

Resist and Rejoice General Assembly 2017

Print this resource and record what you did to prepare in each category. Turn in your list at the UUA Expressway at General Assembly. If you will not be present in person at GA, but would like to share what you did, please email adultprograms@uua.org.



Encountering New Orleans: People, Place and Stories



Understanding Intersections: Race, Class, Economics



Enhancing Capacity to Build Relationships



Centering the Experiences of People of Color



Examining Whiteness

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GET READY!

Readings, videos,
and activities to
prepare for GA



GET READY! GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

GA in New Orleans will awaken and deepen the commitment of Unitarian Universalists to the power and possibility of working in solidarity with those on the margins. Below are resources to help you prepare to enter fully into that experience. Do at least one of the suggested activities in each of five categories. Then, print this booklet and record what you did on the back cover. Bring your list to the UUA Expressway at GA and receive a ribbon. Links to all resources are at UUA.org/gaprep.



Encountering New Orleans: People, Place and Stories

- ☐ **Watch** [10 Years after Katrina: Resilience, Recovery, and Reality](#) (30:08)
- ☐ **Read and share** [Rising](#), a poem by Asia Rainey for the [Gulf South Rising delegation](#) to the Paris climate talks
- ☐ **Listen to** [From Paris: Houma Chief Seeks Support for his Tribe](#) a New Orleans Public Radio report from the Paris climate talks (4:21) [United Houma Nation](#)
- ☐ **Take a tour:**
 - ☐ [New Orleans Hidden History tour](#). Black-owned business; [walking tours](#) of sites related to African American experience in the French Quarter. Also [bus tours](#).
 - ☐ [Whitney Plantation](#), about 45 minutes outside the city. [UU World article](#).
- ☐ **Share** [children's books](#) in your congregation or home.
- ☐ **Read** *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans* by Don Brown (2015, HMH Books for Young Readers) Non-fiction, graphic novel format. Grades 7 and older.



Understanding Intersections: Race, Class, Economics

- ☐ **Read, reflect, and discuss** [The Third Reconstruction](#), by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. [Discussion guide](#). [Video of Barber at GA 2016](#)
- ☐ **View** [#Eastside](#) conversation with Stephen DeBerry and Rodney Foxworth from SOCAP (Social Capital Markets Conference) 2016 (26:16; begin watching at 5:47)
- ☐ **Watch, reflect and discuss** [13th](#), directed by Ava DuVernay, available through Netflix.
- ☐ **Read** [The Criminal Justice System is Not Broken: It's Doing Exactly What It's Meant to Do](#) from the Kennedy School Review



Enhancing Capacity to Build Relationships

- ☐ **Read and discuss** Ed Nichols Model for [Understanding Cultural Differences](#)
- ☐ **View** [How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Discussing Race](#) by Jay Smooth (11:56)
- ☐ **Share** [children's books](#) in your congregation or home.
- ☐ **Watch** [Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed](#) speaking at conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Selma Crossing



Centering the Experiences of People of Color

- ☐ **Reflect alone or with a group:** [Voices from the Margins: An Anthology of Meditations](#) (Skinner, 2012).
- ☐ **Read** [Recapping Whitewashed Conference Culture: My Reflection On Dialogue About Race in Progressive Christian Spaces](#) by Alicia Crosby
- ☐ **Read** [Unitarian Universalist Black Lives Matter Theology](#) Kenny Wiley
- ☐ **Read** [7 Principles of Black Lives](#) and/or the [Movement for Black Lives Platform](#)
- ☐ **Watch** [Hot Chicken Video](#) with Devita Davison at the SOCAP (Social Capital Markets Conference) 2016 (8:59)



Examining Whiteness

- ☐ **Read** [White Fragility: Why it's so hard to talk to White People about Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo
- ☐ **View** [Aamer Rahman \(Fear of a Brown Planet\)](#) on Reverse Racism (2:48)
- ☐ **Apply insights to your groups and committees:** [White Supremacy Culture](#), from *Dismantling Racism: A Workbook for Social Change Groups*, by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun, ChangeWork, 2001.