

Giving & Generosity

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Celebrate Generosity - Today is #GivingTuesday!

We've eaten our turkey (or tofurky) and given thanks. Many of us scored Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals. Today is our chance to put those savings to good use and give back with [#GivingTuesday](#). Please join the UUA today in celebration and acknowledgement of your generosity.

At **2 pm EST / 11 am PST today**, join [@UUA](#) on Twitter for a special #GivingTuesday tweet chat. Tell us what Unitarian Universalism means in your life and how it has inspired generosity in you or others using the hashtag **#BecauseofUU**.

Help spread the word about #GivingTuesday by sharing one of our [UUA Giving Tuesday graphics](#) on Facebook or Twitter.

Show your support for Unitarian Universalism and our seven principles by helping us earn a special **#GivingTuesday match gift**. If **77 people give to the UUA today** in honor of the seven principles, Frank Basile, below, will make a generous matching gift. Please make your #GivingTuesday gift today! [Give online](#), **text "UUA" to 41444** to give on your smartphone, or call our Stewardship and Development team at 1-888-792-5885.



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to contribute to the UUA

Donor Feature: Frank Basile

Frank Basile found Unitarian Universalism by accident in 1975 after he and his family were running late to church, passed a UU church with a later service, and decided to attend the UU service instead. "I found a home that particular day," Frank explains. "Since then Unitarian

Universalism has really fulfilled my spiritual needs.”

Frank now serves as the President of his congregation in Indianapolis, Indiana, and generously supports both his congregation and our Association. Frank has graciously offered to match gifts to the UUA if more than 77 people donate for #GivingTuesday on December 1. “Giving Tuesday presents a chance to give back to enable the Association to do even more of the good things that we all are benefiting from,” explains Frank. “The match was a way to give back, and I hope it will motivate others to give.”



Update on the Situation in Burundi

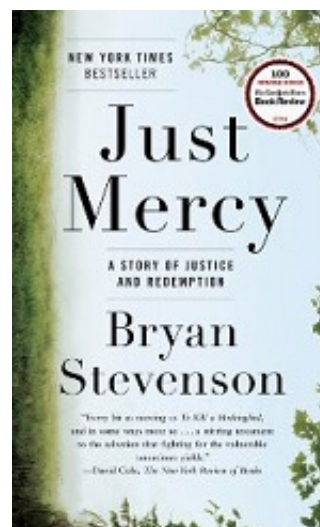
Thanks to the efforts of thousands of UUs who signed a petition and urged their embassies to take action, Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, the minister of the Unitarian Church in Burundi, has been released from police custody. While Ndagijimana is now safe outside Burundi, your help is still needed to help cover the legal costs and repair the church. The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) has started [an emergency fund](#) for the Unitarian Church of Burundi. Your donations will help displaced persons, address legal fees and building repairs, and let our siblings in Burundi know that they are not alone – that they are part of a global Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist community.



For more background on the situation in Burundi please read [this article](#) in UU World.

Justice and Spirit: The Unitarian Universalist Book Club

Skinner House Books and Beacon Press announce [Justice and Spirit: The Unitarian Universalist Book Club](#) on Goodreads. All those interested in spirituality, religion, and social justice, whether Unitarian Universalist or not, can discuss books that seek to answer how we strive for justice and action, navigate our spiritual journeys, and live out our values. The book club will host a discussion about a new book every month with thoughtful questions, additional resources, and other treats to come! The first book being discussed is the 2015–2016 UUA Common Read, [Just Mercy](#), by Bryan Stevenson.

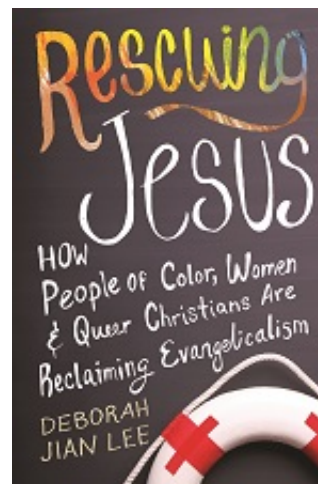


UU Reads: Rescuing Jesus

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 at the UUA Bookstore.

Returning to the evangelical movement as a journalist, after leaving in her twenties, Deborah Jian Lee sought believers who were living out the teachings of Jesus. She found a radical tribe of evangelicals thriving at the margins and carving a new path for evangelicalism—one rooted in social justice. In *Rescuing Jesus*, Lee shares the stories of some of these believers: people of color who are changing church demographics and political interests; women rising in the ranks despite familiar sermons about female submission; LGBT Christians who are coming out and staying in the church; and more. *Rescuing Jesus* is now available at the [UUA Bookstore](#) at a 15% discount using the code **RJDEC15**.



We invite UUs to share stories about ways evangelicals are reclaiming the faith and rescuing it from partisan politics. Use the hashtag #RescuingJesus across social media and help us shine a light on the individuals and organizations who are propelling this shift.

Stewardship and Development Holiday Announcements

Your generosity makes possible all of the programs and services of our UUA. As the year draws to a close, our Stewardship and Development team wishes to thank you for your generosity. We are here to help if you need any assistance with an end of year gift.

The UUA's general offices will be closed from December 24 through January 1, but Stewardship and Development staff will be available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) each day from December 24 through December 31 (except December 25) to assist you with year-end giving. To reach the Stewardship and Development staff, please call 888-792-5885 or contact us at development@uua.org.

If you're still looking for the perfect holiday gift for your family or friends, check out the [UUA Bookstore](#). Order by December 11 to receive free shipping on orders over \$50. And if you are shopping with Amazon this holiday season, your purchases can support the UUA with Amazon Smile. Just [use this link when you shop on Amazon](#), and a portion of your purchase price will support Unitarian Universalism. Happy Holidays!



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