

Thursday 6/25 10:45 – 12:00PM**BUSINESS MINI-ASSEMBLY I**

10:45 – 12:00PM | B110-112

All business of the General Assembly is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-Assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual business items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item.

HABITS OF HUMILITY: CONGREGATIONAL TEAMS AS LEARNING COMMUNITIES

10:45 – 12:00PM | D135-136

Our faith communities need to develop habits of humility to be able to engage with a changing world. Religious professionals and lay leaders who both learn and serve together can create agile congregations. Learn how your church can share ministry by creating learning opportunities that include both established leaders and those at the margins.

*Patricia Hall Infante**Rev. Renee Ruchotzke**Lori Stone Sirtosky***MULTI-GENERATIONAL STORY SLAM: A NEW WAY TO SHARE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

10:45 – 12:00PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

This multi-generational workshop introduces Story Slam, a powerful outreach event featuring live personal storytelling with a competitive flavor. During the interactive workshop, youth and adults will create “self” stories suitable for a Story Slam that describe meaningful personal friendships across cultural and generational lines affirming differences and connection.

*Dr. Charlotte Hamlin**Marie Houck***NEW WAYS FORWARD IN MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALING**

10:45 – 12:00PM | B113-114

Everyone who wants to receive fellowship as a UU minister must meet the competency requirements of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. The MFC has been reviewing these competencies and has now released a first draft of revised competencies responsive to changing needs and challenges of ministry. Meet the MFC members and hear about their process and next steps!

*Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason***STORIES FROM THE SPOTLIGHT: MANY PATHS TO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

10:45 – 12:00PM | E143-144

This story-based workshop will look at how three different groups are doing young adult ministry with different levels of funding and support: from no-budget/volunteer based groups to groups run by paid professionals. Come and see how you can build a new way to connect with young adults no matter what level of resources your congregation or community has!

*Kevin Mann**Amy Luebbert**Gabriel Gamez Jr.**Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken***COMMIT2RESPOND: COLLABORATE LIKE NEVER BEFORE**

10:45 – 12:00PM | F151-152

Commit2Respond

Climate justice requires global change and collaboration on an unprecedented scale. Come learn how Commit2Respond can be a vehicle for building the vital collaborations we need amongst, with affected communities and with allies of every kind. Learn about what works and how to succeed in your own community collaborations.

*Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley**Rev. Brock Leach***A NEW WAY TO RADICAL INCLUSIVITY**

10:45 – 12:00PM | E147-148

Congregational Life of UUA and EqUUal Access

A New Way to Radical Inclusivity Congregations across the continent are creating innovative and impactful ways to practice radical inclusivity. Hear about a new certification program for congregations who seek to be fully accessible and inclusive, and find out about online learning in radical inclusivity for RE.

*Nancy Combs-Morgan**Suzanne Fast**Mark Bernstein***A WAY OUT OF NO WAY**

10:45 – 12:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Living Legacy Project, UU History and Heritage Society

When we have faced difficult conditions in the past, as in the segregated, repressive South of the civil rights era, UUs have “made a way out of no way.” After some experientially oriented introductions to UUs of that era and area, we will explore how young adult UUs are “making a way” in #BlackLivesMatter and other current movements.

Rev. Dr. Gordon Gibson

KUJENGA MADARAGA: BRIDGING CULTURES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL UU COALITION

10:45 – 12:00PM | D137-138

International Council of Unitarians and Universalists

A new form of international engagement for congregations and beyond, ICUU coalitions are multi-national, multi-lateral and truly multi-cultural. Existing coalitions supporting the development and sustainability of African U-U groups are open to more partners, and new coalitions are needed for South American and European groups. Your congregation can join in.

Rev. Steve Dick

Rev. Jill McAllister

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

WHEN BUILDING A NEW WAY GOES AWRY

10:45 – 12:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

Meadville Lombard Theological School

Can we learn from past examples of movements intended for social good that caused great harm? What concrete measures do we have in place to insure that our efforts at building a new way reflect genuine mutually beneficial community partnerships, not the imposition of one construct of the social good on less powerful groups?

Dr. Sharon Welch

Dr. Mark Hicks

Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk

WHY DO WE UUS CROSS THE ROAD...?

10:45 – 12:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Multicultural Growth and Witness

We cross the proverbial road to effect change. Learn how to get out of your comfort zone, knowing your efforts will make a difference. We will look at how diverse leaders address diverse issues such as mental health, treatment of LGBTQ people, health care, voter rights, unequal arrests, and sentences for drug use. Be inspired to cross the road over and over again.

Rev. Jeanne Pupke

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Elandria Williams

Kristen Kuriga

WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE OUR GUIDES: BUILDING CONTEMPLATIVE UU PRACTICES

10:45 – 12:00PM | C123-124

Starr King School for the Ministry

Join us for a worshipful exploration of the many ways we can expand contemplative practices in Unitarian Universalism. We will draw on Unitarian Universalist foundations, congregational and individual practices, and intercultural approaches and perspectives to enhance our connection to the transcending mystery and wonder from which we source our faith.

Rev. Dr. Robert Hardies

Rev. Abbey Tennis

Rev. Sofia Betancourt

TALK THE WALK: SPEAKING JUSTICE IN THE LANGUAGE OF OUR FAITH

10:45 – 12:00PM | B117-119

UU College of Social Justice

Historical movements for justice have often been inspired and sustained by religious faith and practice. Ours is an activist faith, yet when we take action in the public sphere our religion is often invisible. How might we bring our own justice commitments into deeper conversation with our spiritual lives, and learn to speak our convictions in the language of our faith?

Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Rev. Lindi Ramsden

DIVESTING FROM FOSSIL FUELS: WORKING WITH YOUR INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

10:45 – 12:00PM | D133-134

UU Fellowship of Corvallis, Oregon

What happens when climate crisis activists desperate to divest from fossil fuels approach an investment committee who takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously? An adversarial situation in which right relations do not prevail? Or a new view of investment as a spiritual practice? We will role play various scenarios and discuss strategies most likely to be effective.

Susan Christie

Scott Bruslind

John Bailey

FUNDING YOUR DREAMS

10:45 – 12:00PM | E141-142

UU Funding Program

This year the UU Funding Program is awarding \$1,045,000 in grants to innovative, exciting projects that build our movement and community life, increase UU involvement in social responsibility, and organize for justice. Come meet the people who give it away and see how your project can receive funding.

Hillary Goodridge

Rev. Tony Johnson

Sue Adams

Rev. David Helfer

#UUSGETSOCIAL: MAKE YOUR WEBSITE AWESOME AND MAKE IT YOURS

10:45 – 12:00PM | Portland Ballroom 255

UUA

First impressions matter. Websites are an essential "front door" for any new UU venture or established congregation - make them attractive, clear, and representative of your vision and values. Learn how to (re)build your website with low-cost, high-performance tools from WordPress and the UUA.

Christopher Wulff

Rev. Sarah Millsbaugh

CREATING OUR LEGACY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE: PLANNED GIVING MADE EASY

10:45 – 12:00PM | B115-116

UUA

Tim and Laura will present best practices for building a healthy congregational planned giving program. Attendees will learn the basics of how to solicit, manage, and steward planned gifts, to ensure that our congregations will continue responding to the needs of our changing world by expanding the boundaries of our faith for generations to come.

Tim Brennan
Rev. Laura Randall

CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT: BREAKING THE SILENCE

10:45 – 12:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

UUA Board of Trustees

In 2013 our newly-elected UUA Board leadership committed to hosting a national conversation on sexual abuse within UU ministerial relationships. Facilitated by members of First UU Nashville's Safety Net, this workshop will open a Sacred Listening Process (based on the StoryCorps model) which will invite our stories out of the shadows of shame and into the light of truth.

Rev. Gail Seavey **Dr. Doug Pasto-Crosby**
Rev. Jason Shelton **Jim Key**

YOUNG ADULTS OF COLOR CAUCUS

10:45 – 12:00PM | A107-108

YA@GA

Do you identify as a young adult of color? Come find community support from your peers.

Kenny Wiley

CREATING CONNECTIONS: YOUTH GROUP GAMES

10:45 – 12:00PM | A105-106

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!

Morgan Day
Emma Lyons

Thursday 6/25 1:15 – 4:15PM

MINI-ASSEMBLY ON SOC: REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

1:15 – 4:15PM | B110-112

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. Dr. David Breeden **Caitlin Cotter**

Thursday 6/25 1:15 – 2:30PM

“LEADERLY” LEADERSHIP = ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Our charge is to show up in the world as strong leaders who are intentional about creating and sustaining multicultural community. Join us and be inspired by leaders who explore the roles that relationship building, honoring diverse leadership styles, and valuing and negotiating differences play as key components of multicultural leadership.

Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar **Rev. Abhi Janamanchi**
Rev. Dr. Rob Hardies **Rev. Leslie Takahashi**

BE THE CHANGE: YOUTH MULTICULTURALISM AND ANTI-RACISM

1:15 – 2:30PM | E147-148

In a multigenerational setting, we will be exploring identity and race through the multimedia lens of “Be The Change!”, a curriculum for youth about multiculturalism, anti-racism, and building the Beloved Community.

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Bart Frost

MILITARY MINISTRY: SERVING WHOLENESS IN CONGREGATIONS AND BEYOND

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

Are veterans and families sharing their stories in your congregation? Is their perspective included in discussions about war and peace? Do you actively welcome military personnel who seek a free-thinking faith? Do you support those who are deployed- and their families? Learn about tools and tips for UU military ministry.

Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley **Robert LaVallee**
Rev. Bret Lortie **Gail Forsyth-Vail**

THURSDAY

RETHINKING WE: A UU STORYTELLING JAM

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Join us for a showcase of some of the best UU storytellers sharing moments in their lives when their sense of “we” as Unitarian Universalists was transformed. We will enjoy a celebration of many voices, many experiences, many stories.

