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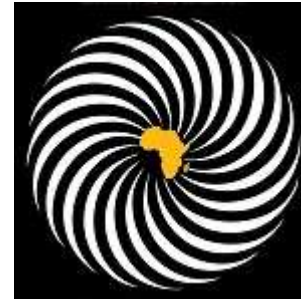
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Today: A UN Event on Structural Racism Against People of African Descent

The [Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office](#) is honored to bring the Movement for Black Lives to an international stage and explore institutionalized discrimination as a human rights violation that people of African descent face around the world. Join us this afternoon via live stream to hear from global leaders and keynote speakers, including actors Harry Belafonte and Danny Glover; and Samaria Rice, the mother of Tamir Rice.



The event is part of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent and is co-sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Department of Public Information, UNESCO, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Black Lives Matter, and Amnesty International USA. The event will be webcast live today at <http://webtv.un.org/> from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM EST.

Build Your Congregation's Website with a Powerful UU Tool

Wishing you could have a website that made your congregation shine? We're proud to share the new [UUA WordPress Theme for Congregations](#). The Theme, created by Christopher Wulff and the UUA's Outreach team, is custom-made for the needs of Unitarian Universalist congregations. Comprised of a series of page templates, plug-ins, and widgets, the UUA Theme not only makes your website look good, it does a lot of work

for you: organizing and streamlining your news, events, staff contacts, and worship information; generating maps and directions; and helping users find what they need through an intuitive menu. Plus, it's mobile-friendly and accessible, representing best practices in web design.

This new resource is available thanks to your generous support of the UUA. Thank you! Along with the UUA Theme, you can download content that's ready-made for a UU site, such as pages about Unitarian Universalism and What to Expect in Worship. [Learn more!](#)



Donor Profile: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta

Meet the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta](#) (UUCA). Historically important to Atlanta, UUCA has been fighting for education equality, racial justice and other social justice causes since 1862. They were the first integrated congregation in Atlanta and helped inspire the formation of the Emory Continuing Education Program. Today UUCA is a strong, vibrant community with 720 adult members, including 300 pledging supporters, and 200 children and youth. They have a vibrant Religious Education program, as well as a fabulous music program. They have just created a social network serving the UUCA community called "The City", and they have moved to policy governance.

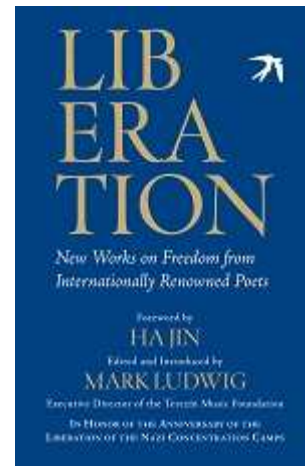


By contributing to the [Generously Investing for Tomorrow \(GIFT\)](#) program, which replaces the Annual Program Fund in the Southern Region, UUCA is helping other congregations grow and flourish. With the committed leadership of the Board and the Sr. Minister, Rev. Anthony David Makar, UUCA doubled their giving to our Association through the GIFT program last year, becoming the most generous Honor-level giving congregation in the entire Association. We are so thankful for their support of the covenant shared by all 1,041 congregations in our Association.

November UUReads: *Liberation*

Beacon Press wants to help you connect with other UUs through books. Each month, they feature a #UUReads title about a topic that is meaningful to UUs. These books will prompt great discussions in your book club, congregation, or with your family and friends. Check out this month's #UUReads selection and get a special discount through the [UUA Bookstore](#).

In *Liberation*, some of the world's top contemporary poets—including Rita Dove, Robert Pinsky, Jay Parini, Yusef Komunyakaa, Agi Mishol, Tsering Woeser, Han Dong, Ernesto Santana, and Richard Blanco—explore the question, “What does it mean to be free?” The poems, written in honor of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, address topics such as Ferguson, Trayvon Martin, the oppression of women in the Middle East, and the evils of the Holocaust, as well as themes concerning of nationality, love, nature, illness, memory, and desire. *Liberation* is now available for 15% off when you order from the UUA Bookstore using code LNov15. To follow and participate in this important conversation, make sure to keep an eye on the discussion on Beacon Press [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) using #UUReads.



Save the Date - Dec. 1 is Giving Tuesday

We have a day for giving thanks. We have days for getting deals, and we have [#GivingTuesday](#), a global day dedicated to giving back. Please join us on Tuesday, December 1 for a day in celebration of giving and kindness that honors your generosity. Watch for details soon about participating in a special Giving Tuesday conversation on what Unitarian Universalism has meant for you and how it has inspired generosity in your life.



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