

Safety Team GA 2018

This team is responsible for supporting and modeling community safety at the 2018 General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri. To do this, the safety team will respond to and intervene in incidents of harm, attend to crises both medical and emotional and interact with outside agencies including the police towards the safety of convening participants.

The Safety Team is being co-led by India McKnight and Chris Crass. Members of the safety team will be

- 2 or 3 members of the Board of Trustees (role) and each board member taking at least one shift throughout GA
- 1 or 2 members of the RRT
- Potentially 1 member of BLUU
- Potentially 1 member of DRUUMM
- Potentially 1 member of Equal Access
- Potentially 1 member of TRUUST
- 1 member of the YaYA community
- Jason Lydon
- Jacqui Williams
- 2-3 people who have either done trauma work or were on the public witness support team in the past
- Who else makes sense
- 10-15 people on the team regularly
- Should be 20 people on duty during Opening Session, General Session, Ware Lecture, Sunday morning worship, Synergy, Public Witness and other major events. At least 5 people on during the dance and 10-15 during closing session. There should also be people at or outside the DRUUMM and BLUU worships and other closed events to provide support.
- Are there other key events where people should be or important times to have more people?

These team members can also offer support as walkers or support people to folks that normally have a tough time. The co-leads, moderators and others can reach out to people to see if this is a need.

Needs:

- Identify remaining team members
- Book hotel rooms for Chris Crass and India McKnight (both double beds). They need to be there on Monday or Tuesday if possible
- Offer volunteer registration for key 10 members of the team that are not currently paid to be there another way
- Come up with Community Values for Collective Safety - We need to develop a community values statement!!!
- Community Safety Room - in convention center
- Community safety shirt- what color makes sense- Purple maybe
- Community Safety Email - yet to come
- Community Safety Phone Number - yet come come
- Community Safety orientation - Wednesday and needs to be designed

- Other needs?

Language to be shared with people

We are working this week to co-create a liberated space that actually moves us beyond traditional safety and allows us to experience the world we are working so hard to bring about.

This week we come together from many different walks of life, cultures, faith practices and political understandings of safety and justice. We know that these differences may, at times, spark debate or create misunderstandings. We ask this team to model, embody and support debate and conflict that upholds the dignity of all and reminds us that we are all here to uphold the values and principals of Unitarian Universalism, the Beloved Community and Justice for all People especially those that have been marginalized in the larger society and in our faith. General Assembly has been both a source of excitement, joy, and happiness and at the same time for many Unitarian Universalists great suffering and pain. This team is here to support and care for the assembled community so that General Assembly can be a positive, thought provoking, heart and “spirit or faith or love” filled experience.