

Tuesday May 8, 2012 4pm EDT

Presenters:

Laura Gilmore, Young Adult Caucus Co-Moderator

Emrys Staton, Young Adult Caucus Justice Liason

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JUSTICE GA PREPARATION

OPENING READING (1/2)

From Cooking Together: *Recipes for Immigration Justice Work*

A UUA Blog: <http://immigrationjustice.blogs.uua.org/>

Prayer by Rev. Marta I. Valentin, Minister at First Unitarian Church in Littleton, MA

Spirit of Compassion
Isn't it amazing
how we crave to know an outcome
before its time
even as we accept
that we cannot know
how *anything* will go?

We do not know if the mounds of
obstacles
will become dirt cleared away
or earth made into mountain...

We do not know if fresh air will degenerate
into a stagnant suffocation
or be sucked out of lives
longing to breath freely and easily...

if the deserts will spring a true oasis
or continue to offer a false vision of
survival...

if the shores will be flowing invitations
into unfathomable freedoms
or a fearfully ebbed withdrawal
of even the tiniest hospitality...

We who walk on ground taken for granted
we who speak of an Earth that has no
borders

ask for guidance as we aid those in need
as well as those who would obstruct our
care.

Spirit of Compassion
strengthen our resolve to carry forth
this ministry
regardless of the reality of the decisions
made to seemingly thwart our efforts.

Let us, in one grounded body
strong in our Unitarian Universalist faith
in solidarity with those whose lives
are most at stake
resolve never to give up this fight for them
nor for our country.

Let ours be the voices that demand
a true accounting of these legal human
beings.

Let ours be the hearts that resolve
whether through light or dark times
to stay the course
no matter what
no matter how long.

Let our love be the kind they have been
waiting for.

TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION

- ✕ *6 mute
- ✕ Conference being recorded
- ✕ Main screen
- ✕ Participant List
- ✕ Chat Feature

INTRODUCTIONS

- ✕ Name
- ✕ Geographic Location
- ✕ Unitarian Universalist Community
 - + (Congregation, Campus Ministry Group, Young Adult Group, Fellowship, etc.)
- ✕ One question you're coming with/something you're hoping to learn

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Carey McDonald

Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult
Ministries

General Assembly Webpage:

<http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>

YOUNG ADULT CAUCUS

Laura Gilmore

Co-Moderator, Young Adult Caucus

Have 2 chaplains (instead of 1 during regular years)
and a Social Justice Liaison, Emrys

Will be gathering a schedule of all events of
particular interest to YA's

Will be having more small group time and
preparation and reflection events.

YOUNG ADULT CAUCUS: SOCIAL JUSTICE

Emrys Staton

Justice Liason, Young Adult Caucus

Public Witness at General Assembly

<http://www.uua.org/ga/values/12746.shtml>

Also a training during Wednesday afternoon for those folks interested in helping at witness events, details coming.

COOKING TOGETHER

Cooking Together: Recipes for Immigration Justice Work

<http://immigrationjustice.blogs.uua.org/>

Theological Reflection and Discussion Guide

<http://immigrationjustice.blogs.uua.org/education/united-states-immigration-theological-reflection-and-discussion/>

The Spiritual Practice of Being in Partnership, Janice Marie Johnson

<http://immigrationjustice.blogs.uua.org/education/the-spiritual-practice-of-being-in-partnership/>

Doctrine of Discovery Video, coming soon!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

CLOSING READING

From UUA's Worship Web: <http://www.uua.org/worship/index.php>

By Eric Cherry, *A Peacemaking Prayer* (Shortened)

The history is complex,
the politics are intense,
the fear and anger are overwhelming,
and the future is unclear.

But glimpses of a hopeful vision
will not be bombed into oblivion
by anyone.

In prayer, we call to mind the peacemakers.

Neighbors of differing faiths

With different histories
With different politics
With different emotions

Who find room for each other

in their hearts
in their dreams
and in their lives

Those who hold firmly to a vision of peace and justice
anywhere in the world.