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Slide 1: Welcome and introductions

Time: 12:45 – 12:47 (2 mins)

Led by: Regional staff

Welcome to the New England Regional Take Home Session! What a week! Introduce self and Jesse Jaeger, Director of UU Mass Action Network, and Kat Liu, Witness Program Associate, UUA Multicultural Growth & Witness Staff Team.

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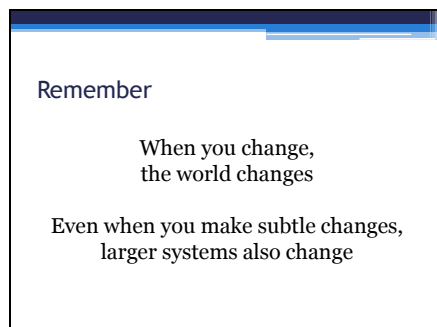
Slide 2: Overview of session

Time: 12:47 – 12:50 (3 mins)

Led by: Regional staff

We want to take some time today to process and experience our learnings, hear about opportunities for justice-making in our region and states, and make connections with others in our states.

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Slide 3: Opening reflection

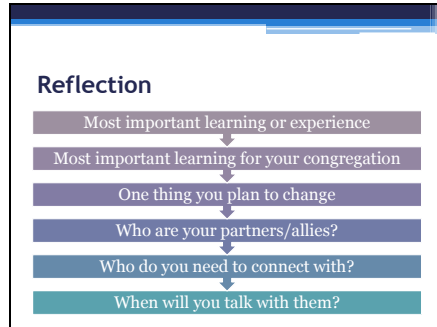
Time: 12:50 – 12:51 (1 min)

Led by: Regional staff

Remember -- When you change, the world changes

Even when you make subtle changes, larger systems also change

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Slide 4: Self-reflection and Guided Conversations

Time: 12:51 – 1:05 (14 mins)

Led by: Regional staff

We would like you to reflect on the following questions for 5 mins. Then turn to a partner and share for about 5 mins each: (Total of 15 mins).

What has been most important learning experience for you personally this week?

What new information do you think is most important for your congregation's leadership teams to know about?

What one thing do you plan to change in your own life?

As you contemplate leading change in your congregation, who can you identify as partners? Who can you identify as allies?

Who needs to hear about your experience here? When will you make appointments to talk with them?

[Cue people after 5 mins. Begin them in dyads. Cue again 5 mins for 2nd half of dyad. Bring back together]

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Slide 5: Opportunities for Justice-Making

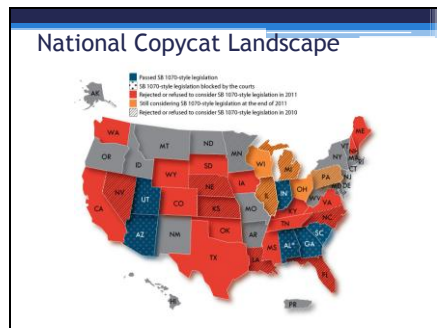
Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of total 10 min section)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

All our communities, districts and regions have diverse communities of immigrants. We are neighbors, we are co-workers, we are employers. Some migrants are UUs. Others are part of organizations that are partners with UU churches.

We have opportunities to be in solidarity and to build beloved community.

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Slide 6: National Copycat Legislation

Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of 10 mins total)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

This Map from the National Council of La Raza shows the National Landscape regarding Arizona Copycat Legislation

The red states have rejected copycat legislation

Those in Blue have passed it

In the Orange & Gray states legislation has either not been introduced or not gotten out of committee

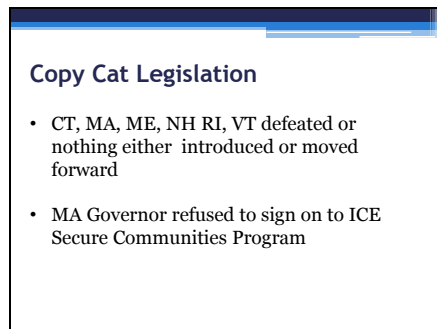
Please Note that all the information we are presenting here is available on the UUA website and we will be bringing that URL up on a slide at the end of this session.

Working at the local and state level is

key to change hearts and minds and policies – and to bring grassroots strength to bear when national opportunities arise.

