

Subject to Change

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

CHOIR REHEARSAL 2

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 206-207

LIVING IN THE TENSION: FAITH AND RACIAL JUSTICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 220

Faith and racial justice principles often appear weaved together. In practice, however, challenges arise. What happens when we are asked to take a stand in a way that does not resonate? This workshop explores how “both/and thinking” supports an exploration of our points of resistance and potential for forward movement.

Dr. Shelly Tochluk

NAVIGATING THE NEW MINISTERIAL TRANSITION SYSTEM

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 221

Entering into Ministerial Transition? There is a new system in place for congregations seeking ministry. Come learn about the new approaches, both human and technological, and find ways to improve the odds for your ministerial search to go well.

Rev. Keith Kron

Christine Purcell

UU PRISON MINISTRY AND JUSTICE BEGINNING TODAY!

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 215-216

Church of the Larger Fellowship

The voices of our over 750 members in prison will be part of the conversation as we give you the tools to begin prison justice ministries today. Information will be shared on becoming a pen pal, sponsoring congregation, or CLF Prison Ambassador.

Rev. Meg Riley

Mandy Goheen

Sarah Prickett

ADVOCATING EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 228-229

Commit2Respond

Join Salote Soqo, UU Service Committee Senior Program Leader for Environmental Justice & Climate Action, and Bruce Knotts, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association United Nations Office (UU-UNO), to learn about current UU advocacy campaigns for equity and human rights for climate justice, both domestically and at Internationally.

Salote Soqo

Bruce Knotts

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

EXPLORING INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITY WITH PERSONAL STORYTELLING

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 223

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

We begin our DRUUMM track exploring inter-sectional identities through personal storytelling. This is to ground us in a sense of ourselves, affirming all the inter-sectional parts of individual identity, and to introduce ourselves to each other. Come experience the positive effect of being accepted in the fullness of oneself.

Erica Shadowsong

FARM WORKERS: SÍ, SE PUEDES

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R09

Florida Unitarian Universalist Churches

How do Unitarian Universalists work with farm labor organizations for economic, gender, and environmental justice? How can Unitarian Universalists defend immigrant and migrant workers? Florida's Coalition of Immokalee Workers is an anti-oppression organization that brings ethical behavior to the food industry. Your congregation can provide support.

Shelby Mack

Feryl Masters

Rev. Robert Murphy

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE WHITE?

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

Liberal Religious Educators Association

Dr. DiAngelo describes how race shapes the lives of white people, explains what makes racism so hard for us to see, and identifies common white racial patterns that prevent us from reaching racial equity. Weaving analysis, stories, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy.

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

YOUTH MINISTRY: ENGAGING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 208

Pacific Western Region of the UUA

Tools for going deeper, exploring faith, and dealing with the rigors of life's complexities are our youth program's unique contribution to adolescents in our congregations. This workshop offers compelling reasons for engaging in practice in your program as well as concrete options and new practices for your youth AND adults.

Eric Bliss

Kenny Wiley

Nancy Combs-Morgan

Ramona Salgado

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

THE SOUND OF FORTIFICATION: WORSHIP WITH SANCTUARY BOSTON

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R06

Sanctuary Boston

Sanctuary Boston is a community of vibrant worship and real connection. Join us for a Sanctuary-style worship that weaves together music of all different styles with community singing, prayer, and ritual to celebrate the joys and struggles of our shared work for liberation.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Matt Meyer

Mark David Buckles

SUSTAINING JUSTICE WORK THROUGH INCLUSIVE WORSHIP

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 209

Skinner House Books

Our worship sustains our courage and stamina for justice work. Marginalized communities have challenged us to make worship more inclusive, embodying the world we dream about. The co-authors and worship leaders referenced in the 2nd Edition Skinner House book *Worship That Works* will discuss our recent lessons and challenges.

Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason
Rev. Theresa Soto

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz
Rev. Josh Pawelek

THE FIRE OF LOVE: SHEIKH IBRAHIM ABDURRAHMAN FARAJAJÉ

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R04-R05

Starr King School for the Ministry

Ibrahim Baba is celebrated around the globe for his revolutionary spirit, brilliance, humor, and counter-oppressive activism. Ibrahim Baba educated generations of Unitarian Universalist ministers and progressive religious leaders. Having returned to divine splendor this year, we celebrate his visionary life and prophetic scholasticism through poetry, art, memories, and ecstatic devotion.

Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae
Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini

Sheikh Isa Golitzen Farajajé
Rev. Sofia Betancourt

UNDOING RACISM PART 1

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice.

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

APPLYING EXPERIENCE FROM NEW ORLEANS TO SANTA BARBARA

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R07-R08

Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara - YRUU

In this discussion, featuring opportunities for group focus-work, members of YRUU of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, discuss our service work in New Orleans, it's transformative impact on our thinking around privilege, identity, poverty, race and justice and how it has informed our social justice work in our community.

EMERGING NEW SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES: AN INNOVATION UPDATE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 204-205

Unitarian Universalist Association, UU Ministers Association

Learn about new forms of spiritual community that are attracting millennials and the "spiritual but not religious." We'll showcase several of the most promising ideas that might be adapted by your congregation and update you on our exciting work to inspire and support religions innovators . . . like you!

Rev. Peter Morales
Rev. Brock Leach

Rev. Don Southworth
Casper ter Kuile

SINGING FOR OUR LIVES: A TAIZE JUSTICE SERVICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

A service of words, music and contemplation to center participants on our faithful call to justice work. A service in the Taize tradition, with group singing, scripture, poetry, silence. Music from Taize, our UU hymnals, other faith traditions and readings from the sources of Unitarian Universalist faith will be used.

Beth Norton
Rev. Rachel Baker

Bethany Russell-Lowe
Rev. Tony Fisher

UUA CANDIDATE'S FORUM

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 230

UUA Appointments and UUA Nominating Committees

Candidates to serve on National Committees will be present to answer your questions about their hopes and goals for our UUA. Also present will be members of the Nominating and Appointment Committees.

Rev. Joe Cherry
Tim Atkins

Marcia Bowman
Aisha Hauser

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

OUR ENDURING LEGACY: END OF LIFE CONVERSATION

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 222

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop series engages our UU history in New Orleans & beyond to explore ways in which we can create & carry on our legacies. Learn about End of Life Conversations Ministry, Planned Giving, the Congregational “Death Cafe Series,” and reflections on Chaplaincy in New Orleans.

Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

Rev. Laura Randall

Rev. Jane Mauldin

DECLARING CONSCIENCE, TAKING ACTION, RESISTING HATE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R02-R03

UUA, Standing on the Side of Love, UUSC, UU College of Social Justice and Mijente

UUs are part of the movement defending people targeted, excluded, and criminalized under the current administration. Hear from grassroots organizers and partner congregations on how we are living out our Declaration of Conscience through non-compliance and action and are part of realigning the political landscape toward justice in our communities.

Susan Leslie

Pam Sparr

Hannah Hafter

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

FINDING UU COMMUNITY WHILE ON THE MOVE: A YOUNG ADULT STORY

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 214

YA@GA

As YAs, our lives change at the drop of a dime. We are constantly on the move: entering new cities, graduating, switching jobs, and changing housing. New challenges present themselves as we connect our UU principles to our lives. Come learn and share strategies with your peers.

Sean Page

CREATING CONNECTIONS: YOUTH LED GAMES

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 217-219

Youth Caucus

Begin the week with fun games that will strengthen community, teach leadership, and make you laugh! Start lasting relationships across the GA community and learn some games that you can take home with you. All ages are welcome!

Andreas Rivera Young

Elesa Turner

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MINI-ASSEMBLY ON SOC: ESCALATING INEQUALITY

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm | 210

Commission on Social Witness

The mini assembly is the only opportunity to propose amendments to the draft Statement of Conscience and to discuss its content prior to the vote.

Dr. Susan Goekler

Rev. Christina Sillari

Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Richard Bock

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

COMPENSATION: CONSIDERATIONS AND COMPLICATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 221

Economic justice begins at home. When making decisions about staff compensation, is your congregation expressing its values and mission? We'll help you understand compensation philosophy so that you can develop sound policies and practices. Learn about the UUA Compensation Program, how it is evolving, and how you can provide input.

Jan Gartner

Rev. Richard Nugent

#NOTONEMORE: KALIEF BROWDER, WHITE PRIVILEGE, AND RACIAL JUSTICE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 230

Art and Resistance Through Education (ARTE)

ARTE will provide educators creative tools on dismantling white privilege and building knowledge in their own communities around the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), honoring the life of Kalief Browder. We will collectively brainstorm artistic strategies for organizing around racial justice and against white privilege.

Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario

EYE-TO-EYE PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 228-229

Commit2Respond

Join Salote Soqo and Rev. Paul Langston Daley (UUSC Justice Building Team) and Rev. Karen Brammer (Director, UUA Green Sanctuary Program) in dialogue about best practices for successful partnerships that respect and empower leaders from communities most impacted by climate change, industrial toxins, extreme extraction, etc. for long-haul justice building.

Rev. Karen Brammer

Salote Soqo

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONAL THEOLOGY OF RESISTANCE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 223

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

As people of color, these times require us to have a firm understanding and means of articulating how and why our resistance efforts are rooted in our UU faith. Gain an ability to articulate the theological grounding that drives activism and confidence in amplifying religious perspectives in conversation and practice.

Rev. Marisol Caballero

Rev. Mykal Slack

AND THEN THERE WAS THE WORD...

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 215-216

Forward Arts

Facilitator from Forward Arts offers a poetry performance and demonstrates how spoken word arises from the urgency of movements for justice and becomes a powerful tool for advocacy and engagement.

Donny Rose
date/time

Others will come when they know the date/time

BIG EASY/ REAL LIFE: AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 204-205

Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul

Participants will work on a rebuilding project that helps families displaced by Hurricane Katrina to return home. With support from Long Haul staff and SKSM faculty, participants will immerse themselves in the culture and history of New Orleans and learn more about local movements for racial, economic and climate justice. Participants must be preregistered to participate in the rebuild project on Saturday. Go to uaa.org/ga for service project registration.

Patty Cameron

Betsy Bowles

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Rev. Lindi Ramsden

WHITE FRAGILITY

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R07-R08

Liberal Religious Educators Association, Faith Development Office, UU Ministers Association, UUSC

White Fragility is a state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves, including argumentation, invalidation, silence, withdrawal. This workshop will provide the perspectives and skills needed for white people to build their racial stamina and create more racially just practices.

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R06

Mosaic UU Leadership Institute

"Resist and Rejoice," the 2017 GA theme, speaks directly to the Caribbean experience. We, of the Diaspora, are a resilient People. We overcome adversity again, and again, and again. Unitarian Universalism continues to benefit from its Caribbean Connections. Worship with us as we celebrate our faithfulness, tenacity, and creativity!

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Esther Rosado

HUMANIST WORSHIP SERVICE: RESIST AND RENEW!

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R09

Unitarian Universalist Humanist Association

All are warmly welcomed to this service of resistance, resilience, and renewal, as we celebrate our shared humanity and commit to serving the world. Drawing on humanist principles of inherent worth and our connection to each other, we will sing together and share a sense of wonder and of justice.

Rev. Amanda Poppei

Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Bailey Whiteman

LIVING THE INTERSECTION OF CLASS AND RACE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R04-R05

UU Class Conversations

In America today, the intersection of class and race can no longer be ignored. Our workshop will explore how class and race combine to shape one's life experiences and worldview. With this understanding, we'll look at how UUs can create a culture of radical hospitality and build strong intercultural partnerships.

Kellie Kelly

Rev. Lee Paczulla

Rev. Darrick Jackson

Chris Crass

EMPOWERING SONG: TOOLS FOR MUSICAL OUTREACH AND IN-REACH

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

Explore what innovative outreach models can teach us about creating more transformative musical experiences in our congregations. Empowering Song combines elements of Liberatory Education, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, and the Seven Principles as music, movement, and meditation help us experience vulnerability as a pathway to deeper spiritual connection.

Emily Jaworski

Michael Pfitzer

Tyler Turner

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

VOICES OF UU REFUGEES: FINDING SANCTUARY

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 206-207

UUA International Office

Unitarian Universalists who have been forced to flee Burundi and Syria in the face of political oppression, violence, and war will share the experience of seeking and finding sanctuary. Hear about how your congregation can support refugees and asylees of all religious traditions, including UUs.

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana
Rev. Dr. Sara Ascher

Samer Khaldi
Rev. Eric Cherry

THE LEGACY OF THE SPIRIT: ART, JUSTICE, WORSHIP

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 222

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop explores artistic creation - from ministry in dance & music rooted in social justice, to partnership between the Red Flame Hunters (an all-children Mardi Gras Tribe) & Community Church New Orleans to the local UU Church tradition of the Jazz Funeral for the New Year.

