

Leading Congregations into a Multiracial, Multicultural Future Future: now is the time!

Register online by January 15th

<http://www.uua.org/events/multiracialmulticultural/index.shtml>

In 1997 the General Assembly made a commitment to move toward becoming an antiracist, anti-oppressive, multicultural Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Again in 2006, members of the UUA passed a General Assembly Responsive Resolution that seeks to address behaviors towards people of color in our own congregations and communities, revealing that it is essential for UUs to continue with this important work as we seek to build just and inclusive communities. This work is ongoing and underlines a commitment that is rooted in Unitarian Universalist identity, theology, and values.

Some of our member congregations have done significant work on issues of racism, classism, and multiculturalism using resources provided by the UUA and others. **Leading Congregations into a Multiracial, Multicultural Future: now is the time!** Is an exceptional opportunity to reinvigorate your commitment, meet other UUs involved in this work, and learn practical and meaningful processes and activities to take back to your congregation. Teams from congregations are especially welcomed to respond more fully to conference offerings.

The Reverend Jacqueline Lewis, PhD

The conference is delighted to welcome back Reverend Lewis for our Friday **keynote program**. Lewis is the Senior Minister of Vision, Worship and the Arts at Middle Collegiate Church in New York City. She says, "We don't need communities of people pretending to be all the same, but rather communities in which the unique particularity of each person is recognized, accepted and affirmed." Reverend Lewis earned her Masters of Divinity at Princeton Seminary and her Ph.D. at Drew University in Psychology and Religion. Her doctoral thesis was narrative identity study of clergy who serve multiracial/multicultural congregations. After seminary, Jacqui served two urban congregations including a new church development project, the Imani Community Church (PCUSA) and the Imani Community Center, for which she was the organizing pastor. This predominantly African American church built a multicultural membership and served the community's families and children with creative worship and economic development. Dr. Lewis' keynote speech on Friday will be followed by a day-long workshop including small group conversation and in-depth exploration of what it means to lead a congregation into a multi-racial, multi-cultural future.

Conference Location
Doubletree Hotel
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