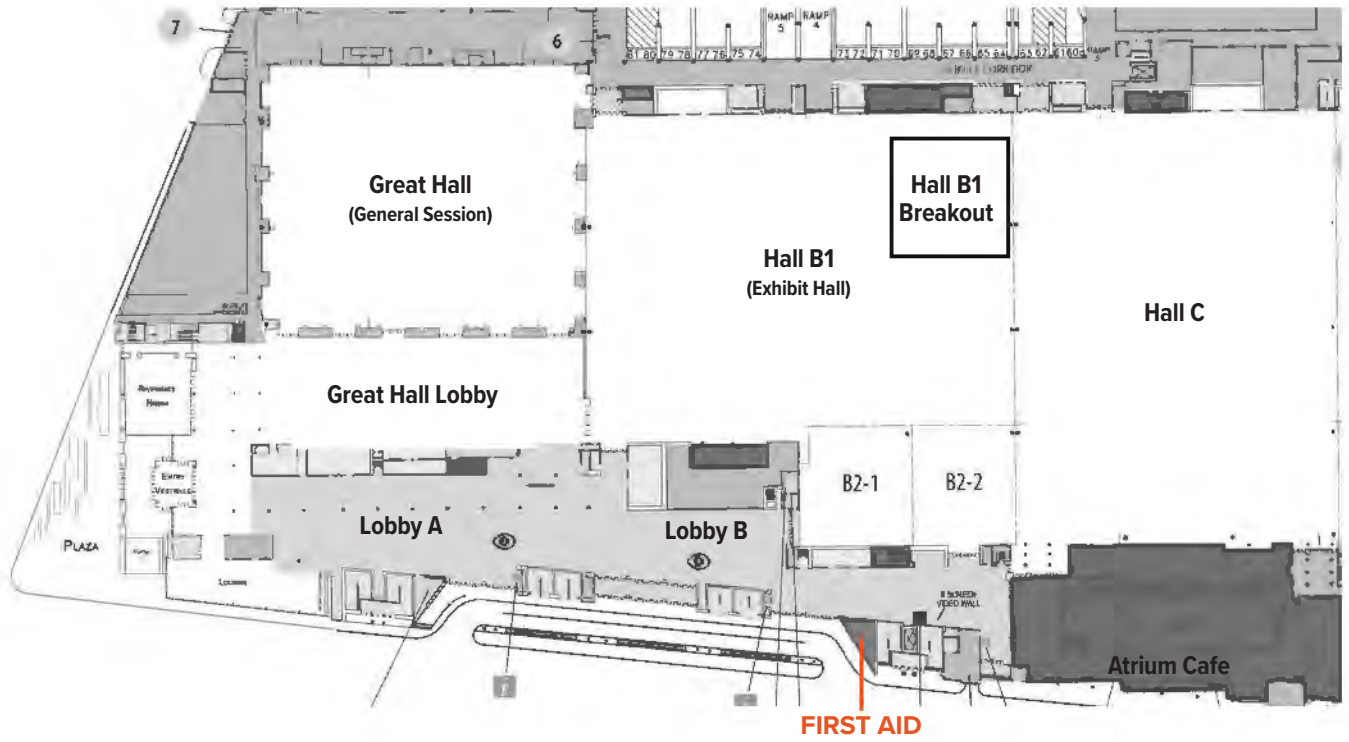
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