*Rev. Kristin Maier**Jessica York***CONNECTING WITH PUBLIC POLICY
ADVOCACY AND WITNESS IN YOUR STATE**

1:15 – 2:30PM | D139-140

Coalition of UU State Action Networks

Representatives of statewide advocacy networks will share their stories of struggle, challenges and successes, demonstrating how UUs can become engaged in meaningful advocacy and witness, using environmental activism as a common focus.

*Stephen Buckingham**Laura Wagner**Kindra Muntz**Jolinda Stephens***UU MODELS OF MULTI-SITE MINISTRIES**

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

Congregational Life

Branches, multi-site, yoked, partnerships, mergers... one model does not fit all. The vision of “One Church, Many Locations” can be applied to all types of congregations -- tiny, large, urban, rural, clustered, isolated. Come hear stories about what is already working and dream into what is possible. Might multi-site be right for you?

*Rev. Kaaren Anderson**Rev. Robin Tanner**Rev. Jake Morrill**Rev. Deanna VanDiver***SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION BY CUUPS**

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Covenant of UU Pagans

CUUPS presents an Earth-centered celebration of the Summer Solstice. Building a New Way will focus on raising energy towards fulfillment, enlightenment, abundance, sharing, and the joy of living on this beautiful Earth. Let us embrace the wonders and pleasures of consciously building a new way together in Community.

*Rev. Amy Beltaine**Imari Kariotis***EMPATHY AND CONNECTION THROUGH
COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION**

1:15 – 2:30PM | E143-144

Family Empowerment Network

Compassionate Communication is a powerful tool for creating trust, respect and cooperation. It is based on Nonviolent Communication; that all behavior has underlying values/needs. Becoming aware of these values in our everyday actions, allows us to connect in a positive way with others, no matter the behavior and ultimately help us find solutions that meet all needs.

*Dr. Kathy Masarie**Dr. Jody Bellant Scheer***REMIXING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM: HOW
TO CREATE AN ENERGY CENTER?**

1:15 – 2:30PM | D137-138

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee

The Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee will explore “Energy Centers” that are on the cutting edge of being an anti-oppressive and multicultural faith community, be it a congregation, co-op, or cafe. Come explore how you, too, can create an energy center that challenges us to build new ways of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist faith community.

*Rev. Wendy VonZirpolo**Benjamin Gabel**Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong**Rev. Jackie Clement***SANCTUARY IS MORE THAN A BUILDING**

1:15 – 2:30PM | D135-136

Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition

Sanctuary is a response to injustice, rooted in faith. Join us to learn more about the New Sanctuary Movement, hear stories about providing sanctuary from the First Unitarian Society of Denver and VOZ Portland, and get tools for deepening your congregation's or community's commitment to immigrant-led justice ministry.

*Rev. Kierstin Homblette**Romeo Sosa**Kate Burns**Katia Hansen***ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH
UUA INVESTMENTS**

1:15 – 2:30PM | B113-114

Office of the Treasurer

How is the UUA responding to the 2014 Business Resolution, which called on the President and Treasurer to report on progress to the GA each year? This hearing brings together the Treasurer, a member of the Investment Committee, and the co-chair of the SRI Committee to inform delegates on the Association's actions to address climate change through its investment program.

*Tim Brennan**David Stewart**Lucia Santini-Field*

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN: UU MULTIRELIGIOUS REALITY

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

Starr King School for the Ministry

Starr King’s Annual President’s Lecture: Our 21st century religious landscape, marked by multireligious interest and practice, embodies familiar aspects of Universalist and Unitarian theology, from Jenkin Lloyd Jones’s Unity to the Charles Street Meeting House to current work at Starr King. Join us as we celebrate the broad and historic embrace of our living tradition.

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

THE CONVERSATION PROJECT: A WORKSHOP ON TALKING ABOUT LIFE’S END

1:15 – 2:30PM | D133-134

The Conversation Project

The goal of the Conversation Project is to have everyone’s wishes for care through the end of life expressed and respected. This workshop introduces The Starter Kit, giving you the skills to lead your community in having values-based, relationship-building conversations about an experience that touches everyone. Help transform dying in America, one conversation at a time.

*Rev. Rosemary Lloyd Laura Bender
Constance Holden, RN, MSN*

CREATING A PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

1:15 – 2:30PM | B115-116

UU Association of Membership Professionals (UUAMP)

Come learn from the UUAMP Board how hiring a membership professional can build a new way for your congregation: creating multiple levels of community involvement and deepening the connections members have to each other. Highlights from our guide to hiring your first Membership Professional will be shared.

*Lori Emison Clair Tina Lewis
Marie Blohowiak Jeanne Sears*

FEELING OUR GRIEF, HEALING THE EARTH: A CEREMONY

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

UU Environmental Justice Collaboratory, UU Ministry for Earth

People paralyzed by grief and fear over the state of Earth need to feel our real feelings, in community, to convert them into energy for change. The interfaith, multicultural Ceremony of Grieving and Healing makes this possible. Participants will experience the Ceremony and learn how to take it home.

*Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck Christopher Sims
Rev. Kate Lore*

COMMIT2RESPOND: SHIFT TO A LOW CARBON FUTURE

1:15 – 2:30PM | F151-152

UU Ministry for Earth

Working towards ecologically just, sustainable communities requires radical shifts to a less energy-intensive and cleaner energy future. Learn how UUs can take direct action as individuals, in small groups, at the congregational level and in partnership with community organizations to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon life-sustaining society.

*Cindy Davidson Elizabeth Mount
Rev. Susannah Tuttle Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons*

USING TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A THRIVING MUSIC MINISTRY

1:15 – 2:30PM | C123-124

UU Musicians Network

We can “build a new way” by taking advantage of the technological advances of today’s world. By sharing music databases within “the cloud,” utilizing multimedia during worship services, leveraging social media to promote music programs, and using tablets and Bluetooth speakers to enhance rehearsals, music ministries can thrive in 2015 and beyond.

Jed Levine

DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE BRANDS TO ENGAGE NEWCOMERS

1:15 – 2:30PM | E141-142

UUSC

Inclusive messages on faith and social justice issues can welcome new people into our movement. Brands that emphasize our values and vision speak to committed UUs, but also to seekers, people of other faiths, and the nonreligious. This workshop will cover case studies from Standing on the Side of Love, Commit2Respond, Choose Compassionate Consumption, and Sanctuary Boston.

*Alex Kapitan Carey McDonald
Eric Grignol Rev. Mykal Slack*

GA TALKS: MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY MINISTRY

1:15 – 2:30PM | B117-119

Young Adults @ GA

Come and participate in GA Talks! GA Talks, TED-style presentation designed to entertain, educate and inform, provide an opportunity to listen to stories and wisdom from fellow Unitarian Universalists. Today’s speakers are Rev. Christina Leone Tracy and Lincoln Statler. Hosted by Kenny Wiley and the Young Adults @GA community.

*Rev. Christina Leone Tracy Kenny Wiley
Lincoln W. Statler*

THURSDAY

FUN TIMES: GET INVOLVED, BE HEARD

1:15 – 2:30PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

Join the Youth Caucus as we discuss the business of General Assembly. Meet influential people in our Association. Possible topics of discussion include the Congregational Study Action Issues and Actions of Immediate Witness. This is also a time to learn about what General Sessions are and how youth can be involved.

*Kara Marler**Isabelle McCurdy***Thursday 6/25 3:00 – 4:15PM****CHOOSING, TELLING, AND BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE IN WORSHIP**

3:00 – 4:15PM | B117-119

Stories are a powerful tool in worship — especially multigenerational worship. Laden with images, metaphors, playfulness, and truth, story provides a common language and shared experience across different generations and theologies. More than just teaching story-telling skills, our workshop will focus specifically on how to integrate meaningful stories into worship.

*Rev. Erika Hewitt**Becky Brooks***EMERGING MINISTRIES: PEOPLE, PURPOSE, PARTNERS**

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

What are Emerging Ministries? They are any Unitarian Universalist congregation, community or initiative that boldly serves people, follows their purpose, and engages with partners in our current religious landscape. Come to be inspired by stories from a variety of our new congregations and beyond and re-imagine what our next generation of UU ministries will look like!

*Rev. John Morehouse**Gabriel Gamez Jr.**Rev. Nathan Hollister**Judy Arbogast***GA CHOIR REHEARSAL II**

3:00 – 4:15PM | C123-124

The second of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship events. Choir participants must register for choir upon their arrival at GA.

*Bertram Gulhaugen**David Servias***LOSS & HOPE: URBAN MINISTRY IN THE RUSTBELT**

3:00 – 4:15PM | D139-140

Rustbelt UUs are building bridges with inner city neighborhoods, creating new ways of accountable, relational “service with” beyond “service for” those marginalized by the dominant culture—sometimes inadvertently by our own UU culture. Hear their stories. Be inspired. Shape strategies for building a new way in your region’s urban centers.

*Rev. Joe Cherry**Rev. Roger Mohr**Rev. David McFarland Nuttle***WORKING FOR FAIR WAGES: STORY OF TWO COMMUNITIES**

3:00 – 4:15PM | E143-144

This workshop will describe how two communities responded to low wages: an Employer Recognition Program in Colorado and a Municipal Minimum Wage Ordinance in New Mexico. We will look at the impetus, barriers, and implementation process. The necessity of building partnerships will be emphasized.

*Maureen Maliszewski**Jan Thompson***COMMIT2RESPOND: BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY - RACE, CLASS AND CLIMATE**

3:00 – 4:15PM | F151-152

Commit2Respond

Designing new ways of living that address climate change, provides opportunities to dismantle many forms of oppression. This two-part workshop showcases innovative multicultural projects that achieve multiple benefits, provides time to strategize together, and invites us through art and ritual to express how a worldview of domination holds us back.

