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## UUs Rally for Reproductive Justice at the Supreme Court

On March 25, oral arguments began before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of [Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby](#). The case asks the Court to determine whether Hobby Lobby, a for-profit company, can deny the Affordable Care Act's no-cost birth-control policy for employees based on the owner's religious beliefs.

Thanks to your generosity, our UUA was able to hold a Peaceful Presence at the Supreme Court, and to submit an [Amicus Brief](#) detailing our position about true religious freedom. Our UUA President, the Rev. Peter Morales, stated, "Exercising our religious freedom cannot mean imposing our religious doctrines and practices on others. It does not mean that a wealthy and powerful employer can deny basic health care services and choices to his employees."

For another UU perspective on the issue of contraceptive coverage and the Supreme Court cases, check out [this National Journal article](#) by the Rev. Angela Herrera, Associate Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, N.M.





## UU Religious Professionals of Color Gather for Witness

On March 13, participants in the Finding Our Way Home retreat, an annual gathering for UU religious professionals of color, joined local youth activists to [witness for economic justice](#) and call for an increase in the minimum wage. Nearly 80 ministers, seminarians, religious educators, directors of music, and church administrators from across North America participated in this year's Finding Our Way Home. Each annual retreat includes a service component, and this year the group partnered on this youth-led event. You can see their energy and enthusiasm in this [spontaneous musical moment!](#)



UUs are involved in minimum wage campaigns in many states, as well as at the federal level. You can [learn more](#) about economic justice and lend your voice to the call for a higher minimum wage by signing the [joint UUA/UUSC statement](#).

[Your gifts](#) help to bring this issue to the forefront of the national stage, and to make participation in important witness events possible. Your generosity also enables our UUA to host the Finding Our Way Home retreat to provide support and community for our religious professionals of color. Thank you!

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## Stay Up to Date on the Latest GA News

General Assembly is quickly approaching, and whether or not you will be making the trip to Providence we have resources available to help you stay up-to-date on the latest news and happenings. You can connect with attendees, get updates, ask questions, and share ideas and pictures on our [General Assembly Event Page](#) on Facebook.



If you will be attending GA in person, consider signing up for one of the [available tours](#) of Providence and surrounding areas. Designed by local experts, these tours focus on a variety of topics and interests to help you learn more about our GA host city.

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## Stewardship Sermon Award: Now Accepting Submissions

The [Stewardship Sermon Award](#) is granted annually in recognition of a sermon that best explores and promotes the financial support of our Unitarian Universalist Faith. The \$1,000 award is jointly sponsored by the UUA's Annual Program Fund, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and the Liberal Religious Educators Association. The winner is selected by a representative committee using a blind process with standardized criteria. Submissions for the 2014 Stewardship Sermon Award will be accepted through April 15. Religious professional leaders are invited to submit sermons delivered between March 1, 2013 and April 15, 2014 to Norrie Gall, Annual Program Fund Assistant, at [apf@uua.org](mailto:apf@uua.org).

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## Saying Farewell to the Rev. Terry Sweetser



After twenty years of faithful service, our UUA Vice President of Stewardship and Development, the Rev. Terry Sweetser, will be leaving his position. Terry has skillfully led our Stewardship and Development team and worked with countless donors to advance the mission of our UUA. He has built a culture of generosity that we strive to carry into the future. During his tenure as our chief fund raiser, donors like you have contributed over \$175,000,000 in service of our faith.

Terry told us, "It has been a pleasure to join with you to lead, to give, and to serve." He will continue to support our congregations and our Association as he moves on to the next phase in his life, and we invite you to join us in saying a fond farewell and wishing him the best in his future endeavors. Information will be coming soon about opportunities, both at GA and virtually, to thank Terry for his service to our faith and our Association.

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## APF Pledge Forms and Final 2014 Payments

General Assembly (GA) is coming up! Please make sure to have your final 2014 APF payments sent to the UUA by the beginning of June so that we can ensure your congregation is properly recognized at GA. In order to ensure correct processing of your check, please include your congregation's 4 digit ID and be sure the check is signed.

Giving rates will remain the same in FY 2015 and new pledge forms for both APF and GIFT will be sent out in May. For more information please visit <http://www.uua.org/giving/apf/198518.shtml>. Without the participation of our congregations, we would not be able to provide important services and lift up our shared values on the national stage. Thank you for your continued support of our Association!

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## Double Your Impact with Our Matching Gift Challenge

You make a difference every time you make a gift to our UUA. You help us support your local congregation and lift up our shared values on the national stage. And now you can double the impact of your gift! From now until May 31, every gift from our loyal Friends of the UUA will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous grant from the UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. We need to raise \$100,000 to meet their challenge! You can make twice the difference for our work for social justice, congregations, and community by [making a gift to our UUA](#) today.



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