As you can see there are lots of opportunities in the New England Region to gain immigrant friendly laws and policies although there are continued attempts to criminalize this community. People hearing faith voices and migrants' stories is making a difference.

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Copy Cat Legislation

- CT, MA, ME, NH RI, VT defeated or nothing either introduced or moved forward
- MA Governor refused to sign on to ICE Secure Communities Program

Copycat legislation has been rejected in all six New England states.

In MA the Governor refused to sign on to the ICE Secure Communities mass detention and deportation program. Now that the federal government is overriding the Governor's decision, a new round of organizing has begun to get a bill passed that would allow local opt-out from this program. Several MA cities already have policies to not ask people for papers. After meeting with community organizations, Manchester NH police have also adopted a 'no papers' policy.

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Services

- Maine now asks for documentation for providing state services
- Vermont considering a bill giving undocumented workers access to state-issued identification and state services.

Unfortunately the current Governor of Maine rescinded their previous policy and now asks for documentation for providing state services. Vermont however is considering a bill giving undocumented workers access to state-issued identification and state services.

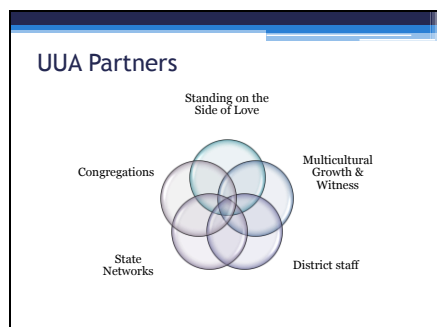
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In-State College Tuition 'DREAM' Acts

- CT – passed (Yale Law School Clinic suing state to stop honoring ICE detainer requests)
- RI – Considering a bill

CT has passed an In-State College Tuition 'DREAM' Act (and Yale Law School Clinic is suing the state to stop honoring ICE detainer requests) and RI is considering a bill. The one in MA has not gotten out of committee yet. This legislation may be more likely to pass now that President Obama has come out in support of undocumented students.

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Slide 8 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): UUA Partners

Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of 10 mins total)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

The Standing on the Side of Love Campaign, Multicultural Growth & Witness and District staff, State Networks, and congregations and their interfaith coalitions and human rights partners are all working together to build powerful networks for justice!

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Slide 9 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): UU Partner Organizations

Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of total 10 mins)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

: In the New England region we have:

UU Mass Action and we are working with the district offices throughout the region to expand to and support statewide organizing

There is an emerging network in Rhode Island and committed leadership around the region.

UU RISE (pronounced You Rise) – UU Refugee and Immigration Services and Education is working with UU's around the country.

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Slide 10 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): Community Partners

Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of 10 mins total)

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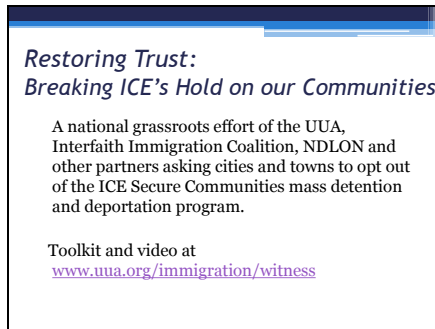
As Jesse said, there is a growing grassroots coalition around the country of people of faith, organizing networks, immigrant rights advocates and others calling for justice and compassion. UUs are often at the forefront and working with others in solidarity.

There are over 25 UU congregations in the New England region engaged in interfaith congregation-based community organizations (CBCOs) affiliated with IAF and PICO Networks

and the InterValley Project working for migrant and economic justice.

Many congregations are partnering with the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) & the Turning the Tide Campaign, the New Sanctuary Movement, & Interfaith Worker Justice.

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***Restoring Trust:
Breaking ICE's Hold on our Communities***

A national grassroots effort of the UUA, Interfaith Immigration Coalition, NDLON and other partners asking cities and towns to opt out of the ICE Secure Communities mass detention and deportation program.


Toolkit and video at
www.uua.org/immigration/witness

The UUA is part of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition Campaign happening around the country called --

Restoring Trust: Breaking ICE's Hold on our Communities

It's a grassroots effort asking cities and towns to opt out of the ICE Secure Communities mass detention and deportation program. Santa Clara County CA, Cook County IL, Washington DC and several cities and towns around the country have already done so.