*Rev. Peggy Clarke**Pamela Sparr**Christopher Sims**Rev. Susan Leslie***FAITHIFY: CROWDFUNDING BUILDS A NEW WAY**

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 255

Faithify

A collaborative discussion of how FAITHIFY, our UU crowdfunding website, is building a new way of democratizing resources, inspiring imaginations, and providing the architecture for our interdependence. Join us to hear directly from those using FAITHIFY in their congregations and communities and the innovation we are seeing as a result.

*Rev. Sue Phillips**Rev. Tera Little**Rev. Kierstin Homblette**Hilary Allen*

FINDING OUR WAY BACK TO RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

3:00 – 4:15PM | E141-142

GA Right Relationship Team & DRUUMM

It is inevitable that we will break our relationships, here at GA, back home in our congregations, and when working in multifaith communities. What matters more than always “getting it right” is how we return to Right Relationship after mistakes are made. Members of the Right Relationship Team will share strategies, stories and tools you can bring home to your communities.

Barb Greve

Phoebe Masterson-Eckart

Raziq Brown

Elandria Williams

SEMINARY ISN'T JUST FOR MINISTERS ANYMORE

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Harvard Divinity School

Seminary isn't just for ministers anymore! This panel of theologically educated laypeople highlights the many ways theological study can deepen our practice of embodying Unitarian Universalist values in our work and daily lives, from the offices of the UUA to the university classroom and beyond. Moderated by Dr. Dan McKanan, Ralph Waldo Emerson Senior Lecturer in Divinity

Chris Walton

Leslie MacPherson Artinian

Karen Bray

SOPHIA FAHS LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS SUSAN KATZ MILLER

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

Liberal Religious Educators Association

Unitarian Universalism offers a home to interfaith families and people with complex spiritual identities. Referring to her book, *Being Both: Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family*, Miller discusses a new generation of families building on multiple traditions and emerging as interfaith ambassadors and bridge-builders.

Susan Katz Miller

STRETCHING INTO NEW UNDERSTANDINGS OF “COMMUNITY”

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Multicultural Growth and Witness

Meeting diverse spiritual needs within diverse, healthy community life is no small feat. “Community” is complex. How do we value each other’s cultural experiences? What are the needs of today’s global majority? How are they being met within a UU context? Let’s explore new paradigms for all.

Rev. Danielle DiBona

Chris Crass

Nora Rasman

Matt Meyer

A NEW APPROACH TO RECOVERY MINISTRY

3:00 – 4:15PM | D133-134

PNWD Addictions Ministry Project, Eastrose Fellowship UU, Universalist Recovery Church

Within the frame of a small-group worship experience, we’ll explore ways congregations can support people affected by addiction and mental health challenges. We’ll identify common issues congregations may face when doing recovery ministry. Come prepared to share concerns you have and solutions that have worked for you.

Rev. Barbara Stevens

Chris Poole

Rev. Barbara Cornell

RECLAIMING PROPHETIC WITNESS: A CONVERSATION

3:00 – 4:15PM | B115-116

Skinner House; UUA Faith Development Office

In this year’s *Common Read, Reclaiming Prophetic Witness*, author Paul Razor makes the case that a religious presence in the public square will complement and strengthen secular voices raised for social justice. Come and join in conversation with the author, bringing thoughts from your reading and from your congregation’s discussion.

Rev. Dr. Paul Razor

FAITH IN THE MARGINS: FIRST CENTURY GUIDE FOR THE 21ST

3:00 – 4:15PM | D137-138

UU Christian Fellowship

Learn lessons for today’s church from the early diverse missional groups following the radical way of Jesus: small units multiplying rapidly through communal hospitality, their risky counter cultural focus to be with the outcast and vulnerable; by renouncing privilege; and through their own theological engagement with religious traditions and dominant cultural currents.

Rev. Tom Schade

Rev. Kim Beach

Rev. Ron Robinson

ARE ALL WELCOME HERE? CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH GENDER IDENTITY

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

UU Church of Long Beach, CA

We all engage with gender identity and expression in a variety of ways. Today we explore transgender identity and how queering our conversations will deepen our ability to be in right relationship with one another, ourselves, and the future of our faith. The workshop includes a reader’s theater, testimonials, and discussion on gender and faith. The UU Players perform.

Rev. Mitra Rahnema

Connie Davis-Huegel

Rev. David Helfer

THURSDAY

SERVICE LEARNING THROUGH A JUSTICE FRAME: UU COLLEGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

3:00 – 4:15PM | B113-114

UU College of Social Justice, Fahs Collaborative of Meadville Lombard

Congregations undertake service-learning trips with the best of intentions. Yet such journeys can unwittingly perpetuate systems of injustice. Join the UU College of Social Justice to find out how service learning can be a pilgrimage of witness and solidarity, based on deep education & insight that lead us to new ways to build alliances for justice when we return home.

*Rev. Kathleen McTigue**Dr. Mark Hicks***MOVING FROM CAPITALISM TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL ECONOMY**

3:00 – 4:15PM | E147-148

UU Ministry for Earth, UU Young Adults for Climate Justice, UU Environmental Justice Collaboratory

Our current economic system relies on unending growth, in which our role is as consumers, the ecological and social impacts of which are obscured. This workshop explores the relationship between capitalism and environmental justice issues such as climate change and marine plastic pollution; then offers suggestions to shift from consumerism towards grateful simplicity.

*Dr. Kat Liu**Matthew McHale**Aly Tharp***CREATING NEW WAYS OF REFLECTION AND LEARNING ABOUT ISRAEL/PALESTINE**

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

UUs for Justice in the Middle East

Find the right adult/young adult resources to cross divides and build new ways of respectful learning about Israel/Palestine for informed engagement. Hear about three professionally prepared curricula that make it easy to start a group: a guide based on the seven UU Principles that was piloted in several congregations, and two acclaimed guides developed by Presbyterians.

*Larry Cooper**Dana Fisher Ashrawi**Mark Braverman***SEXUALITY EDUCATION: MULTIGENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

3:00 – 4:15PM | A107-108

YA@GA

How does sexuality education make a more just world? Come participate in a multigenerational conversation with this panel of folks from all across the age spectrum! We'll talk sex ed and its relationship to ending sexual assault, ensuring reproductive rights and creating a more queer and LGBT inclusive society.

*Samantha Logan**Rev. Debra Haffner**Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen**Rick Kimball***YOUTH TALKS: BUILDING BRIDGES**

3:00 – 4:15PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

Build Bridges with us as we challenge ourselves to become activists and leaders! In our version of GA Talks, we'll delve into presentations focused on issues prevalent to youth. Join us to hear inspiring guest speakers, find a safe space to learn about popular topics and make connections with others.

*Olivia Calvi**Andrea Briscoe***Thursday 6/25 4:45 – 6:00PM****BRIDGING: A MOMENT, A PROCESS, A LIFELONG COMMITMENT**

4:45 – 6:00PM | D137-138

What does it mean to "bridge" into young adulthood? We'll hear stories of the bridging ritual and discuss the process of moving into young adult UU life. Beyond the bridge metaphor there's a hang glider, a rappelling kit and a rope ladder! Together we'll commit to supporting our young people.

*Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken**Kirbey Geissler**Hannah Roberts**Halley Norman***BUSINESS MINI-ASSEMBLY II**

4:45 – 6:00PM | B110-112

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MOVING FROM CLERGY-CENTRIC TO COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

4:45 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Is the clergy-centric model we inherited from our Protestant ancestors the best one for modern UUs? What would radically shared ministry look like? What does it mean when we say, “every member is a minister”? In this workshop we’ll explore a new way of “doing church” where there is no one chief of staff but a collaborative team.

Leia Durland-Jones

Rev. Erik Wikstrom

SEXUALLY SAFER CONGREGATIONS: BUILDING A NEW COMMITMENT

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

Board of Trustees and Religious Institute

More UU congregations must renew or create a public commitment to policies & practices to prevent sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and professional misconduct. Religious Institute has created key criteria for a congregation to be recognized as sexually safer. The rationale for the new program, the key criteria, model policies, and the process to undertake will be shared.

Rev. Debra Haffner

SOCIAL WITNESS SERMON CONTEST AWARD

4:45 – 6:00PM | D135-136

Commission on Social Witness

The winner of The Social Witness Sermon Contest will preach their sermon on any dimension of either current Congregational Study/Action Issue. The CSAI for 2012-2016 is “Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling;” the CSAI for 2014-2018 is “Escalating Inequality.”

Rev. Christina Sillari

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION FROM GUN CONTROL TO PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

4:45 – 6:00PM | D133-134

First Universalist Church of Denver, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

View excerpts from Janet Fitch’s award-winning film, *Changing the Conversation: America’s Gun Violence Epidemic*. Learn ways various social action groups have formed to educate, advocate, and act. Hear examples from across the country of reaching out to fellow UU congregations and like-minded organizations to form coalitions.

Janet Fitch

Kathleen Visovatti

LAMENT: HEALING RITUALS OF SORROW AND REGRET

4:45 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 255

Harvard Divinity School and UU Collegium

Lament is integral to healing: it helps people express intense feelings of sorrow or regret so they can “carry on” including with social justice work. We will explore theologies of lament and offer Unitarian-Universalist-friendly rituals to integrate into spiritual practices and worship services. Come experience rituals of lament and share those that are important to you.

Rev. Myriam Renaud

Karen Bray

Rev. Darrick Jackson

DARING TO “BRING” MULTICULTURALISM INTO WORSHIP

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Multicultural Growth and Witness

What is multicultural worship? How do we incorporate music from different cultures in ways that are respectful of those cultures? We will look at diverse models of engagement: one service in several modes – humanist, traditional, and contemporary. We will look at balanced multisite models. How do song, story, and ritual transform or influence how we worship?

Rev. Jacqueline Clement

Jennifer Hayman

Rev. Kathleen Owens

Dr. Mark Hicks

THE LOVERS OF LOVE: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM AND SUFISM

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Starr King School for the Ministry

Starr King School for the Ministry will celebrate the rich offerings of Unitarian Universalism and Islamic mysticism in a devotional space by bringing together people of these radical traditions to envision a future of greater multireligious interchange.

