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Changes are coming!

We're committed to keeping you informed about the UUA programs and actions you so generously support. To do that more effectively, we are making some changes.



Seasons of Giving, our new quarterly newsletter, will launch in January 2017, bringing you inspiring stories of UUA donors, programs, and the ways your gifts carry Unitarian Universalist values into the world. In addition, you will start receiving the UU Bulletin, a UUA monthly e-newsletter highlighting announcements and opportunities for you and your congregation. Check out the [UU Bulletin from September!](#)

This will be the final issue of *Giving & Generosity* in its current form. We thank you for reading, and hope you will enjoy *Seasons of Giving*.

New Resource: Doctrine of Discovery

Many of the injustices faced by indigenous peoples in America are rooted in the Doctrine of Discovery, which legalized and promoted the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories by European settlers. Now, [a new resource on UUA.org](http://UUA.org) allows truth-seekers to learn about the history and ongoing effects of the Doctrine on Native American communities, as well as ways to move toward healing and reconciliation with indigenous communities.



Funded by a gift from a generous donor, the webpages are a resource where visitors can learn about the cultural, educational, and economic challenges still facing Native American tribes, as well as how the UUA and other faith denominations have repudiated the doctrine. Read stories of how some UU congregations have taken action to understand, honor, and build respectful relationships with indigenous people and organizations.

Donor Feature: Les Solomon

“I wanted to live with integrity,” said Les Solomon about his decision to become a Unitarian Universalist ten years ago. An active member of the Williamsburg Unitarians in Williamsburg, Virginia, Les has served as President and led the development of a \$2.5 million building extension. His integrity and commitment to social justice inspired his generous gift to fund the new Doctrine of Discovery pages on UUA.org. The Doctrine, which created a legal basis for the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories and peoples, was condemned by the UUA at the 2012 General Assembly.



For many years the Solomon family grew hay and grazed Texas Longhorn cattle on their 640-acre section in Kansas, “a beautiful piece of rolling grassland that has never seen the plow.” In 2011, as the family realized it was time to sell the ranch, Les found himself feeling “a sense of responsibility to give back

to the American Indians” who had called the land home. When he learned about the Doctrine of Discovery at the 2012 UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, he realized he could make a difference by increasing awareness of Native American issues and history within the UU community.

A Native American proverb says “Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children.” Through his gift to the UUA, the Solomon family’s land is helping to educate the public on the history and current issues facing its original inhabitants.

UU-UNO Fall Reception in Washington, DC

On Friday, October 21, 2016, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office Director Bruce Knotts and the Washington, DC Host Committee invite you to an evening celebrating the UU-UNO’s work supporting human rights around the world, including LGBT equality, gender equality, climate justice, and racial justice for all.



The UU-UNO’s annual Fall Reception moves this year to the Washington, DC area for the first time, where we recognize and honor the **Kingdom of Norway** for their unequivocal commitment to advancing human rights for LGBT persons around the globe. In 2011, Norway played a major role in the UN Human Rights Council’s adoption of the first resolution on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity. For more information or to buy your ticket, visit uua.org/giving/events/un-reception.

Amplifying UU Voices through Podcasting

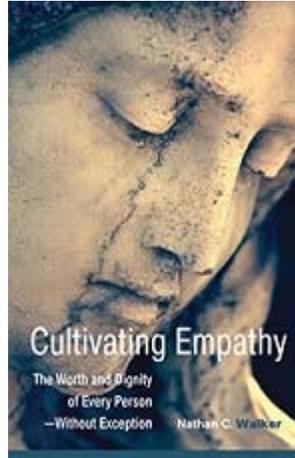
Podcasts provide on-the-go education, entertainment and inspiration. A new UUA podcast, **Fortification**, explores the spiritual lives and spiritual sustenance of leaders in social justice movements. Featuring one-on-one conversations between Caitlin Breedlove, Campaign Director of Standing on the Side of Love, and key movement leaders and activists, this podcast was launched on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, and is available



through [SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#), and [Standing on the Side of Love](#). For more details, visit www.standingonthesideoflove.org. Additional UUA podcasts can be found at <http://www.uua.org/communications/podcasts>.

New from Skinner House Books

Cultivating Empathy by Rev. Nathan C. Walker introduces a creative, compassionate way to develop empathetic responses when dealing with conflict. Using “moral imagination” as an everyday spiritual practice cultivates an awareness that understanding need not imply agreement. Rev. Walker relates his own endeavors to find connection with skinheads, murderers, homophobic preachers, privileged one-percenters, and Monsanto executives, showing a model that can help nurture greater empathy for those we have held contempt. *Cultivating Empathy* is available from [inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop](#).



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