



Advocacy & Witness News

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Advocacy and Witness at General Assembly

Are you going to General Assembly this year? We are! And we are looking forward to it. We have been feverishly working to create the best workshops, resources and events for you.

This month's *A&W News* is jammed packed with ways to stay involved while at GA. Check out our workshops on the back side. Below are our staff picks for activities we recommend.

And don't forget to come visit us at **Booth 450**

Advocacy and Witness GA Staff Picks

We at Advocacy and Witness would like to share with you our personal choices for GA workshops and trainings:

- Adam— **Theology of Immigration** presented by *Kat Liu of UUA Staff*
- Alex— **Give Them More Than Just Pizza** presented by *Nancy DiGiovanni and Eric Kesting of UUA Staff*
- Eric- **Our Partners in Faith - A Global Worship Service** presented by *the UU Partner Church Council*
- Grace- **Dismantling Chaos: Anti- Racism/Anti-Oppression Workshop** Presented by *Young Religious UU's*
- Kat— **Truth, Repair, Reconciliation** presented by *Tracey Robinson-Harris of UUA Staff*
- Susan— **Public Witness Event: Valuing All Families** presented by *the UUA Public Witness Team*

For more information on this year's General Assembly and programming, please visit <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>

June 19: Night of 1000 Conversations About Immigration

On Thursday, June 19, you and your congregation can take part in the Night of 1000 Conversations, organized by the Rights Working Group (RWG). **Churches, community centers, and individuals all over the United States will host conversations about immigration in the context of human rights, civil liberties, and our American values of fairness and justice.** For more information, please see http://www.rightsworkinggroup.org/?q=NOTC_June08.



"The supreme reality of our time is our indivisibility as children of God and the common vulnerability of our planet."
 -John F. Kennedy

Calendar

June 1	Start of Gay Pride Month
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth and Night of a Thousand Conversations
June 24-25	UU University
June 25-29	General Assembly- Ft. Lauderdale, FL

"No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do."
 -Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker

COUNTDOWN 2008: An Activist Training to End the War in Iraq

November is coming fast, which means that it's a great time to step up our organizing and advocacy against the unjust and immoral war in Iraq. Learn how UUs can raise our voices and carry a message for peace into the 2008 elections and beyond. Join UUSC and the UUA for a day-long activist training before General Assembly. Participants will get updated policy information and practical tools and skills for taking effective action.

When: Wed, June 25, 2008, 9am – 4pm

Where: Panorama Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Pier 66

UUSC is hosting the training free of charge, but space is limited. For more information, and to register please contact Michelle Rudy at gacountdown2008@uusc.org.

Last Chance to Get Your T-Shirts before General Assembly

Be part of the "In-Crowd" at General Assembly! Order your shirts by **June 10th in order to ensure they get to you before GA.**

Order your shirt now, they are going fast. Get your favorite activist a shirt for the upcoming year of actions. **Hurry! Supplies are limited. Only a few dozen left!**

Our handsome shirts come in both **adult and children's sizes**. And are made from pre-shrunk, 100% cotton materials. **Available up to Size Adult Large (L).**

There is a **\$3/shirt discount for bulk orders**, so order as a congregation! If you'd rather place an order by phone, please call Kat Liu at (202) 393-2255 x13

"We must have the strength to recall to our fellow Americans that to be loyal to this country does Not, Not, Not compel us to be disloyal to the human species."

-Daniel Ellsberg

Advocacy and Witness Events at General Assembly 2008

The UUA Holdeen India Program: Empowering Social Change

Take inspiration from UUHIP's work, and learn how congregations can participate.

U/U Theology... Internationally Speaking

Three U/U theologians from around the world will dialogue.

A Faith Without Borders

Presenting a new congregational resource for planning effective international engagement.

Theology of Immigration

UU perspectives on what it means to "Welcome the Stranger."

Grassroots Organizing for a New Century

Learn new techniques utilizing the Internet to gather support.

Youth and Adult Partnerships: Comprehensive Sex Education

Create stronger partnerships for comprehensive sexuality education in public schools!

Advocacy and Witness Has a New Blog

Find out what your Advocacy and Witness team is thinking about!

Read our reflections on upcoming events and news stories, thoughts on new movements and causes, and reports on exciting progress on national legislation.

<http://uuasocialjustice.blogspot.com>

Going to General Assembly?

Don't forget to bring your government-issued ID!

This year, the home of General Assembly is located in the Port of Ft. Lauderdale. Due to a series of events entirely out of the UUA's control, you will be required to show government issued identification when entering the Port.

We remind you to carry your ID at all times. Please be respectful and courteous toward the government officials who ask to see your identification.

We also ask you to treat this as a learning opportunity. Please think of the millions of people across the world who have to show the government their identification when ever the travel around their homeland.

For more information, please visit uua.org/events/generalassembly

"If peace...only had the music and pageantry of war, there'd be no more wars."

-Sophie Kerr