Dr. Ibrahim Farajaje

Rev. Meg Riley

Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae

Rev. Wayne Arnason

GA COMMUNION SERVICE: CELEBRATING THE MISSIONAL WAY OF JESUS HOSPITALITY

4:45 – 6:00PM | C123-124

UU Christian Fellowship

For 70 years the UU Christian Fellowship has been connecting UUs with the open, inclusive, dynamic, radical hospitality way of Jesus. The communion service uplifts and celebrates that way of going out into the world to create justice meals with different peoples to make a difference in the world. This ancient model of service and spirit is a way forward for today’s church.

Rev. Ron Robinson

Kim Hampton

THE FIRES OF FERGUSON STILL BURN WITHIN OUR HEARTS

4:45 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

UU Church of Silver Spring/UUA

What does sanctuary look like after the death of Michael Brown, after the deaths of Eric Garner and Jordan Davis and Ramarley Graham, after Trayvon Martin and 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland? How can we survive such great injustice? How can we move forward with grace and dignity? Join us as we come together in a challenging time to fashion a way forward...soulfully.

Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley

Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley

EXPLORING FOOD JUSTICE: GRAPPLING WITH BANANA CREAM PIE

4:45 – 6:00PM | B113-114

UU Food Justice Ministry

Do you struggle with decisions regarding the impact of your food choices on workers, the environment, animals, health? Considering how food reaches our table leads to a world of contradictions and complexity. Join the UU Food Justice Ministry as we explore the messy business of eating for life – all life.

Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Rev. Barnaby Feder

Rev. Peggy Clarke

Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson

LET OURS BE NO SILENT WITNESS

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

UU History and Heritage Society and UU Women's Federation

Diminished in churches that stifled their voices and vision 100 years ago, liberal women went outside the walls to practice a larger, more generous faith of inclusive community uplift. This lecture and panel response will explore how these early rebellions can help our own witness become more prophetic today.

Dr. Cynthia Grant Tucker

Rev. Gail Seavey

Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie

KEEPING THE CONNECTION

4:45 – 6:00PM | D139-140

UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association

Retirement from ministry invites us to tell new stories. We'll share from the perspectives of ministers and their partners long retired, newly retired, and soon to retire. The electronic age creates a new generation every five years. What are the cutting edges for us, and how shall we stay connected?

Rev. Jim Eller

Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway

Rev. Judy Wells

Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert

COMMIT2RESPOND: GROWING YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

4:45 – 6:00PM | B117-119

UU Young Adults for Climate Justice

Join visioning conversations about how to empower or embody young adult leadership in climate justice organizing in our faith communities and at large. Leaders of the UU Young Adults for Climate Justice network, who are putting faith into action to address the intersecting social and environmental struggles of our time, will facilitate the conversation. All ages welcome!

Aly Tharp

Tim DeChristopher

Benjamin Franklin Craft-Rendon

Elizabeth Mount

EXPLORE THE FULL SPECTRUM: DEEPEN FAITH RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

4:45 – 6:00PM | E141-142

UUA, UU Association of Membership Professionals

Is being a "member" of a congregation the only way to be a UU? In reality, people connect with faith communities in many different ways over their lifetime. Learn about a model for community that considers all these stages, from visitors to leaders. Hear stories about the meaning of community beyond a traditional sense of membership, and opportunities to grow our faith.

Marie Blohowiak

Carey McDonald

Lori Emison Clair

CLIMATE CHANGE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

4:45 – 6:00PM | B115-116

UUSC

An environmental justice workshop that moves "faith into action." Identify the high-risk groups during an era of climate change. Build multicultural alliances. Communities can create emergency services that are accessible and appropriate. How can your congregation be helpful? We'll provide information that you can use. Rev. Robert Murphy is the program organizer.

Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Rev. Julie Taylor

Rev. Susannah Tuttle

William Young

THE FEMINIST 'HIM': A PANEL OF MALE PERSPECTIVES

4:45 – 6:00PM | A107-108

YA@GA

The quest for gender equality involves the participation of people from all across the gender spectrum. Following 2014's YA@GA multigenerational feminisms panel, this discussion will bring together several male-identified feminists to speak about their experiences of being both male-identified and feminist. People of all genders and ages welcome.

Rev. Duncan Teague

Steven Ballesteros

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Thomas Vitkus

HOW THE WORK OF CHANGE CAN CHANGE YOU

4:45 – 6:00PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus & UU College of Social Justice

Join Youth Caucus and the UU College of Social Justice in an exciting workshop where we'll learn from participants in Activate (formerly NYJT) social justice trainings for youth. We'll hear about what interests them about justice work, what they learned in programs in New Orleans and Boston, and how they are acting for social justice work back home. Come get inspired!

Laura Lubin
Bart Frost

Friday 6/26 1:15 – 2:30PM

CONGREGATIONS AND BETWEEN

1:15 – 2:30PM | B115-116

We have great potential to impact each other and our communities when we work together and see ourselves as one. Join us to explore how Unitarian Universalists are blurring the lines of traditional congregational and geographical borders to share resources, work together, and positively impact the communities we serve.

Rev. David A. Miller
Rev. Kierstin Homblette

CREATE AND BUILD NEW UUA LEADERSHIP

1:15 – 2:30PM | E141-142

Appointments and Nominating Committees

Appointments and Nominating Committees Create New Leadership! Are you inspired for Unitarian Universalism? Learn how to build ways beyond your congregation and change our denomination. There are many leadership and service opportunities within our Association that need your work. Come learn about different opportunities...and how you can get involved.

Dr. Hope Johnson *Rev. Danielle DiBona*
Rev. Darrick Jackson

BUDGET HEARING

1:15 – 2:30PM | B110-112

Board of Trustees

Each year the President presents a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and the following year to the Board, which the board considers for adoption. This hearing is an opportunity for delegates to understand the budget of the UUA in greater depth and to ask questions of the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Financial Advisor, and the Treasurer & CFO of the Association.

Tim Brennan *Rev. Sarah Stewart*
Larry Ladd

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS STORIES

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Coalition of International UU Organizations

Are answers to climate issues found only at the highest levels, or can vulnerable, poor communities help themselves? Hear from an Oregon UU climate scientist and from international guests who will describe how communities in their lands have successfully fought climate change or adapted to it. Learn Pairwise Ranking, a proven tool for priority setting in community work.

Dr. Charles Miller *Dr. Zsofia Sztranyiczki*
Derek Mitchell *Raymond Fimalino*

EXPANDING THE WELCOME TABLE: UUS GET REAL ABOUT CLASS

1:15 – 2:30PM | D135-136

Commission on Appraisal and UU Class Conversations

Class stereotypes play a key role in escalating income inequality. This interactive workshop explores how classism limits your congregation's ability to thrive. Together we will identify new ways to address classism and create a more inclusive and cohesive social-justice focused faith community that uses and celebrates the gifts of all its members.

Rev. Dr. Nana' Kratochvil *Kellie C. Kelly*
Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen *Rev. Dr. Dorothy Emerson*

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE: IMPLEMENTING A STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

1:15 – 2:30PM | C123-124

Commission on Social Witness

What can Unitarian Universalist congregations do to implement the Statement of Conscience on reproductive justice? What have Unitarian Universalists already done to build a new way toward reproductive justice? Join the CSW and representatives from congregations doing reproductive justice work for an important conversation.

Caitlin Cotter
Jessica Halperin

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM IN A #BLACKLIVESMATTER WORLD

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

DRUUMM

Faith-based organizing provides a foundation to act for justice. Organizers active in #BlackLivesMatter, immigrant rights, and Palestine freedom movements, will share powerful stories of faith in action. Joined by Kenny Wiley and Elissa Goss, presenters will share stories, lessons and tools for taking action and making liberatory change.

Rev. Osagyefo Sekou *Elandria Williams*
Aimee Santos-Lyons *Chris Crass*

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION MINISTRY: THE AIM PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

1:15 – 2:30PM | B117-119

EqUUal Access

"We cannot transform the world and fulfill our call without drawing on the abilities of all in our midst." The UUA and EqUUal Access have a new congregational certification program that helps! Hear from the pilot congregations and try some of the exercises. Imagine bringing this experience to your congregation!

*Mark Bernstein**Suzanne Fast**Barbara Ceconi**Michael Sallwasser***WHAT SHAPES US? A MULTIGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP**

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

Faith Development Office

People of all ages, including children, are welcome to explore together the cultural norms, beliefs, and values in our families and communities that shape our identities. What helps us to turn setbacks into stories of resilience? We'll use stories, art, music, and more in this joyful multigenerational workshop!

*Dayna Edwards**Jessica York**Rev. Jan Taddeo**Gail Forsyth-Vail***CREATING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN A DIVERSE WORLD**

1:15 – 2:30PM | D137-138

Liberal Religious Educators Association

This workshop will present a model of leadership in our congregations that embraces the best of shared ministry along with setting up a system where people who are historically marginalized are given a voice. This will encourage a holistic and collaborative process for empowering congregations to become robust and progressive organizations.

*Aisha Hauser MSW**Rebecca Chatfield PhD**Rev. Natalie Fenimore***REIMAGINING CONGREGATIONAL POLITY FOR A BEYOND-CONGREGATION AGE**

1:15 – 2:30PM | E147-148

New England Region

Community without mutual commitment is no community at all, so Beyond-congregation ministries wonder what to ask of participants, what level of commitment to require, and how to engage in mutual covenanting with the wider UU community. Congregations wonder how to reach back. This workshop reinterprets congregational polity for these and other emerging religious realities.

*Rev. Sue Phillips***LOVING THE HELL OUT OF THIS WORLD, PART ONE: MISSIONAL BASICS**

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Red Pill Brethren

A panel discussion of Missional or Incarnational Church 101: why and how is the form and understanding of church changing or expanding? How can we use it to connect with those we have not been able to connect with before? What challenges does it pose for us, and what is our UU contribution to the broader missional movement? What have we learned so far from the frontlines?

