

## Giving & Generosity

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### Mark Your Calendars for 30 Days of Love

Mark your calendars for [Thirty Days of Love](#)---a time for love, community, and prophetic action with Standing on the Side of Love. This year's 30 days, from Saturday, January 16 through Sunday, February 14, 2016, will be centered on racial justice as it intersects with other aspects of social justice including immigration justice and LGBTQ equality. Each week Standing on the Side of Love will send meditations and calls to action from partners working with Black Lives Matter and racial justice organizing.

Worship resources for families and congregations are available for [Share the Love Sunday](#). You can honor and celebrate people organizing for racial justice in your community with a [Courageous Love Award](#). Please [take a collection](#) in your congregation to support this important work. Thank you for your support.



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### UUs in Paris for Climate Change Conference

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office's close ties with the United Nations provided the opportunity for the UUA to send six UU observers to the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris, France. The conference concluded with "[The Paris Agreement](#)," which created a consensus among 195 countries to lower carbon emissions and to mitigate climate change.

UUA representatives included Rev. Peggy Clarke, Jan Dash, Lynn Dash, Doris Marlin, Bill McPherson, and David Tucker. The UUA co-sponsored panels including "Faith, Race, and Climate Change: Advancing a Moral Lens on Climate Justice through a Social Justice Framework" and "Examination of How Nations Have and Should Consider Equity and Justice in Setting INDCs."

The Paris Agreement is a monumental achievement, but just a first step. We as people of faith and conscience have a responsibility to continue to advocate for climate justice worldwide. For more information about the conference, visit [Jan Dash's blog](#) and the [Commit2Respond blog](#).



UUA observers Rev. Peggy Clarke and Dr. Jan Dash

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## Call for Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award

The [Annual Award for Distinguished Service](#) to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism is one of the most prestigious awards given by the UUA. The Board of Trustees seeks nominations for the 2016 award, to be presented at the 2016 General Assembly in Columbus, OH. Candidates for this award should have strengthened the institutions of the UU denomination, clarified the UU message in an extraordinary way, and exemplified what Unitarian Universalism stands for. The deadline for nominations is March 1. Please send nominations to: Rob Eller-Isaacs, Chair, UUA Distinguished Service Award Committee, c/o Stephanie Carey Maron, UUA, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210; or by email to [secretary@uua.org](mailto:secretary@uua.org).



2015 Distinguished Service Award Winner, The Rev. Clark Olsen

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## Donor Feature: Gail Forsyth-Vail

Meet Gail Forsyth-Vail, the Director of Adult Programs at the Unitarian Universalist Association. Gail has been giving to the Friends of the UUA through the Staff Giving Program since 2009, generously increasing her contribution to our Association year after year. "For me, regular giving to those organizations and communities that represent my values in the world is a spiritual practice," says Gail.



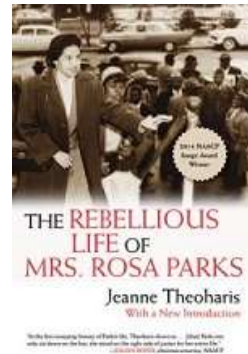
Gail helped build UU conversations around money and generosity as the Development Editor of [\*The Wi\\$downm Path: Money, Spirit and Life\*](#). "I know that my money represents my energy, time, and attention- and when I make a regular practice of giving it to the UUA, to my congregation, or to other organizations, it is working on my behalf, for my spiritual and ethical values," explains Gail. "Even when there are too many tasks in front of me for me to be consciously aware of it, my money is at work."

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## UU Reads: *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*

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.

[\*The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks\*](#) goes beyond the elementary school story of Parks as a tired seamstress and accidental activist; it documents her participation in a significant number of strands of the black freedom struggle in the 20th century. Her contribution to American history—and courageous role in the African American struggle for justice and freedom for more than a half century—far surpasses her act of defiance on a Montgomery bus. Based on years of archival research and interviews, this book gives Mrs. Parks her due as a lifelong freedom fighter. *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* is now available at the UUA Bookstore at a 15% discount using the code **RPJan16**. To participate in this important conversation, follow the UUA and Beacon Press on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or search using the hashtag #UUReads.



*Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* is the January book selection for [Justice and Spirit: The Unitarian Universalist Book Club on Goodreads](#).

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## 2016 UUA Election Announcements

At General Assembly 2016 in Columbus, OH, delegates will elect four Trustees, three Nominating Committee members, and a new Financial Advisor. Information about the candidates can be found on the [2016 election roster](#).



[Petitions](#) must be received by February 1st, 2016 for the 2016 election. If you have questions, please contact Rob Eller-Isaacs, Secretary of the UUA Board of Trustees, [secretary@uua.org](mailto:secretary@uua.org), or Stephanie Carey Maron, Executive Assistant for the Office of the President, [administration@uua.org](mailto:administration@uua.org).

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## New Resources for Older Adults

Older adulthood is a time to look back on one's journey and to affirm that which is of most importance. Most older adults face the physical realities of aging and the emotional realities of loss and grief at some point. While many older adults are active participants in familiar organizations and communities, for some this can be a challenge.



The Faith Development Office announces a new set of [web pages for older adults](#). These pages offer support for the older adult journey, whether you are an older adult yourself, a caregiver or family member, or part of a congregation engaged in ministry with older adults. The curated resources are designed to enrich and support the journeys of older adulthood. Topics include: Body, Mind, and Spirit: Facing Death, Grief, and Loss, Programs for Groups, Making Medical Decisions, Caregivers, and Legacy.

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