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NDLON and partners are sponsoring a

Turning the Tide Bus Tour


Kick off in Phoenix - July 29th
across the south to Charlotte NC
Democratic National Convention Sept 3 – 7

UUs are being asked to join and support the Turing the Tide Bus Tour that kicks off in Phoenix on July 29th the anniversary of SB1070 and culminates at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte in September. The tour is still being finalized but will include the southwest, west and some mid-western states. We will be organizing with them through Standing on the Side of Love, districts, and state networks to support the tour nationally.

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Webinar - Breaking the Isolation of Immigration Detention: Starting a Visitation Program

July 25, 2012 at 8pm EST



Through this webinar training, people will learn why and how to start a visitation program with information from other successful visitation programs that have resulted in hundreds of visits to detained immigrant and asylum-seeking women in the past year.

Register at www.standingonthesideoflove.org

On July 25th we're offering a webinar on detention center ministry and witness.

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Elections 2012

UU Service Committee, UU state networks, CBCOs & Immigrant Rights organizations are engaging in every state on:

- [Voter Registration](#)
- [Get-out-the-vote](#)
- [Stopping voter suppression](#)
- [See UUSC Resources for Reclaiming Democracy](#)

www.uusc.org

We're also working together with partners and the UU Service Committee to help register and get out the vote, particularly in marginalized communities, and to challenge voter suppression in the 2012 elections.

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Around the region, state by state, and in our communities we're standing on the side of love!

A powerful coalition of UUs in 'Love' shirts from the state network, the district, the UUA and our congregations have joined Centro Presente, the Student Immigrant Movement and the Boston New Sanctuary Movement at the State House. They have rallied, delivered letters, spoken at hearings, and brought food to the students who held a 24-7 encampment on the Capitol steps. They have visited and witnessed at detention centers.

UU's in the Granite State Organizing Project were part of a Love Your Neighbor rally at the state Capitol.

In Rhode Island UUs joined with immigrant rights activists in successfully gaining a policy to stop the use of state police as immigration agents.

And in CT UUs rallied with a big Love banner at a deportation hearing for a local activist and the deportation order was dropped!

In Maine and Vermont UUs are building relationships with immigrant churches and communities, helping with ESL classes and other needs.

A lot is already happening and yet there's also so much more we can do in our communities.

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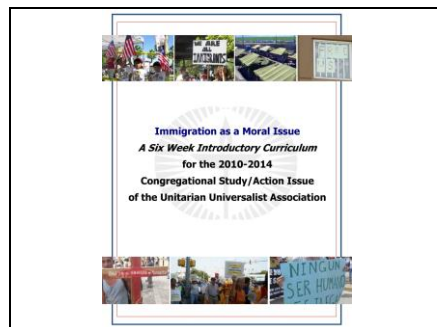
Slide 11 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): Resources for Engaging our Congregations & Communities

Time: 1:05 – 1:15 (part of 10 mins total)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

Whether you and your congregation are just getting engaged and want to learn more about Immigration as a Moral Issue or you are seeking to strengthen your justice ministries we have resources for you.

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Slide 12 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): Immigration as a Moral Issue Curriculum

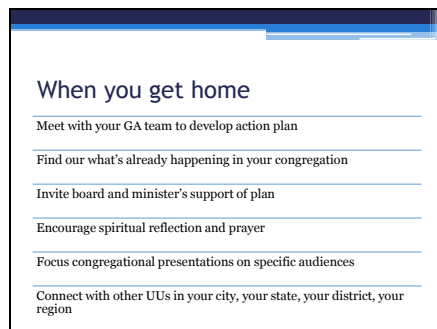
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Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff

Our Cooking Together blog builds community and we have all kinds of resources at uua.org/immigration for worship, education, advocacy, and organizing. Standing on the Side of Love provides witness opportunities from on-line to on the ground.

As people of faith we are living out our values, raising a moral and prophetic voice. Together with our partners we are making a difference! Justice GA is a beginning of what we can create together. In the coming months we will be in touch about these and other activities and opportunities in our communities, states, regions, and nationally for justice and creating beloved community. Thank you!

