



Advocacy & Witness News

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MAY 2009

Getting Ready for General Assembly

General Assembly may be a month away, but we are working hard to make it a great one this year. General Assembly is at Salt Lake City, Utah and we are excited to be there.

Advocacy and Witness is hosting **three workshops** on improving your social justice work. We are also organizing an **interfaith community witness for immigrant justice**. We are also offering a **Pre-GA gathering for social justice leaders**. Please join us!

Remember, at GA this year, there are **three big elections**. We will be voting on:

- A new UUA President;
- The Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking;
- The New Draft of the Principles and Purposes.

If you are not going to GA this year, there are still a lot of things you can do with your congregation. We still accepting applications for **social justice workshops**. And we welcome you to join our **newsletters**.

GA '09 Workshops and Pre-GA Event

Are you coming to General Assembly this year? Please don't forget to join the Advocacy and Witness Team's workshops:

- **Welcoming Our Neighbors: The Path to Immigration Reform**
- **Environmental Work is Justice Work**
- **UU Secretaries of State on Strengthening Democracy Now!**

We are very excited about workshops and would love have you participate.

Please don't forget our Public Witness event on Friday:

Valuing ALL Families — An Interfaith Community Witness Event
Standing on the Side of Love with Immigrant Families

And visit our booth at #521 for fun prizes!

Get to General Assembly in time for a **Pre-GA gathering for UU social justice makers** on **June 24th, at 2:00-:500 p.m.**

We will offer training, best practice case studies, and time for networking on issues. Come meet with UUA social justice staff and other UUs working for social justice around the country.

We will send out more information and details as we get closer to GA.

To register, write to Audra Friend at afriend@uua.org.

PLEASE NOTE: You do NOT have to arrive a day early to make the Pre-GA Gathering



"Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrations and revolutionists."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Calendar

May 1	Immigrant's Rights Day
May 4-5	Human Rights Call-in Day
May 9	Wesak
May 9	UU Socially Responsible Investing Conference
May 10	Mother's Day
May 25	Memorial Day
June 24-28	GA in Salt Lake

Action of the Month: Immigrant Justice

Please note and post our companion newsletter on the May Action:
Crash Course for Immigrant Justice.

June's Action of the Month is: General Assembly!

Join our Newsletters

The UUA A&W Team has three newsletters to help you keep updated on important social justice opportunities. We would like to invite you to join our newsletters.

- **Advocacy News (A*News)**- Track legislation moving in Congress
- **Social Action Chair News (SAC News)**- Learn opportunities for congregation social justice
- **International News (iNews)**- Receive announcements on UU international justice issues and resources.

To join our newsletters, please visit uua.org/socialjustice

Social Justice Empowerment Workshops Applications

Would you like to...

Inspire a congregation with a vision of their potential to be a social justice community?

Develop a deeper understanding about the basic elements of an effective social justice program?

Provide methods for how to integrate the social justice program into the larger life of the congregation including worship, religious education, and adult programming?

The UUA Social Justice Empowerment Workshop is for you!

The basic purpose of a Social Justice Empowerment workshop is for members of a congregation to assess the quality of their social justice program. It is an opportunity for members of a congregation to consider what they are doing as an institution to create a more just and caring world.

Cluster workshops are now available and held for teams (2 or more people) from area congregations. The cost is \$200 per team (up to 4 people). For teams of 5 or more the rate is \$200 for the first four and an additional \$25 per person for each additional person.

Workshop handbooks are provided by the UUA. Congregations that sponsor cluster workshops can waive the fee in exchange for providing coffee, lunch, and supplies.

We are now accepting applications for fall 2009 and spring 2010!

For more information and to apply, please see: <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/socialjustice/index.shtml> or write to Susan Leslie at sleslie@uua.org.

Stand on the Side of Love With UUA T-Shirts

Sunshine! Warm weather! T-Shirts! With spring here, it is time for a new t-shirt to spruce up your warm weather wardrobe with our **Standing on the Side of Love Shirts**.

Get yours in time for GA in June!

Our handsome shirts come in both **adult and children's sizes**. And are made from pre-shrunk, 100% cotton materials. **Available in all sizes**. Sweatshop free and union made.

There is a **\$3/shirt discount for bulk orders**, so order as a congregation! Contact Alex Winnett at Awinnett@uua.org. If you'd rather place an order by phone, please call at (202) 393-2255 x20.



“Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.”
Jack Paar

“We march today because we are immigrants, we work hard and we love the USA.”
Carlos Dias

“This just can't be fought by immigrant communities.”
Catherine Tactaquin