*Rev. Dawn Skjei Cooley**Rev. Jake Morrill**Rev. Cecilia Kingman**Rev. Ron Robinson***CONGREGATIONAL CONFLICT THROUGH A UU BUDDHIST LENS**

1:15 – 2:30PM | F151-152

UU Buddhist Fellowship

As the number of identified UU Buddhists and Buddhist-influenced UU's increased, is Buddhist ethics helping us build a new way through congregational conflict? Can techniques and insights from Buddhist meditation and precepts practices make a difference in finding a resolution? A panel of UU Buddhists working in congregational conflict will present and invite conversation.

*Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason**Rev. Rick Davis**Janine Larsen***IF I HAD A HAMMER: BEST PRACTICES IN YOUTH SERVICE-LEARNING TRIPS**

1:15 – 2:30PM | B113-114

UU College of Social Justice

Service trips are a tradition for many youth groups: it's powerful to travel, learn, & volunteer together. But what makes a trip succeed? What shifts it from a fleeting experience into lasting insight? Join UUCSJ to explore our shared capacity for transformative youth trips. Come hear from participants, leaders & hosts — and share your wisdom, too.

*Laura Lubin**Sam Wilson**Rev. Deanna Vandiver***MULTICULTURAL JOURNEY WITH ONE HUMAN FAMILY CHOIR**

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

UU Fellowship of Raleigh, One Human Family Workshops, Inc.

When an Asian-American Unitarian Universalist music director joined a multifaith, multiracial, multigenerational gospel choir, she embarked on a journey toward true multiculturalism along with her daughter and congregation. Come experience the power of singing and unity, feel the joys and challenges of cross-cultural collaboration.

*Yuri Yamamoto**Dilsey Davis**Cara Williams*

BODIES COUNT: NEW WAY FOR EARTH, HUMANS, ANIMALS

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

UU Food Justice Ministry

What does it mean to embody [r]evolution in this time of great danger and opportunity? Join us as we use words, images, movement, and music to coax out the wisdom, passion, and love within us needed to birth a [r]evolution of systems and consciousness deeply rooted in embodied spiritual practice.

Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson *Christopher Sims*
Rev. Peggy Clarke *Matt Meyer*

THINK, FEEL, ACT: CHALLENGING ESCALATING INEQUALITY

1:15 – 2:30PM | D133-134

UU Justice Arizona and Valley UU Congregation of Chandler, AZ

This workshop will inform and inspire UUs to challenge Escalating inequality through social action in their own locales. The workshop will proceed in three parts: A PowerPoint presentation on the facts about escalating inequality; an interactive workshop on your personal stories and experiences with economic (in)justice; and action ideas to take home with you.

Dr. Anne Schneider *Paul Mitchell*
Rev. Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings

TRANSFORMATION WITHOUT APOCALYPSE: A MORAL RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

UU Ministry for Earth, First Unitarian Church of Portland, UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Standing on a cliff edge, our calling is to find a new path through the rubble of repudiated ideas toward a radically re-imagined understanding of who we are in the world and how we ought to live. What new narratives point the way? Award-winning author, philosopher, and environmental advocate Kathleen Dean Moore explores possible answers.

Kathleen Dean Moore
Rev. Jill McAllister

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL MY LIFE? OUTREACH AND UUISM

1:15 – 2:30PM | D139-140

UUA

Boldness. Compassion. Reverence. These values lie at the heart of our faith, but are they what people actually see? In fact, are we seen at all? Reaching out, not waiting for people to find us, will help us respond to changes in American religious practice. Learn about UU brand identity, what we've learned in beta-testing, and how your congregation can reach out in love.

Carey McDonald

BUILDING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN CASES OF CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 255

UUA Board of Trustees

Safety Net (a ministry of First UU Church of Nashville) has called on the UUA Board of Trustees to fulfill the promise of restorative justice for victims of clergy sexual misconduct. This program shares our progress in supporting individuals and congregations deeply wounded by CSM, and encouraging truth-telling that heals.

James Key *Rev. Dr. Fred Muir*
Rev. Gail Seavey *Rev. Sarah Lammert*

NAVIGATING MINISTERIAL TRANSITIONS

1:15 – 2:30PM | E143-144

UUA Transitions Office

Congregations in search for ministry now have options. Is shorter term interim ministry the way to go? Are there longer, complicated issues that need a longer developmental ministry? Transitions can be an exciting time to help your congregation move forward into a brighter future and move from a stagnant past.

Rev. Keith Kron

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP 101

1:15 – 2:30PM | A107-108

YA@GA

Do you love young adult style worship, but lack the tools to lead it? Are you confused about what young adult worship really is? Join us to learn innovative, participatory worship techniques to engage and include not only young adults, but folks of all generations!

Amanda Weatherspoon

SUURVIVOR

1:15 – 2:30PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

The year is 2040. We are living in a post-apocalyptic world. Will you be able to live out your UU values when faced with times of crisis and chaos? Come and discover and challenge yourself. Put your leadership skills to the test.

Olivia Calvi *Jennica Davis-Hockett*
Andrea Briscoe

FRIDAY

Friday 6/26 3:00 – 6:00PM

EMERGING MINISTRIES LAB

3:00 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

Support for emerging ministries all in one place, one lab. Innovation and experiments welcome! For help refining and discerning big questions or answering technical questions. Experts and coaches in areas such as purpose, mission, outreach, membership, fundraising, stewardship, faith and identity development, management and more. Individual attention, all for you.

CHANGE THE STORY, CHANGE THE FUTURE: A LIVING ECONOMY, A LIVING EARTH

3:00 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

UU Ministry for the Earth

Examines old stories that hold us captive to a system of institutions that value money more than life. Hear Korten's new optimistic Sacred Life and Living Earth Story based on generative systems by which a living Earth maintains the conditions essential to all life. Come deepen your theological and spiritual understandings for sustained advocacy and social justice work.

Dr. David Korten

Irene Keim

Rev. Melvin Hoover

Michael Greenman

Friday 6/26 3:00 – 4:15PM

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE MINISTRY?

3:00 – 4:15PM | E143-144

This is a workshop for individuals who are considering preparation for ministerial fellowship with the UUA. What are the educational options? How much will it cost? What are the realities and possibilities within the UU ministry? What are some ways that ministers can serve the Unitarian Universalist movement?

Rev. David Pettee

Christann Spiegel

Rev. Keith Kron

BUSINESS MINI-ASSEMBLY III

3:00 – 4:15PM | B110-112

All business of the General Assembly is conducted during General Sessions. Mini-Assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual business items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item.

CLASS CONSCIOUS: CLASS AND CLASSISM IN UU LIFE- A CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

Sample videos, interactive activities, and readings from this free 8 hour curriculum, which assists congregations to include people of all class backgrounds and prepare for social action. Hear a description of UU's for Just Economic Community's curriculum. Both curricula are recommended in the "Escalating Inequality" action issue study guide.

Suzanne Zilber

Kellie C. Kelly

Carl McCargo

EQUIPPING STAFF IN NEW WAYS FOR NEW TIMES

3:00 – 4:15PM | B113-114

Your professional staff are leaders, modelers, and tone-setters. Ongoing professional development is nothing less than a religious imperative for serving and leading well in these dynamic times. Learn about professional development best practices, resources, and pathways. Witness ways in which the UUA and professional organizations are changing up staff development!

Rev. Tandy Scheffler

Lori Emison Clair

Mary Cunningham

Jan Gartner

FROM ICHURCH TO BELOVED COMMUNITIES

3:00 – 4:15PM | B117-119

Join the conversation as a group of ten leaders address issues and challenges facing our faith communities in this time of uncertainty, scarcity and changing cultural identities. The panel/workshop will describe tipping points and turning points in the UU journey by sharing stories and ministries that are reshaping and sustaining our beloved faith for future generations.

Rev. Fredric Muir

Rev. Carlton Smith

Rev. Rebekah Montgomery

Rev. Terasa Cooley

GA CHOIR REHEARSAL III

3:00 – 4:15PM | Hall CD

The third of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship events. Choir participants must register for choir upon their arrival at GA.

Bertram Gulhaugen

David Servias

SPIRITUAL AND FAITH RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINING THE JUSTICE JOURNEY

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

UU justice-making is entering a world of multi-faith coalitions and partnership organizations, we need to bring to the table spiritual and theological resources. As the issues we are being asked to address, such as mass incarceration and climate change require long time horizons, we need frames of enduring meaning. Come join in a dialogue about our theological heritage.

Rev. Leslie Takahashi *Rev. Kate Lore*
Rev. Nathan Hollister *Bob Lane*

EXORCISING WORSHIP: CO-CREATING INTELLECTUALLY HONEST SERVICES

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Church of the Larger Fellowship

The art of worship requires intellectual honesty and conviction. Based on his new book, *Exorcising Preaching* (Chalice Press 2014), Rev. Nate delivers an urgent call for congregations to expel unhealthy practices and liberate the preacher, the pulpit, and the people. Harmful habits must be replaced with healing disciplines that reawaken the craft of collaborative worship.

Rev. Nate Walker

INCUBATING SEEDS OF PROMISE INTO POSSIBILITIES

3:00 – 4:15PM | D139-140

Meadville Lombard Theological School

Every congregation is a community learning how to be alive and useful in the world. The Fahs Collaborative Laboratory for Faith Formation is pioneering creative strategies that can transcend the stubborn problems of community life. Join us as we model how to shift problems into possibilities.

Dr. Mark Hicks
Halcyon Westall

BLACK LIVES MATTER & MULTI-FAITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Multicultural Growth and Witness Staff Team

UUs and faith-based community organizations are responding to the call that Black Lives Matter—resisting police brutality and shootings, voter suppression, and mass incarceration. Organizers and UUs who have been on-the-ground in Ferguson, Missouri and other ‘front line’ communities share strategies and resources from the Interfaith Organizing Initiative.