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Slide 20: : Action Plan for Taking it Home

Time: 1:15 – 1:20 (5 mins)

Led by: Regional staff

When You Get Home

Meet with the other people from our congregation who attended GA to develop an action plan for your congregation to get involved with immigration and other social justice issues. If no one from your congregation attended, connect with people in nearby congregations. Your district staff can help connect you. If you don't know, find out what's already happening in your congregation. Connect with those initiatives. Share GA resources with them.

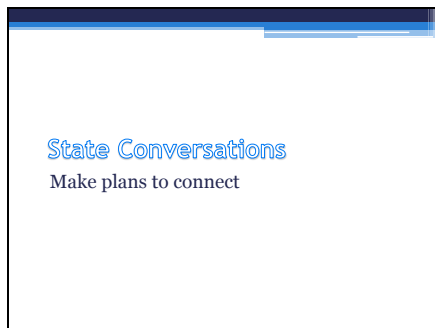
Invite board and minister's support of any plan you develop with others. Encourage spiritual reflection and prayer about immigration – for example, plan a service that is focused on immigration, hold a vespers services or a special vigil.

Focus congregational presentations on specific audiences – make your

presentations pertinent to the group you are addressing. For example, share Religious Education resources with the RE Committee, share covenant group resources with the Covenant Group leaders. Share youth-related resources with the youth group.

Connect with other UUs in your city, your state, your district, your region. Don't do this work alone. Build coalitions. If you don't have UU congregations nearby, or even if you do, seek out or form an interfaith network. Other faith groups are also doing this work.

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Slide 14: State Conversations

Time: 1:20-1:40 (20 mins)

Led by: State Networks rep

Instructions for Self-Facilitated State Conversations

We are seated by states. Take a look around at all the people who are here from your state.

Pre-GA we had over 350 people registered from MA; 30 from CT and about 20 from ME, NH, RI and VT.

We can't move the chairs so we'll ask that people meet in sections of twenty or so – **would ten people in first row turn and talk with ten people in the row behind them and so on?** MA will need to form several groups. While the other states can meet in one group each.

We need someone from each group to volunteer to facilitate.

Please identify yourself to the group by

standing if you are able or raising your hand.

We have twenty minutes. So please self-regulate.

We suggest that folks stand or raise your hand and introduce yourself:

if you are from a state network
A partner organization
a congregation that wants to get ideas from and/or work with others

Share ideas for engaging our congregations and others in building or joining powerful networks and coalitions for change in our states.
Make plans to connect and take next steps.

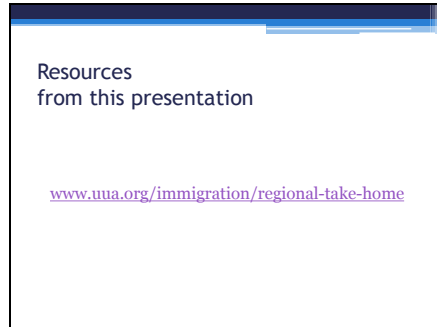
Staff/Volunteers hand out clipboards

We are circulating a list of folks here at Justice GA from your state so please check your name (we already have your contact info) if you would like to receive more information from UUA Multicultural Witness Ministries, Regional Staff & State Networks about what was presented here, and if you would like a list of others who were here from your state.

Check your name off the list or write it in if it isn't there.

Please turn in your clipboards on the table in the back. Thank you!

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Slide 15 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): Resources from this presentation

Time: 1:40-1:41 (1 min)

Led by: Multicultural Growth and Witness

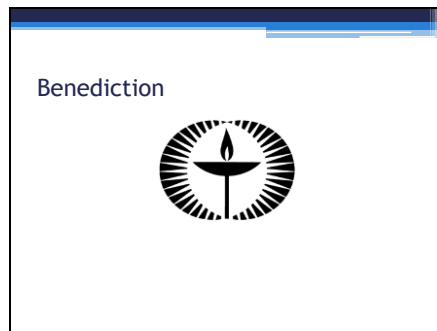
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Resources from this presentation and additional resources will be available by region at:

www.uua.org/immigration/regional-take-home

This address is printed on your self-reflection sheet

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Slide 14 (slide # needs to change based on inserted slides): Benediction

Time: 1:41-1:45 (4 mins)

Led by: Regional Staff

Notes

As the spirit moves you.