

The Reverend Peter Morales, UUA President

The Rev. Peter Morales began his second four-year term as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in June 2013. As president of the Association, he is responsible to the UUA Board of Trustees for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. He also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA.



Morales, the first Latino president of the UUA, was elected on a platform of growth and multiculturalism. Public witness is central to Morales's presidency; he is especially passionate about immigration reform and environmental justice.

Prior to his election, Morales served as the senior minister at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, Colorado, one of the UUA's largest and fastest growing congregations. From 2002 to 2004, Morales was the UUA Director for District Services. Morales has also served on the UUA Board of Trustees, as trustee from the Mountain Desert District, and on the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) Executive Committee, as the first person to carry its anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism portfolio.

Before entering the ministry, Morales was a Fulbright lecturer in Spain, a newspaper editor and publisher in Oregon, a Knight International Press Fellow in Peru, and a regional manager in California state government.

Morales grew up in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated with a B.A. from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, in 1967. He earned his M.Phil. in American Studies from the University of Kansas in 1976 and his M.Div. from the Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California, in 1999.

Morales and his wife, Phyllis Windrem Morales, have been married since 1967. They have two adult children, Miguel and Marcela.

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