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UUUs Rally to Stop Deportations

Last week, Unitarian Universalists from around the country gathered in Washington, DC to take part in an interfaith day of action for immigration reform. As part of the [Pray for Relief - Not One More Family Separated Summit](#), UUUs rallied in front of the White House to urge President Obama to take executive action to stop deportations. Many UU ministers and other faith leaders took part in civil disobedience and 112 people were arrested, including 32 UUUs.



UUUs across the country helped to make this event a success and to make a difference. Thank you to those who rallied. Thank you to those who opened up their homes to participants. Thank you to everyone who called the White House to demand a stop to deportations. Thank you for your gifts to [Standing on the Side of Love](#) in support of the ongoing work for immigration reform. And thank you for standing in spirit with the Pray for Relief Summit.



New Orleans Congregation Responds to Worship Disruption

A few weeks ago, as the First UU Church of New Orleans was sharing a moment of silence during their Sunday service for a member who had recently passed, an unfathomable thing happened. Members of an anti-abortion group stood up and started yelling, calling the congregation an abomination. The stunned worshippers, including a

group of youth in town for a justice training, responded with love. They invited anyone who could be respectful to stay, and they sang over the hurtful shouts.

UU Minister Rev. Deanna Vandiver was featured on the [Rachel Maddow Show](#) to discuss her reaction to the event. Her interview was part of a segment on anti-abortion extremists, and begins about six and a half minutes into the video.

The congregation handled the situation commendably, and thanks to your generosity, is receiving support, resources, and guidance from our UUA.

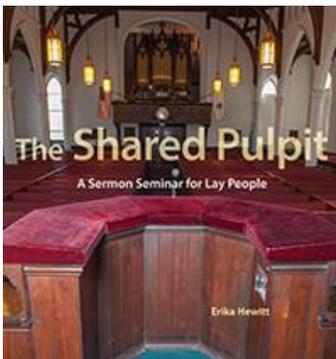
Taking Steps for Environmental Justice with Divestment

Our Seventh Principle calls us to recognize that human beings are part of the web of existence, and that we must address environmental concerns such as climate change. In June, delegates to the UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI, took action. By resolution, the Association voted to divest itself from fossil fuel companies. This divesting from the largest fossil fuel companies will take place over the next five years, while retaining our ability to engage in shareholder advocacy. More information about the resolution and the vote can be found in this [UU World article](#).



[Your support](#) will help Unitarian Universalists to continue to strive for environmental justice with the [People's Climate March](#) in New York City on September 21. Leaders from around the world will be attending a United Nations summit on the climate crisis, and UUs will march alongside people from around the world, pray with people of many faiths, and witness for our values. Local UU congregations will provide housing for visitors and there will be an interfaith worship service.

Available from the UUA Bookstore: *The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar for Lay People*



The Shared Pulpit is a complete workshop to help lay people gain experience writing and preaching a full-length sermon for their congregation. This easy-to-use guide for facilitators and participants provides a step-by-step lesson plan for eight sessions. Workshop members learn about the theory and theology of preaching, then practice writing and speaking with authenticity, gradually building toward composing quality 20-minute sermons. *The Shared Pulpit* includes a leader's guide, readings for homework, sample sermons, and exercises to help first-time preachers polish their preaching craft.

Your generous gifts to the UUA help to support Skinner House Books so that they can produce this and many other UU titles. Thank you.

[*The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar for Lay People*](#), by Erika Hewitt, is now available at the UUA bookstore. Order your copy today!

Take a Justice Journey with the UUCSJ

Your generosity allows our UUA to partner with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) to support the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) and a variety of service learning opportunities. As UUCSJ Director Kathleen McTigue explains, "Experiential learning is so powerful because it gets into us in a way that intellectual understanding alone does not." Spots are currently available on a variety of upcoming justice journeys, including an opportunity to help former Port-au-Prince residents build new lives in rural Haiti. [Plan your service journey now!](#)



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