Rev. Catoya Roberts *Rev. Barbara Gadon*
Brittini Gray *Rev. Allison Farnum*

LOVING THE HELL OUT OF THIS WORLD, PART TWO: THAT’S CHURCH???

3:00 – 4:15PM | B115-116

Red Pill Brethren

Inside Look and Discussion with New Missional or Incarnational Community Leaders in the UU world living out the “bigger bandwidth” of church needed to serve an emerging culture that is hungering for different forms of spiritual community and relationships than in church as it has been. The Welcome Table. Sacred Path. Cabaret Church and Others. Reports from the frontlines.

Rev. Sean Dennison *Lori Stone Sirtosky*
Rev. Ron Robinson

FROM TRANSACTION TO TRANSFORMATION: BUILDING A NEW, MORE GENEROUS WAY

3:00 – 4:15PM | D135-136

Stewardship and Development

We’ll turn on our GPS – Generosity Promoting Strategies – by hearing creative ideas that generate successful giving. You’ll exit with a road map pointing the way to increased giving and a deeper understanding of the spiritual dimensions of stewardship. Join us as we travel together, building an ever more generous way.

Rev. Mary Katherine Morn *Rev. Darcy Roake*
Rev. Vail Weller *Norrie Gall*

A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF WRITING THAT OPENS DOORS

3:00 – 4:15PM | D137-138

Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul, MN

Enjoy time to reflect on “Hospitality” while learning a personal and congregational spiritual practice in this guided writing session led by Karen Hering, author of *Writing to Wake the Soul*. How do we welcome others—and our own “otherness”—with hospitality? For writers and nonwriters alike. Visit karenhering.com.

Rev. Karen Hering

INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP: LIVING BRIDGES FOR WORLDWIDE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

3:00 – 4:15PM | C123-124

UU Partner Church Council and UU International Coalition

Living bridges are built from Indian rubber tree roots, with loving care, over generations, by those in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills of India. Join in worship together with Unitarians and UUs from around the world, to strengthen the bridges that connect us as a worldwide religious community.

Rev. Diane Rollert *Rev. Dávid Gyerö*
Rev. Gary Smith

FRIDAY

MAKING SPACE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL MINISTRY, INSIDE AND AROUND THE PARISH

3:00 – 4:15PM | E147-148

UU Society for Community Ministries, UU Ministers Association, UUA

Entrepreneurial community ministry is recognized as the type of cutting-edge ministry that is meeting the changing demographic and spiritual needs of the 21st century. This workshop is a nuts and bolts illustration of three successful partnerships between the parish and these new faith entrepreneurs, jointly sponsored by the UUSCM, UUMA, and UUA. (Rev. Capo and Crary too)

*Rev. Barbara Meyers**Rev. Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings**Rev. Jeremy Nickel**Rev. Myriam Renaud***UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

3:00 – 4:15PM | F151-152

UU United Nations Office

We will look at Climate Change through a human rights perspective. We will discuss how we are all entitled to sustainable development. We will also discuss how the consequences of climate change will impact in disproportionate ways upon those who are least responsible for climate change and the least able to cope with the consequences and our shared responsibility.

*Rev. Peggy Clarke**Dr. Jan Dash**Rev. Kathleen McTigue**Bruce Knotts***#UUSGETSOCIAL: CREATING CONTENT THAT'S SEEN, LIKED, AND SHARED**

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 255

UUA

Whether you're creating a webpage, a blog post, a Facebook update, or a tweet, good content matters. Make your images, words, and graphics sticky and sharable. We'll share examples of what UU content has generated the most buzz both among and beyond UUs, and offer practical guidelines for creating your own UU content.

*Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh**Jennifer Toth**Jill Goddard**Chris Walton***DETROIT-THE NEW SELMA: INEQUALITY, OUR WATER AND OUR HUMAN RIGHTS**

3:00 – 4:15PM | E141-142

UUSC

In 2014 Detroit stood up to unprecedented mass water shut offs by the third largest utility in America, affecting thousands of residents who took the case to the United Nations. Participants will learn what it takes to take on the vested interests of the most essential services: the water department.

*Maureen Taylor**Randy Block**Stephen Gasteyer**Patricia Jones***WE ARE BRAVE: BUILDING REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY & VOICES FOR EQUITY**

3:00 – 4:15PM | D133-134

Western States Center

The Western State Center is leading the national work at the intersection of economic justice and reproductive justice. They are building the leadership of women of color and working to lift the Medicaid exclusions for women who don't benefit from abortion coverage in Oregon. They partner with statewide and national organizations across the country, including the UUA.

*Aimee Santos-Lyons**Jessica Halperin**Rev. Rob Keithan***GA TALKS: IDENTITY AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM**

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Young Adults @ GA

Come and participate in GA Talks! Today, lay leaders Karin Lin and Kat Liu present an engaging talk on identity and beyond, and activist Chris Crass delivers "On the Spiritual Journey of Collective Liberation," his visions of political activism and collective action for social justice.

*Karin Lin**Chris Crass**Kat Liu**Kenny Wiley***EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**

3:00 – 4:15PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

Delve into a variety of spiritual practices and discover ones that may come to be meaningful to you. This workshop will provide introductions and the opportunity to explore many experiences that you can practice on your own or with your youth group, including information about their origins and significance.

*John Newhall**Rhea Brown-Bright***Friday 6/26 4:45 – 6:00PM****BUSINESS MINI-ASSEMBLY IV**

4:45 – 6:00PM | B110-112

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FAITH FORMATION: UU WELLSRING, STRATEGIC PLANNING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

4:45 – 6:00PM | D133-134

Describes how UU Wellspring™, spiritual deepening program, informed and invigorated strategic planning and social justice work at University Unitarian Church. The congregation’s expressed longing for spiritual development found expression in UU Wellspring, which then became a catalyst for transformed strategic planning, social justice work, and community partnerships.

Rev. Deborah Raible *Jennifer Bright*
Rev. Linda Kaufman *Roberta Ray*

SHOWING UP: UUS SERVING FERGUSON

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

The death of Mike Brown and the ensuing aftermath of events in Ferguson and greater St. Louis changed relationships among UUs and generated exciting new connections. Connections across geographic locations, jobs, class, age and of course race. This workshop highlights the work UUs did in partnership and following others in order to show up and serve.

Rev. Julie Taylor *Rev. Krista Taves*
Rev. Barbara Gadon *Kennard Williams*

USING INVESTMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

4:45 – 6:00PM | E141-142

Learn how the UU Common Endowment Fund uses its investments to help halt climate change, tackle economic inequality, and promote LGBT equality. Ask us questions about how we screen investments, vote with our shares, and invest in capital constrained communities. We want attendees to consider working with us on shareholder activism from their home cities and congregations.

David Stewart *Vonda Brunsting*
Tim Brennan *Laura Williams*

PASSING THE BATON: TRANSITIONS AND CONTINUITY IN LEADERSHIP

4:45 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Congregational Life, The Stewardship for Us Team, UUA Central Eastern Region, UUA Southern Region

Congregational leaders often feel as though their institutions operate not on the basis of “20 years of institutional experience,” but on the basis of “1 year of experience, 20 times over.” This workshop addresses two paths a congregation can take to break this cycle: long-term, multidiscipline planning for leader development and effective leadership transitions.

Bill Clontz *Mark Bernstein*
Connie Goodbread

BRINGING OUR PRINCIPLES TO LIFE

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

First Principle Project, UU Animal Ministry

Come build a new way for UUs to care for life on earth by participating with leaders of a movement to change the Principles. We seek the change because our Principles compel us to grow our prophetic witness and deepen our impact through reflective, spiritual, faith developmental, and experiential work all of which we will experience in this workshop.

Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner *Rev. Dr. Frances Sink*
Rev. Brock Leach *Rev. Dr. Meredith Garmon*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR TODAY’S UUS

4:45 – 6:00PM | B115-116

First Unitarian Church of Dallas

Can your adult membership articulate what it means to be a member of your church? Do they have a deep understanding of your church and it’s role in the community? Are they involved, connected, and excited about church leadership and service? Learn how First Church, Dallas is reworking their RE offerings to serve the faith development needs of their membership.

Tracy McShan
Lillian Drab-Braddick

COMMIT2RESPOND: BECOME A GREEN SANCTUARY

4:45 – 6:00PM | D135-136

Green Sanctuary Program, Multicultural Growth and Witness

Explore Green Sanctuary congregational engagement in climate justice work and Commit to Respond while attaining Green Sanctuary (Re) Accreditation. New aspects of Green Sanctuary - building cross-boundary partnerships for environmental justice, are core. Hear inspiring stories and work on strategies to partner with communities particularly vulnerable to climate disruption.

Rev. Karen Brammer

CLASS DIVERSITY: EXPLORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR THEOLOGIES

4:45 – 6:00PM | B117-119

Harvard Divinity School and UU Collegium

Join us as we explore class issues in Unitarian Universalist congregations. What insights and tools does our history offer as we seek to honor class diversity and work toward economic justice? What about our various theologies? What can class-inclusive theologies look like? Come share your experiences and ideas with this panel of historians and theologians.

Rev. Myriam Renaud *Rev. Sheri Prud’homme*
Dr. Daniel McKanan *Rev. Mark Harris*

FRIDAY

SHINING A LIGHT: SHARING RECOVERY NARRATIVES

4:45 – 6:00PM | Portland Ballroom 255

UU Addictions and Recovery Ministry Team

Sharing stories of recovery can be a transformative experience. The tradition of anonymity in many recovery groups has sometimes restricted the wider availability of these stories. Some are now choosing to shed their anonymity, challenging the shame and stigma sometimes associated with addiction and recovery while promoting awareness, understanding, and connection.