Edward Buckner
Erin Walter

Rev. Paul Beedle
Elizabeth Trotter

A NEW WAY TO PREPARE FOR UU MINISTRY

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

UUMA and UUA

If you are preparing for the ministry, currently serving as a minister or are a lay leader in a congregation which has people preparing for the ministry, we invite you to come learn how the new Ministerial Formation Network will strengthen the future of Unitarian Universalism.

Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
Rev. Sofia Betancourt

Rev. David Pettee
Rev. Megan Foley

ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 1

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R02-R03

WeSayEnough! Campaign and UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness

Transformative, intersectional, justice is possible, if we shift how we organize. This multi-faith WeSayEnough! Campaign training exposes dominant narratives that allow destructive, divisive systems to prosper. This lens is crucial for organizing around what people believe--faith and worldviews, challenging notions that power simply equals organized money or organized people.

Dr. Charlene Sinclair

Susan Leslie

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

ME: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR POC 1

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 214

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this first of three sessions, we'll explore our identities as people of color, the power of our ancestors, the internalized oppression we've learned, and strengthen our spiritual muscles.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Elias Ortega

ME: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR WHITE FOLKS 1

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 209

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this first of three sessions, we'll explore our identities as white people, impact of whiteness on our spiritual lives, the internalized superiority we've learned, and strengthen our spiritual muscles.

Nora Rasman

Chris Casuccio

COMMUNITIES OF RESISTANCE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 217-219

Youth Caucus

What are the communities that will be most affected by the decisions of the Trump administration, what are they doing to resist and how can we support them? This panel discussion followed by small group conversations will gather local organizers and community members for storytelling and conversation.

Elliot Ferrell-Carretey
Andreas Rivera Young

Elesa Turner

3:15 pm – 6:15 pm

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY: SHARED LIBERATION DECISION-MAKING

3:15 pm – 6:15 pm | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

The US Human Rights Network, Project South, and CELSJR will offer an interactive popular education training on grassroots governance, democracy, and shared liberation. This session will help participants develop their own intersectional analysis and plan for action.

Colette Pichon Battle, Esq.
Rev. Deanna Vandiver

Stephanie Guilloud

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

SING TRUTH TO POWER!: RESIST! REJOICE! YOUR VOICE!

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 225-227

“Beware the movement that sings!” once declared a tyrant King. Past, present, and future UU justice music making and makers unite in this program to better understand history and develop tools for today’s resistance through music across generations, cultures and communities. Based on Amy Carol Webb’s forthcoming Skinner House book.

Rev. Amy Carol Webb
Rev. Dan Schatz

Reggie Harris
Matt Meyer

THE ROLE OF WHITE SILENCE IN RACIAL DISCUSSIONS

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | R07-R08

Liberal Religious Educators Association, Faith Development Office, UU Ministers Association, UUSC

Many white people fear saying the wrong thing in cross-racial discussions, and often choose to play it safe and hold back. This session will look at how white silence and the various rationales for it function in racial dialogues, and offer an anti-racist response.

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

BLACK POWER CHALLENGES LIBERAL RELIGION: FIFTY YEARS LATER

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 215-216

BLUU

A retrospective conversation led by Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika (aka Hayward Henry Jr.), founding chair of the Black Unitarian Universalist Caucus (BUUC) and Black Affairs Council (BAC), 1967-1973, highlighting the challenges and outcomes of the Black empowerment movement of the 1960s and its relevance to the movement for Black Lives today.

Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika

Rev. Dr. Julie Kain

THE STRUGGLE WITH CLASS IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 204-205

Commission on Appraisal

The Commission on Appraisal will host a discussion on the updated report on class. Members of the Commission will discuss significant findings and conclusions and invite participants to share their responses and experiences. All are welcome to attend.

Peter Kandia
Rev. Dr. Xolani Kacela

Kathleen Henry
Katie Romano-Griffin

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

LAY PASTORAL CARE AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 228-229

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Virginia

Would you like to build a community of compassion in your congregation to support their needs in times of challenge or stress? A Lay Pastoral Care program is a way to prepare a group within your church to complement the work of the minister in providing pastoral care.

Rev. Sherman Logan
Carol Wayne

Linda Ericson

EMERGENCY! CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | R09

Southern Region UUA

What does environmental justice mean during an era of climate change? Unitarian Universalists in the Southern Region have learned from experience. We’ll provide justice-making resources that your cluster and congregation can use. Learn about emergency services and the New Orleans response to Hurricane Katrina. Moderator: Rev. Robert Murphy.

Rev. Kenn Hurto
Paul Dalzell

Rev. Jim VanderWeele
Mary Sheehan

AN INJURY TO ALL: STARR KING PRESIDENT’S LECTURE

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | R04-R05

Starr King School for the Ministry

How do we address the lacerating awareness that we are partly victims, perpetrators and powerless witnesses of the intersecting oppressions that violate world communities and planet Earth? Addressing moral injury intersectionally, grounded in a spirituality of righteous interdependence, can offer us new tools in our struggles for healing and justice.

Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

LIVING DOWNSTREAM: THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND NEW ORLEANS

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 208

Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

Join us to learn why many of the environmental, racial and social problems in Louisiana and New Orleans result from living downstream in the Mississippi River drainage basin that covers parts of 31 states. We will provide an environmental and historic context for your visit to New Orleans.

Dr. Cynthia Bryant
Charles Fryling

Dr. Nancy Rabelais
Dr. Edwin Lyon

WALK JUSTLY AND HUMBLY: HONORING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 206-207

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council

The prophet Micah asks, “What does the Eternal require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” In this worship service co-sponsored by the UUPCC, ICUU and UUA, U/U guests from around the world offer their perspectives on working for justice.

Diane Rollert

Rev. Roger Bertschausen

“JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS” SERMON AWARD

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 220

Unitarian Universalist Women’s Federation

On the 40th anniversary of the UUA Women & Religion Resolution, the winner of the UU Women’s Federation Sermon Award will preach on “justice for women and girls,” inviting conversation and action on the topics raised.

Justice Waidner Smith

Erin Walter

BUDDHIST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF JUSTICE

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 230

UU Buddhist Fellowship

Join UUBF in a participatory, contemplative service with meditation, song, and reflections on how Buddhist spiritual practices can ground our activism and develop resilience for challenging times. Return to the body, open the heart, and renew your spirit for the work ahead! UU songwriter Mary Grigolia will lead us in song.

Rev. Florence Caplow

Rev. Catherine Senghas

Rev. Mary Grigolia

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

MFC: ASPIRING TO BE A LEARNING COMMITTEE/ COMMUNITY

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 221

UUA

An interactive session focused on process improvements and the future role of ministerial credentialing. Participants will be asked to share ideas, suggestions, feedback, and issues the MFC may consider as it endeavors to be more effective, responsive, and accountable to all of its constituencies.

Rev. Maddie Sifantus
Rev. Greg Ward

Dr. Joetta Prost
Jesse King

BUSINESS MINI ASSEMBLY 1 - FIRST PRINCIPLE BYLAW AMENDMENT

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 210

UUA Board of Trustees

All GA business is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item. Please read the Delegate Guide, Rules of Procedure and the proposed bylaw amendment in preparation.

OUR EVOLVING LEGACY: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 222

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop includes a leadership vision arising from young adult organizing; the current relevance of Baton Rouge Unitarian’s “Naming Project” honoring 44 people enslaved on the former plantation land of the Church, and how our UU past can create a prophetic voice for the future.

Kadyn Frawley
John Leeker

Rev. Nathan Ryan

COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 1

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | R02-R03

UUSC

We will collaboratively explore the global challenges of forced displacement due to war, persecution, and climate change. We define important terms like who is a refugee and who is an asylum seeker. We examine interventions in the global refugee crisis and breakout groups explore in-depth issues and best practices.

Katia Hansen
Jan Meslin

Josh Leach

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

CREATIVE RESISTANCE: A STORYTELLING EVENT

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 214

YA@GA

Resistance is important work, and it can take so many forms. Join YA@GA as we hear from local organizers, activists, and artists about the ways in which they practice creative resistance that feeds their souls and helps them do the work.

CANDID WITH THE CANDIDATES: DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WITH THE UUA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm | 217-219

Youth Caucus

Get to know the UUA presidential candidates through interactive discussion and Q&A. For all youth and especially youth who are delegates, this is a great opportunity to further explore their candidacies for yourself and engage in conversation about the future with leaders of our faith!

Hannah Rigdon

Annalee Durland-Jones

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: STAFF DEPARTURES

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 221

Deliberately or suddenly, in joy or pain, after days or decades, every staff member eventually leaves. Regardless of the circumstances, employee leave-takings deserve consideration and care. Learn what to expect and what to do to facilitate healthy staff departures and to help congregants make meaning out of change.

Jan Gartner

Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley

BUDGET HEARING

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 210

COURAGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE, COURAGE FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

We must rise, with our vision, our values, our communities, our courage, for racial justice, human rights and collective liberation in these times. Chris Crass works with congregations and communities around the country to help develop leadership, culture, and vision to inspire and sustain people in justice work.

Chris Crass

DEEPER THAN THE SKIN: BUILDING BRIDGES WITH MUSIC

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 230

Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway will illustrate through their remarkable musical relationship of three decades how people from unique histories can build bridges. Reggie (Music Ed Director for Living Legacy Project), and Greg, (Brother Sun), will lead an interactive musical experience on Race and relationship. A celebration of creative justice-making.

Reggie Harris

Greg Greenway

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR DEALING WITH WHITENESS

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R04-R05

Unitarian Universalists are committed to resisting white supremacy. White UUs need spiritual practices to help us persist when things get hard or uncomfortable and build our resiliency for the long haul. Come hear stories, share with others and do ritual together as we grapple with our whiteness

Rev. Ashley Horan

Nora Rasman

Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

BLACK LIVES OF UU: CONVENING AND ONGOING WORK

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R06

Black Lives of UU

All are invited to join the Black Lives of UU collective for an interactive session recapping the March 2017 BLUU convening, and the collective's ongoing work for liberation. Black Lives of UU serves Black Unitarian Universalists and lives into a long history of anti-racism and Black empowerment within our faith.

Kenny Wiley

Dr. Takiyah Amin

Lena K. Gardner

Royce James

COLLECTIVE LIBERATION DECISION-MAKING: REFLECTIONS FOR UU SOCIAL WITNESS

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 208

Commission on Social Witness

Following sessions on Collective Liberation Decision-making presented by Justice GA community partners, the Commission on Social Witness will conduct a reflection session for rethinking our Associational Social Witness. Let competition and urgency give way to new possibilities, enhancing the Association's and the GA's capacity to be justice centered every year.

Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers

Dr. Susan Goekler

Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Rev. Christina Silliari

POST TRAUMATIC MINISTRY

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 223

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

We live in an era in which more and more people are living with a sense of despair and hopelessness. In this workshop, we will explore the healing properties of ritual, embodied participation and delve into the resources that our theological perspective offers a hurting world.

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Rev. Darrick Jackson

FAITHIFY: MOBILIZING NETWORKS FOR RAPID RESPONSE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 209

FAITHIFY

Justice work necessitates rapidly responding to emerging events. FAITHIFY reaches funders at the speed of social media. Crowdfunding campaigns, like UU Presence with Standing Rock, connect faithful hearts to ministries in headline news. Learn to amplify your timely justice work, mobilize networks, and build active relationships with passionate funders.

Halcyon Westall

Hilary Allen

Rev. Karen Van Fossan

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

TRANSITION: HOW WE ARE IS WHO WE ARE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 215-216

Liberal Religious Educators Association and Interim Ministers Guild

Every transition is an opportunity to strengthen and improve a system. This workshop will illustrate how to model leadership in a way that empowers decision making based on skills rather than position. How we operate reflects our values and justice work starts at home.

Rev. Elaine Peresluha

Aisha Hauser MSW

Jason Puracal

INTERRACIAL FAMILIES RESISTING RACIAL MICRO-AGGRESSIONS

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 220

Neighbourhood UU Congregation, Toronto, Canada

Workshop presenters (Wilburn, Social Work Professor, & Patricia, Candidate for UU Ministry) will share stories of micro-aggressions and resistance as challenges that affront interracial families in negotiating daily life in a white hegemonic society. Methods of interpersonal communication will be offered to address racial slights and insults that perpetuate exclusion.