*Dr. Therissa Libby**Harriet Altman**Rev. Rod Richards***THE POWER OF ACCOMPANIMENT**

4:45 – 6:00PM | E143-144

UU Church of Arlington, Virginia

Experience the power of accompaniment, Unitarian Universalists walking in relationship with indigenous Maya Guatemalans as they organize to defend their rights against governing oligarchs and multinational corporations, and with local immigrants in the US as they struggle for economic freedom. The spiritual rewards of such human connection flow both ways.

*Juanita Cabrera Lopez**Erin FitzGerald**Megan Solis Whelan**Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles***SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE FOOD CHAIN**

4:45 – 6:00PM | F151-152

UU College of Social Justice

College of Social Justice for this interactive workshop, as we launch a new training program to unite UUs and food chain workers (in farms, restaurants, warehouses, and markets). Help build alliances across class, culture, and four key sectors to "HEAL" our broken food system: Health, Environment, Access, and Labor.

*Jose Oliva**Rev. Kathleen McTigue**Hannah Hafter***LEADERSHIP, GENDER, AND POWER IN EMERGING MINISTRIES**

4:45 – 6:00PM | D137-138

UU Community Cooperatives

"For the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house...they will never enable us to bring about genuine change," Audre Lorde. Emerging spiritual communities provide new ways to worship, build community and do justice. We'll explore building new ways of leading, learning from feminist and womanist thinkers and current women leaders at the front of new ministries.

*Rev. Heather Concannon**Xochitl Alvizo**Lee Paczulla**Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen***SERVING THE NONRELIGIOUS: A COMMUNITY-FOCUSED CONGREGATION**

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

UU Humanist Association

People leaving organized religion are finding that they still need each other. The First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis (FUS) has successfully restructured its facility access and programs to meet this need. Some exciting outreach opportunities will be described along with learnings that can be applied to "open up" UU congregations.

*Rev. Dr. David Breeden**Maria Greene**Kevin Jagoe**Dr. John Hooper***DESIGNING NEW MINISTRIES**

4:45 – 6:00PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

UU Ministers Association/UUA

In January 2015 the UUA and UUMA created a new two-year inter-faith program focused on building skills for entrepreneurial ministry. The program is a partnership with business schools around the country. One of the program themes is based on design thinking principles. Learn about the program, design thinking and meet some of our budding entrepreneurs.

*Rev. Peter Morales**Rev. Don Southworth***THINKING OUTSIDE THE MUSIC BOX: A NEW SOUNDTRACK FOR WORSHIP**

4:45 – 6:00PM | C123-124

UU Musicians Network

Treat your soul to a spirited worship/music experience. Hear stories of the ways different congregations have artfully and effectively changed their worship music culture. Be inspired to build new ways of radically inclusive worship to transform our congregations, our living tradition, and our world.

*Jennifer Hayman**Matt Meyer**Rev. David McFarland Nuttle***OUR WHOLE LIVES AND AUTISM: BUILDING A BETTER FIT**

4:45 – 6:00PM | B113-114

UUA Faith Development Office

The unique needs of Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education participants with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) present challenges and opportunities. Workshop participants will gain first-person insights about the experiences and behaviors of autistic youth and will learn how to create an Our Whole Lives program that is enjoyable for all participants.

*Dr. Melanie Davis**Ramon Selove*

FINDING OURSELVES IN THE INTERNATIONAL UU STORY

4:45 – 6:00PM | D139-140

UUA International Office

Many congregations understand their story as a very local one - but a wider vision is possible. The global U/U story spans centuries, taking place within dozens of nations. While inspiring leaders from the past continue to be guides, it's the dawning future of the story that calls for deeper engagement. Join global U/U leaders as we explore stories of our larger faith.

Arman Pedro

Rev. Terasa Cooley

Rev. Petr Samojsky

Rev. Eric Cherry

SHABBAT SERVICE

4:45 – 6:00PM | E147-148

UUs for Jewish Awareness

In this worship service we will celebrate the beauty and wisdom of Unitarian Universalism and Judaism, and explore the places where they overlap and intersect. Please join us to welcome the holiness and mindful rest of Shabbat into our hearts and our experience of General Assembly!

Rev. Kelly Asprooth-Jackson

Rev. Jay Wolin

WHY ARE YOU A UU?

4:45 – 6:00PM | A107-108

YA@GA

We all have our own stories of why we are UU. Come explore your religious identity with other young adults in this interactive workshop.

Ayla Halberstadt

Saturday 6/27 1:15 – 2:30PM

CANDIDATES FORUM

1:15 – 2:30PM | B110-112

Come meet the candidates to be elected by proclamation at the 2015 General Assembly.

PARTNERING TO END THE NEW JIM CROW

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

Michelle Alexander's, *The New Jim Crow*, focused attention on the ways that mass incarceration has led to a new racial caste system. Partners of the Ending the New Jim Crow social action group at First Unitarian Church, Portland OR, will provide insights and strategies for working together to create potential legislative, reentry, and policing reforms.

Rev. Kate Lore

Shannon Wight

Jo Ann Hardesty

Doug Cooper

PARTNERING WITH ORIGINAL NATIONS & PEOPLES: PROTECT CULTURES & THE EARTH

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, UU College of Social Justice, Lummi Nation

What can we learn from Original Nations and Peoples' views of the world? How has the claimed right of Christian Discovery and domination brought us to where we are today? How do we create healing, beneficial relationships with Original Peoples, and form alliances for tackling the cultural, environmental, and climate issues of the day and for the future?

Beth Brownfield

Jewell Praying Wolf James

Rev. Katherine Jesch

CLF WORSHIP: GENERATING COURAGE TO IMAGINE AND ACT

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

How do we create new pathways forward when we feel helpless, confused, afraid? We need one another to build courage. We need stories about times when fools rushed in, when necessity was the mother of invention...tales of power and change. Come together for stories, poetry, ritual, and rocking music.

Rev. Meg Riley

Aisha Hauser

Rev. Tom Schade

Mary Cunningham

MINI-ASSEMBLIES ON PROPOSED ACTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

1:15 – 2:30PM | D133-134, D137-138, D139-140

Commission on Social Witness

The Bylaws allow for adoption of up to 3 Actions of Immediate Witness. Each AIW Mini-Assembly is for one of the proposed AIWs admitted to the final agenda. The Mini Assembly is a chance to meet with others who are interested in a proposed AIW and is the only opportunity to propose amendments to proposed AIWs.

Dr. Susan Goekler

Rev. Christina Sillari

Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Caitlin Cotter

STORIES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF COLOR

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries

Co-editors and three Unitarian Universalist ministers of color will discuss experiences of lay Unitarian Universalists of color revealed in an upcoming book. Come to hear the stories of our journey, share your own stories and think together how to make our congregations more welcoming, inclusive and diverse.

Rev. Jonipher Kwong

Rev. Sunshine Wolfe

Rev. Carlton Smith

Yuri Yamamoto

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! A MULTIGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

Faith Development Office

People of all ages, including children, are invited to talk about money and values. What are our money stories? How do we share them across generations? How do our money choices align with our UU values? We'll use stories, art and interactive games to explore money, spirit, and life.

Patricia Infante

Elizabeth Ann Terry

Sara Lewis

Gail Forsyth-Vail

CARING FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

1:15 – 2:30PM | E143-144

Healing Moments Alzheimer's Ministry

Finding creative ways to react and respond to persons with Alzheimer's can make a difference in the quality of their lives and relationships. Providing state-of-the-art information grounded in Alzheimer's science, and teaching unique techniques drawn from spiritual practices and improvisational theatre, this workshop is enlightening, inspirational, and fun!

Rev. Laura Randall

Rev. Darrick Jackson

IT'S NOT EASY BEING UU: LET'S GET REAL ABOUT RELIGIOUS BULLYING

1:15 – 2:30PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

High Plains Church, UU

Religious bullying is one of the most consistent, yet least talked about, experiences of growing up as a Unitarian Universalist. It is time to bring this issue out of the closet and give our children and youth the tools they need to manage these difficult experiences. Join us to learn about the program we created & gain resources to bring it back to your congregation.

Jessica Laike

Kendra Burdick

Rev. Beatrice Hitchcock

Elizabeth Hitchcock

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES: TOOLS FOR HEALING

1:15 – 2:30PM | D135-136

Metro New York District

Restorative practices herald a new way for humans to have healthy communities, congregations, and relationships. Come learn the theory and promise of restorative communities, and experience one live as we practice together. With these tools you become a leader offering healing to your congregation and it's greater community.

Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner

Rev. Phil Schulman

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL POLITY AND THE MYTH OF CONGREGATIONAL AUTONOMY

1:15 – 2:30PM | B117-119

New England Region

Congregational polity is not fundamentally about autonomy or protecting individuals from spiritual coercion. This misunderstanding repels healthy people, weakens connections among churches, and perpetuates widespread suspicion about leadership. This workshop lays groundwork for a movement-wide re-covenanting process that could reunite the community of UU congregations.

Rev. Sue Phillips

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR MULTIGENERATIONAL PASTORAL CARE

1:15 – 2:30PM | B113-114

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

How does your congregation include youth in pastoral care? Religious professionals and lay leaders can use UUA chaplaincy resources for innovative pastoral care networks and comprehensive crisis management for pastoral care to and with teens. Learn from a panel of speakers how to create multigenerational pastoral care in your congregation.

John Cooper

Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams

Gil Nicholson-Nelson

Andrew Mertz

SACRED CIRCLE DANCE: MOVING MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

1:15 – 2:30PM | E147-148

Rhythmic Medicine

Experience slow, meditative movements to beautiful, inspiring music to facilitate going deeper into meditative states. Developed at a Spiritual Community in Findhorn, Scotland as a way to deepen our spiritual connection. We cannot change our world without first changing ourselves inwardly. No prior dance experience needed.