Dr. Wilburn Hayden

Patricia Trudeau

AWAKENING INNOVATION IN FAITH FORMATION PRACTICES

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 222

The Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard

We know that contemporary congregations require new forms of faith practice to flourish. What do these practices look like? How can the needs of particular, often marginalized, groups provide opportunities for whole families to reach out and support community growth and development? Three Fahs Research Fellows will provide innovative learning.

Dr. Mark Hicks

Dr. Melissa James

Rev. David Messner

Tracy Beck

UNDOING RACISM PART 2

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice.

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

A LUMINOUS BROTHERHOOD: AFRO-CREOLE SPIRITUALISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 204-205

Unitarian Universalist History & Heritage Society

Conrad Wright Lecture: This lecture introduces the practice of Spiritualism among a small community of Afro-Creole men in nineteenth-century New Orleans and a world of spirits that guided these men as they sought to make New Orleans, the South, the nation, and the world a more just and moral place.

Dr. Emily Clark

Dr. Nicole Kirk

Rev. Mark Harris

SING A NEW SONG: HOW DO WE CELEBRATE?

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

Our faith has evolved from many traditions. As we continue to evolve what form will our celebration take? What will the congregation that has yet to come be looking for, longing for? This interactive service will give participants take home examples of creative and new celebration (singing together).

Jim Scott

TURNING TO WONDER AS A JUSTICE-MAKING PRACTICE

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R09

UUA

Justice work is more effective when done in partnership with others. Using the principles of Parker Palmer's Circles of Trust model, the workshop will explore the practices of hospitality and "turning to wonder" when collaborating. It offers skills for leading authentically while in the "tragic gap" existing in all justice work.

Rev. Sharon Dittmar

Rev. Alicia Forde

COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS THE REFUGEE CRISIS: PART 2

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 206-207

UUSC

We continue to collaboratively explore the global challenges of forced displacement due to war, persecution, and climate change. The issues that refugees face are context-dependent and complex: right to work, access to protection, trafficking, and trauma. We examine interventions in the global refugee crisis and breakout groups explore in-depth issues and best practices.

Katia Hansen

Josh Leach

Sana Mustafa

Pam Sparr

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

ORGANIZING FOR TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN DANGEROUS TIMES PART 2

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | R02-R03

WeSayEnough! Campaign and UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness

Working from understanding that power equals fraud (false worldviews) plus force (state power over life and death), part 2 of this training helps organizers see how organizing can unintentionally reinforce dominant narratives. Traditional organizing starts with solving problems; here participants are given space to work from a collective strategic vision.

Dr. Charlene Sinclair

Susan Leslie

IS THE FIGHT WORTH IT? A MULTIGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 217-219

YA@GA

UUs know it is important to stay committed to our values and to be strategic about how we pick our battles. Come hear people of different generations talk to each other about how they decide when the fight is worth it and when it's time to compromise or move on.

Alexandria Boutros

Rev. Meg Riley

Elnora Williams

ROCK THE BOAT: A YOUTH IMPACT STRATEGY SESSION

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | 214

Youth Caucus

For youth who want to lead General Assembly in making an outward impact. Come help harness the power of Unitarian Universalism and strategize with your peers on how to best help GA engage in social witness on issues that matter to you.

Hannah Rigdon

Annalee Durland-Jones

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

PEOPLES MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm | 228-229

Commit2Respond

A follow-up to the Peoples Movement Assembly with the Center for Ethical Living & Social Justice Renewal, Colette Pichon Battle, and Stephanie Guillard, this program brings together UUs deeply committed to mobilizing for environmental justice and climate justice in the world for strategic dialogue and community organizing.

Aly Tharp

Rev. Karen Brammer

Salote Soqo

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

BLUU ORGANIZING COLLECTIVE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ANTI-BLACKNESS

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R06

Anti-blackness is a global phenomenon that affects people in every cultural and ethnic group. Within larger systems of structural oppression, it translates to higher rates of social ills, including poverty, unemployment, poor health outcomes, and substandard housing. We will also discuss the impact of anti-blackness in our congregations and beyond.

Lena K. Gardner

Dr. Takiyah Amin

Dr. Michael Dumas

Kenny Wiley

CRAFTING WORSHIP THAT DE-CENTERS WHITENESS

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R07-R08

Together, let's risk a conversation about cultural misappropriation in worship. How do we make our worship spaces more welcoming, respectful, and brave? Even as we acknowledge different developmental stages of multicultural competency, we reach out to those ready for the complicated, life-giving work of creating an inclusive culture of worship.

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

Rev. Erika Hewitt

Julica Hermann de la Fuente

INTENT VS. IMPACT: IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND "CIVILITY"

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 215-216

In this experiential workshop, we start off by acknowledging, honoring, and sharing our respective identities and diverse cultures. We then consider and create ways to better bring authentic welcome, inclusion, and civility to our actions and our lives.

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Rev. Anya Johnston

Starr Austin

Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson

BUSINESS MINI ASSEMBLY 2 - SOURCES OF ACCOUNTABILITY BYLAW AMENDMENT

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 210

Board of Trustees

All GA business is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item. Please read the Delegate Guide, Rules of Procedure and the proposed bylaw amendment in preparation.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

SOCIAL WITNESS WORKSHOP

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R09

Commission on Social Witness

Join the Commission on Social Witness (CSW) for a workshop on creating justice at General Assembly. We will discuss ways to do witness and break into groups to form concrete plans. Prior to this workshop you may stop at the CSW booth in the exhibit hall to propose an issue.

Rev. Caitlin Cotter

Dr. Susan Goekler

Rev. Christina Sillari

Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers

"DAYS FOR GIRLS:" MENSTRUAL KITS FIGHT POVERTY, ISOLATION

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 204-205

Days for Girls International, New Orleans Chapter

Understand how making and distributing menstrual hygiene kits can give days in school back to girls. Communities are stronger when women are empowered. This panel fosters interest among participants in a Days for Girls chapter back home, or joining the kit packing Service Project on Saturday at GA.

Lisa Kamuf

Cassie Catalanotto

Mary L. Pretz-Lawson

CHILDREN OF COLOR AND THEIR NEEDS IN CONGREGATIONS

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 223

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

We move from the individual to our experiences in communities of people of color in general. We'll explore how we relate to each other and our varying needs. The aim of this program is to center children of color in our movement, rather than white allies in our congregations.

Erica Shadowsong

A/RELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY AS STRENGTH FOR UNITY

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R04-R05

Ecumenical Theological Seminary and The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

Unitarian Universalist congregations are communities comprised of believers and seekers representing remarkable differences in faith, ethnicity, and culture. While such profound differences in communities often lead to societal and interpersonal conflict, the dominant UU narrative is that we are strong because of our diversity. We will explore this important dynamic.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS: SIT TOGETHER AND GO DEEP

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard

Bring the fullness of yourself to an experiential, identity-based circle of "critical friends" who listen through a dual lens of race-plus, to help each other learn and grow. Join a topic-based, facilitated group, and respond to evocative questions designed to spark insight, healing and stronger relationships of accountability and compassion.

Dr. Mark Hicks

Rev. Ashley Horan

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CASE FOR RADICAL CHAPLAINCY

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 230

Skinner House Books

UU chaplains play important roles in secular institutions. They model non-sectarian care for a world that is increasingly spiritual but not religious. Their work is also filled with challenges in settings where the inherent worth and dignity of those they care for is not always shared. Come hear their voices.

Rev. Karen Hutt

Jane Ellen Mauldin

RESIST IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST OUR TOP-HEAVY ECONOMIC SYSTEM

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Most Americans know that our economic system is rigged, that it is also unsustainable, and many are angry. But how can we resist in solidarity - to transform this system? Also, to transcend anger and fight back in hope and joy with people of diverse identities, whether rich or poor?

Prof. Richard Wolff

Chuck Collins

COMMUNION SERVICE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 206-207

UU Christian Fellowship

All are welcome to this year's annual communion service, sponsored by the UU Christian Fellowship. This service is designed to welcome those steeped in the tradition, as well as those who are new to it.

Rev. Dr. Melanie Morel-Ensminger

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

ACTIVATE JOYFUL WITNESS: A WORKSHOP ON ART & ACTIVISM

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 217-219

UU College of Social Justice, Youth Caucus

How can we make our activism more joyful, creative, and engaging? What's the connection between art and social change? How can we renew our spirits while confronting injustice? With guest artists and activists, we'll explore some inspiring examples, get crafty together, and prepare to bring spirited presence to Public Witness.

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario

Angela Kelly

LEADING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

This program will include methods to make all people feel welcome and comfortable through congregational singing. We will sing, discuss, and use examples of creating hospitality with different kinds of music from our UU Hymnals. Participants are invited to practice leading hymns that have personal or cultural relevance to them.

Amanda Thomas

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

LIVING OUR FAITH: EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 221

UUA Office of Church Staff Finances

The health insurance marketplace is increasingly chaotic with a struggling Affordable Care Act, more restrictive employer-provided health plans, and under-resourced public programs. In this mix, the UUA Health Plan is celebrating its 11th year of providing quality health insurance to congregational staff. Come learn the latest trends in health insurance.

Rev. Richard Nugent

Jim Sargent

THE SPIRITS ECHO: WAKE NOW OUR VISION LEGACY PLANNING

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 222

UUA Stewardship and Development

This Stewardship & Development workshop series engages our Unitarian Universalist history in New Orleans & beyond to explore the ways in which we can create & carry-on our legacies. Learn about how you and your congregation can participate in a unique opportunity to strengthen our Unitarian Universalism through planned giving.

Laura Randall

Rev. Jim VanderWeele

Rev. John Morehouse

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

THE RISE OF “CRIMMIGRATION”: RHETORIC AND REAL TALK

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | R02-R03

UUSC/UURISE

A fundamental human rights principle is that everyone has the right to leave their country. Yet, deportation policies targeting “criminal aliens” will likely widen to even more draconian effect under Trump. This workshop explores increasing criminalization of migrants, including incarceration, and provides organizing strategies to protect vulnerable community members.

Josh Leach

Katia Hansen

Jan Meslin

US: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR POC 2

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 214

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this second of three sessions, we'll share about our diversity as people of color, what we need from each other as POC and how to have each others backs.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Elias Ortega

US: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE FOR WHITE FOLKS 2

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | 209

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this second of three sessions, we'll share about our diversity as white folks and how to call each other in.

Nora Rasman

Chris Casuccio

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CHILDREN AND RACE: “THE TALK” IS TOO LATE

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | R04-R05

By age four, kids have already internalized the message “white is better.” Yet often congregations, caregivers, and white parents don’t talk about race or racism until kids are older, if at all. What tools for adults can help children of all colors counter white supremacy and develop healthy racial identities?

Rev. Natalie Fenimore **Aisha Hauser**
Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

CHOIR REHEARSAL 4

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 206-207

UU COMMON ENDOWMENT INVESTING IN NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITIES

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 230

One percent of the UU Common Endowment is invested in Community Investments. Learn about how UU Community Investing works towards economic, racial and environmental justice. Specific presenters include financial leaders remedying food deserts and access to capital by African Americans in the New Orleans community.

Bill Bynum **Alden McDonald**
Joan Cudhea **James Madison**

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM!

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 204-205

Central East Region UUA

In this increasingly complex multicultural world, making mistakes is a given. A HUGE elephant is often in the room. Why did we invite this elephant in? Why do we pretend it’s not there? Why do we feed this unwanted guest? What do we do about it? Let’s talk!

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson **Andrea Lerner**
Shannon Harper

IMPROVISING FAITH OFF THE BINARY: CLF WORSHIP SERVICE

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | R07-R08

Church of the Larger Fellowship

Our world is full of so-called ‘opposites’ that put us on binary scales. Good/bad. Male/female. Theist/atheist. Body/Soul. Gay/straight. Justice/ spirituality. Black/ white. The revolution in gender identity has taught us the creativity and complexity that can emerge when we refuse to comply. Service will include jazz improvisation.

Rev. Meg Riley **Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt**
Lena K. Gardner **Rev. Sean Dennison**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

TAKING ACTION TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 210

Commission on Social Witness

A panel of UUs working to address corrupting influences on American democracy will share problems they are addressing and opportunities they see for action. Panelists include the author of the UUAs study guide, the CSAI proposer, and a young adult activist working on voter rights.

Dr. Elias Ortega **Kindra Muntz**
Aquene Freechild **Dr. Susan Goekler**

INTRODUCTION TO THE GLOBAL MAJORITY COLLECTIVE

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 223

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

The Global Majority Collective will begin by asking ourselves the question: What would Unitarian Universalism be like if whiteness was not the norm? The answers to this question will surely be as varied, but the thought is that these ideas can be nurtured into actualization through mutually-supported projects.

Rev. Marisol Caballero

STORIES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF COLOR BOOK LAUNCH

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | R06

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Unitarian Universalists of Color: Stories of Struggle, Courage, Love, and Faith consists of stories of UUs in the U.S., a 2015 GA workshop transcript and resources. Contributors will read excerpts from their stories, and two religious educators of color will lead the audience discussion in perspective with faith development.

Jessica York **Dr. Mark Hicks**
Yuri Yamamoto **Dr. Chandra Snell**

REJOICING IN RELATIONSHIP: SACRED SHARING TO RESIST ISOLATION

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 222

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee

On our Journey Toward Wholeness, creating beloved community across difference is essential. How we listen to stories and share ours builds multiracial, multicultural and anti-oppressive justice movements. Share stories of your journey, pre-GA training, and justice experiences at this GA. Leave with tools to equip your communities for AR/AO/MC engagement.

Rev. Wendy von Courter **Rev. Theresa Soto**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

EMPOWERING MEMORIES: ORAL HISTORY AS ACTS OF RESISTANCE

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 228-229

Meadville Lombard Theological School

Oral history can be an act of resistance when empowered communities create honest histories to correct the stale and safe stories we often tell ourselves. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to create and/or expand and correct oral histories that are radically inclusive of marginalized people.

Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk

John Leeker

Claudia Espinel

UNDOING RACISM PART 3

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Undoing Racism/Community Organizing: Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, strategic planning and presentations, this intensive process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice.

UPCYCLING CHURCH

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | R09

Unitarian Universalist Association

Join authors for an upcoming Skinner House book to learn about creative ways to use materials you have at hand in your church to transform and inspire. Find out how to “upcycle” your music, your building, your coffee hour, your intergenerational programs, your mission...to breathe new life into your congregation.

Rev. Christana Wille McKnight

Julica Hermann

Rev. Seth Fisher

Rev. Lee Paczulla

CENTERING: NAVIGATING RACE, AUTHENTICITY, AND POWER IN MINISTRY

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 215-216

Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association's Committee for Antiracism, Anti-Oppression and Multiculturalism and Skinner House Books celebrate the publication of “Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry.” Writers will read from their chapters about the experience of clergy of color exercising power at the center of historically white institutions.

Rev. Mitra Rahnema

Rev. Walter LeFlore

Rev. Josh Pawelek

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

WELCOMING WARRIORS

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | R02-R03

UU Christian Fellowship

Unitarian Universalism welcomes and includes many service-members, current and former. This workshop, designed for a broad audience, will affirm that welcome and offer support to those seeking to connect Service-members with our faith.

Susan Maginn

Xolani Kacela

Cynthia Kane

FUNDING OUR FAITH, FUNDING OUR FUTURE

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 220

UU Funding Program

The UU Funding Program will award \$1,065,000 in grants to innovative, challenging projects that build our movements and community connections, increase UU engagement in justice work, and organize for systemic change. Come meet the people who give it away and see if your project can receive funding.

Hillary Goodridge

Rev. Tony Johnson

Rev. David Helfer

Rev. Patrice Curtis

BLACK HISTORY: SING SPIRITUALS OF THE UU HYMNAL

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

This program allows participants to delve into spirituals included in the Unitarian Universalist hymnals, Singing the Living Tradition and Singing the Journey. Participants will learn the context and stylistic elements of spirituals, and how this particular genre of music is relevant to the current fight for racial justice in America.

Amanda Thomas

STAFF CONUNDRUM: CREATIVE RESPONSES TO CHALLENGING PROBLEMS

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 221

UUA Office of Church Staff Finances

The religious and civic landscape in America is changing. Organizations, which had responded to declining volunteerism by hiring additional staff, are finding it more difficult to maintain optimum staffing given personnel costs. Are there options beyond reducing staff and hours? Our workshop will explore creative responses to this staffing conundrum.

Jan Gartner

Rev. Richard Nugent

Connie Goodbread

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

FINISHING THE WOODSHED: BRIDGING OUT OF YOUNG ADULTHOOD

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 214

YA@GA

At YA@GA we believe that, like the transition from youth to young adulthood, the transition away from being a “young adult” should be an honored right of passage as well. Join us as we celebrate these individuals beginning a new stage of their life’s journey.

YOUTH IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 217-219

Youth Caucus

This workshop will bring community members together to discuss what they are doing or want to do at home to create change. Using real life examples as case studies, breakout groups will be challenged with brainstorming community organizing strategies for dealing with activism in relation to local issues.

Eric Broner

Jaidyn Bryant

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DECOLONIZATION IS CLIMATE JUSTICE

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Hall B2-1 & B2-2

Commit2Respond

Our Industrial Growth economy is intricately linked to our history of colonization. How does colonialism manifest in modern times? How is it impacting our response to the climate crisis and the shift to a life-sustaining society? What are the ripple effects of the Indigenous-led Dakota Access Pipeline resistance?

Dina Gilio-Whitaker

Karen Van Fossan, M.Div

Ronya Hoblit

Monique Verdin

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ADVOCACY AND HEALING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES: RELATIONAL-CULTURAL THEORY

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 230

This workshop uses the intersectional Relational-Cultural Theory, to bridge differences and care for ourselves during difficult times. We offer techniques for connection that honor integrity and justice while fostering growth across relationship, creating spaces of supported vulnerability and mutuality to care for ourselves and the world.

Amy Makice

BUILDING A BROADER WEB: FOSTERING YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | R09

If congregations wish to learn, grow, and engage deeply in social justice, we must recognize and celebrate the resources, gifts, and challenges brought to the table by people of all ages. Participants will learn and discuss strategies for nurturing intentional young adult communities that strengthen and sustain a multi-generational congregation.

Julie Bero

Catherine Trossello

EIGHT TOOLS FOR POWERFULLY DISMANTLING SYSTEMS OF SUPREMACY

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 228-229

This workshop provides tools for white individuals and predominantly white organizations to begin to powerfully dismantle systems of supremacy. These tools are designed to guide white people in self-education and recovery from our inevitable errors, with a goal of sustained accountable relationship with marginalized communities and people while reducing harm.

Rev. Julie Taylor

Drew MacFadyen

TO BOLDLY GO: CHOOSING A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CAREER

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 222

Central East Region

Religious education is attracting The Next Generation and just in time! Hear stories of young adults who have pursued this vital, dynamic ministry as an intentional career path. Learn to prepare for and find a fulfilling professional position. Many seasoned religious educators are approaching retirement. Our faith needs you!

Andrea Lerner

Pat Kahn

Meredith Olson

Julie Rigano

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SOCIAL WITNESS SERMON CONTEST WINNER

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | R07-R08

Commission on Social Witness

Rev. Julia Hamilton, the winner of the Social Witness Sermon Contest will preach her sermon “Shared Bounty.” This event is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Commission on Social Witness (CSW) & Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA).

Rev. Julia Hamilton

Rev. Christina Sillari

CUUPS SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL: SHINING JUSTICE’S LIGHT

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 204-205

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

Drawing on Pagan and Earth-Relating traditions we connect with spiritual power. Calling on the strength of the sun’s light, participants will journey to their own illumination and build awareness of how Earth-Relating practices can nurture us as we do the work to build the world we dream of.

Rev. Amy Beltaine
Eddie Love

David Pollard
Debra Gilbert

DRUUMM WORSHIP: INTERSECTIONAL ALLYSHIP WITHIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 206-207

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Finally, we end with a worship service and return to our UU identities while asking ourselves, what would UUism centered on POCs look like? This leaves us with some visioning and imagining of a future in which we lead from the margins and become the face of our UU movement.

Ben Gabel

Erica Shadowsong

THE RIGHT TO BE RESCUED: CLIMATE & DISABILITY

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 215-216

EqUual Access

Disasters disproportionately affect people with disabilities. As the frequency and severity of disasters rises with climate change, the courts have recognized that we have a right to be rescued. Hear the stories, learn about emerging best practices, and explore how you and your congregation can be part of creating solutions.

Patty Cameron
Imari Kariotis

Rev. Suzanne Fast
Els Nieuwenhuijsen

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BEARING WITNESS WITH FRESH EYES

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 209

GA Middle School Camp

Overcome by grief at injustice? Learn heart techniques for responses to injustice, as taught by Middle School Campers and their Directors. Centering practices help children, youth, and adults bear witness to injustice and suffering. Learn practices to find our spiritual center and embolden us to be an engaged non-anxious presence.

Rev. Jamil Scott

Katie Covey

THE ‘WELCOME TABLE.’ BUILDING TRUST RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK!

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | R06

Mississippi Unitarian Universalist Congregations

Relationship building and work for positive social change are the hallmarks of the Welcome Table, a program which bridges the divide between racial equity and racial healing. Experience the power of this dialogue-based process, a program of the William Winter Institute. Institute staff and New Orleans program participants will present.

April Grayson

Troi Bechet

Rachel Dangermond

Annette Hollowell Simons-Jones

ACTIVATE SUSTAINED RESISTANCE: TAKING IT HOME

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 217-219

UU College of Social Justice, Youth Caucus

As GA comes to a close, how can we stay engaged with the justice issues we’ve explored? What commitments will you make to continue Resisting & Rejoicing when you return home? Youth leaders will share ways to stay sustained while we create action plans to bring back to our communities.

Kristin Famula

Angela Kelly

THE POWER OF PASTORAL SONG: UU COMPASSIONATE CHOIRS

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 225-227

UU Musicians Network

Through gentle/joyful song and pastoral presence, compassionate choirs offer support to the sick, the elderly and the dying in UU communities. Participating singers also deepen their own spiritual practice. Experience the power of song with leaders of UU compassionate choirs. Learn how to bring this ministry to your congregation.

Kellie Walker Hart
Bea Ann Phillips

Elizabeth Norton

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LESSONS OF CULTURE, POWER, AND TRAUMA RESPONSE

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 221

UU Society for Community Ministries and UU Trauma Response Ministry

Risks of exposure to trauma through violence or natural disasters are increasing in this era of climate change and racial and economic turbulence. Come learn lessons of culture and power from an urban organization serving families after homicide as well as from the UUTRM's work during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Chaplain Clementina (Tina) Chéry *Rev. Wayne S. Daley*
Rev. Susan Karlson *Dr. Ted Jones*

FAITHFUL RESILIENCE: ENGAGING THE WORLD THROUGH SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 220

UU Wellspring

Are you longing to ground yourself in this shifting world? Do you want to create in your congregation a support for courageously and joyfully addressing the brokenness of this world? Explore the power of UU Wellspring's small group program that grounds participants deeply in UU values, spiritual practice, and theological depth.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi *Kimberley Debus*
Sean Neil-Barron *Sara Smalley*

OUTREACH REVOLUTION: TURN OUT, TURN UP FOR JUSTICE

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | R04-R05

UUA

It's now or never. In Trump's America, congregational participation is at an all-time high. Turn that energy into momentum by turning your congregation's ministry outward and reaching new audiences. More than safety pins and love notes, learn social media, outreach, design, and empathy-building techniques to seize this justice movement moment.

Carey McDonald *Anna Bethea*

CONSIDERING CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP?

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 210

UUA Nominating Committee/Appointments Committee

If you want to participate in making our faith stronger in the future, meet with the UUA's Appointments and Nominating Committees to learn about national leadership opportunities. Information about open positions and the roles committees play in the UUA will be presented. Help us build a stronger UUA by coming!

Rev. Joe Cherry *Marcia Bowman*
Tim Atkins

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

RECOVENANTING FOR THE FUTURE

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Rear of Exhibit Hall (Hall B1)

UUA Task Force on Recovenanting/UUA Board

The UUA Task Force on Recovenanting is charged with replacing our static models of membership (of congregations to the UUA, and members to a congregation) with a relationship of dynamic covenant. We will explore the vision/theology behind this recommendation, as well as participate together in a sample process.

Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie *Rev. Thomas Schade*
Rev. David Miller *Kathy Burek*

BRINGING IT HOME: POWERFUL ORGANIZING

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | R02-R03

UUSC, UUA, UURISE, CIVIC

This concluding section of the refugee track will engage you (and/or your team) in interactive planning. This session will enable you to plan next steps with UU leaders from national and statewide organizations and, congregational clusters. Now is the time to move into action!

Susan Leslie *Pam Sparr*
Hannah Hafter *Rev. Paul Langston-Daley*

NOW: GROW RACIAL JUSTICE 3

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 214

YA@GA, UUCSJ, Standing on the Side of Love

Guided by songs and stories, join in this distilled version of the Grow Racial Justice summer program! In this final of three sessions, we'll talk about this movement moment, the skills of community organizing and facilitation that we need for this urgent now.

Elias Ortega *Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen*
Chris Casuccio