Janalea Hoffman

NEW WAYS OF EVALUATION OF MINISTERS AND MINISTRIES

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 254

UU Ministers Association/UUA

Evaluations? What, and why, are you evaluating? Sometimes, Ministries are the subject of evaluation: how well is the mission being carried out? Other times, Ministers are being evaluated: assessing individual strengths and growing edges. Learn about Fulfilling the Call and evaluation tools suitable for each purpose.

Rev. Alicia Forde

Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

Rev. Don Southworth

BOLD SPIRITEDNESS: A NEW PROPHETIC SISTERHOOD

1:15 – 2:30PM | F151-152

UU Women’s Federation

As attacks against women escalate across the country, a vibrant network of female clergy is being created to re-inspire awareness and promote congregational action around justice issues impacting women and girls. UUWF President Dr. Kirstie Lewis will also report on other transformational work and changes ahead.

Rev. Marti Keller
Dr. Kirstie Lewis

UNITED FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE: A YOUNG ADULT LED INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

1:15 – 2:30PM | C123-124

UU Young Adults for Climate Justice

A truly inter-generational worship experience that celebrates the diversity of our cultural heritage and life experiences. Climate justice calls us to find unity in the present by acknowledging lessons from our past and dreaming big for a socially just and sustainable future. Join us in worship, that every voice may be present and heard, in the spirit of a just community.

Jennifer Nordstrom *Dave Ruffin*
Tim DeChristopher *Aly Tharp*

OUR WHOLE LIVES: FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS

1:15 – 2:30PM | E141-142

UUA

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education for Grades 7-9 values Justice and Inclusion, yet despite good intentions and thoughtful strategies to include youth with disabilities, inclusion isn’t always successful. This workshop addresses some limitations of the Our Whole Lives setting, while raising practical and pastoral issues that may come up.

Dr. Melanie Davis
Suzanne Fast

YEAR ROUND PLEDGING: THE NEXT BIG THING?

1:15 – 2:30PM | B115-116

UUA Congregational Life and The Stewardship For Us Team

Feeling like your annual pledge drive needs an infusion of new energy; seeking other options? Are you considering year-round pledging? Join us as and share your intelligence as we compare a yearly drive with a year-round drive – including the administration, communication, volunteers, and the change to a new pattern.

Rev. David Pyle *Jason Kenworthy*
Mark Ewert

A BETTER WAY TO VOLUNTEER FOR JUSTICE

1:15 – 2:30PM | Portland Ballroom 255

UUSC, UU College of Social Justice, UU Young Adults for Climate Justice

Want to connect your UU passion for justice to the most urgent projects in your community and around the world? Learn about opportunities to match your skills with opportunities to become a UUSC volunteer, organize Commit2Respond activities, work as a UU College of Social Justice program leader or serve your congregation in new ways.

Rev. Brock Leach *Pamela Sparr*
Rev. Kathleen McTigue

CAMPUS MINISTRY: LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

1:15 – 2:30PM | A107-108

YA@GA

Thinking about starting or intensifying your UU outreach on a local campus? There are many levels of engagement for all kinds of congregations and communities. Attend this informal workshop and learn more about what you can do to get our life-saving faith to students!

Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken
Emily Parker

LISTENING TO LEADERSHIP: AFFIRMING YOUTH VOICES

1:15 – 2:30PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

UUA Board Trustees will listen to our youth talk together about what’s compelling for the future of Unitarian Universalism and their engagement in our movement. Youth and recently bridged young adults most welcome as participants; others most welcome as observers of the powerful governance process known as linkage.

Jim Key *Benji Janapol*
Rev. Leslie Takahashi *Christina Rivera*

Saturday 6/27 3:00 – 4:15PM

BE A HUMMINGBIRD: A MULTIGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TREES

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 256-257

A story told by Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai shows us that every person can take action, even seemingly small ones, to care for the earth. This workshop for children, youth and adults will focus on trees as providers of life and inspire all ages with story, games, song and art.

Cathy Cartwright *Pat Kahn*
Lavenue Family

SATURDAY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVENESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 202

A small group in a suburban congregation organized to raise awareness and understanding about domestic violence within their community. Through exploring this congregation's journey, workshop participants will receive information about domestic violence, insight into related cultural dynamics, and tools to ensure that our congregations are appropriately responsive.

Celeste Plumlee, MSW, MPA

Molly McNamara, MSW

DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

3:00 – 4:15PM | D137-138

Countering oppression and working for justice is core to our faith. Far too often people with privilege get stuck in guilt, critique, and tear down culture. How can we create supportive and healthy leadership and culture that enables more and more of us to be effective in our anti-oppression/collective liberation work in our congregations and communities.

Chris Crass

GA CHOIR REHEARSAL IV

3:00 – 4:15PM | C123-124

The fourth of four choir rehearsals in preparation for Sunday worship events. Choir participants must register for choir upon their arrival at GA.

Bertram Gulhaugen

David Servias

YOU ARE HOME: SUPPORTING UU YOUTH/ YOUNG ADULTS OF COLOR

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 203

Providing a home and safe space for Youth and Young Adults of Color in our congregations and other UU faith communities is our call. How do we support resiliency practices in times of crises while developing leadership skills for the transformation of our faith and world today and tomorrow. Come join a conversation with DRUUMM and the UUA Youth and Young Adult Office.

Elandria Williams

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Bart Frost

SPIRITUAL MEMOIR AS A VEHICLE TO INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

3:00 – 4:15PM | E143-144

Beacon Press

Telling and listening stories facilitates multicultural, multigenerational, interfaith community. Try telling a story & hearing several. Facilitators are Martha Ertman, law professor & author of *Love's Promises: How Formal & Informal Contracts Shape All Kinds of Families* (Beacon 2015) & Alayna Waldrum, housing activist.

Martha Ertman

Alayna Waldrum

BUILDING POWERFUL COLLABORATION WITH NATIVE NATIONS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 201

Commit2Respond

Lummi Nation leaders & allies share their direct experience about current and future challenges, the opportunities generated by climate change, and the intersection with social and environmental justice. Through a "Witness" response process, with Rev. Kurt Kuhwald, Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck, Rev. Kate Lore, they will dialogue about forming effective, and lasting coalitions.

Councilman Jay Julius

Deborah Cruz

Jewell Praying Wolf James

Dr. Kurt Russo

TEACHING YOUR HEART: LITURGICAL PEDAGOGY FOR CHALLENGING TIMES

3:00 – 4:15PM | Oregon Ballroom 204

Meadville Lombard Theological School

Every congregation is a community learning how to be alive and useful in the world. The Fahs Collaborative Laboratory for Faith Formation is pioneering creative strategies that can transcend the stubborn problems of community life. Join us as we model how to shift problems into possibilities.

Dr. Mark A. Hicks

Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CHOICE AND JUSTICE

3:00 – 4:15PM | B115-116

Multicultural Growth and Witness

This worship service is for all who labor for reproductive and sexual justice, including LGBTQ equity and comprehensive sexuality education. We gather to honor each other and our history, and recommit to an ever more united and powerful movement. Join us to share in ritual, meditation, storytelling, and celebration.

BEACONS OF LOVE: INSPIRE AND FUND UU CHANGEMAKERS

3:00 – 4:15PM | D135-136

Standing on the Side of Love, UUA

This workshop will model creative entrepreneurship for people engaged with UU social justice work. Four to six social justice advocates will “pitch” their ideas for innovative identity-based social justice activities to the crowd. Join us for this fun, interactive workshop.

Jennifer Toth

Nora Rasman

E-GIVING: CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

3:00 – 4:15PM | B117-119

The Stewardship For Us Team and UUA Congregational Life

Relying on old ways to collect donations inhibits giving, doesn’t fit with how we actually handle money in 2015, and it really doesn’t work for Congregations and Beyond. You have a wide array of options! Come explore them, with costs and practical start-up information, for electronic giving.

Bill Clontz

Mark Ewert

THE MANY FACES OF COMMUNITY MINISTRY

3:00 – 4:15PM | F151-152

UU Ministers Association/UU Society For Community Ministry/UUA

For centuries ministry has happened inside and outside congregations. This workshop will highlight stories of entrepreneurial ministry in three different settings. What have these entrepreneurial ministers learned about themselves, their calls, Unitarian Universalism and the changing religious landscape? And how might these lessons help us in this new era.

Rev. Tandi Rogers

Rev. Don Southworth

Rev. Brock Leach

Rev. Michelle Walsh

PASSING 28TH AMENDMENT: CORPORATIONS AREN’T PERSONS, MONEY ISN’T SPEECH

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 251-252-253-258

UUs for a Just Economic Community

Thom Hartmann, popular national talk show host and author, updates us on the national movement to pass the 28th Amendment. A panel/workshop and Q&A will follow highlighting actions by UU Congregations and other communities nationwide in support of 2013 AIW: “Amend the Constitution - Corporations are not Persons and Money is not Speech.”

Thom Hartmann

Kindra Muntz

Michael Greenman

Judith Pedersen-Benn

COMMIT2RESPOND: ADVANCE THE RIGHTS OF CLIMATE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

3:00 – 4:15PM | E141-142

UUSC & UU-UNO

Climate change affects our ability to live and thrive in a myriad of obvious and subtle ways. People living in poverty and in vulnerable and ecologically fragile areas are bearing the brunt of these negative effects. Learn how to address the key threats climate change poses to basic human rights in the US and around the world in this lively, interactive workshop.

Pamela Sparr

Kamila Jacob

GA TALKS - VISIONS OF COMMUNITY

3:00 – 4:15PM | Portland Ballroom 254

Young Adults @ GA

Hear Revs. Catie Scudera and Molly Housh Gordon’s talk “Mary Safford is My Homegirl,” where they’ll connect dots of women in ministry from the Iowa Sisterhood to visions of community today. Rev. Marisol Caballero’s “Real-izing God’s Kin-dom on Earth” draws from the work of mujerista theologian, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz.

Rev. Marisol Caballero

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

Rev. Catie Scudera

Kenny Wiley

TAKE ME TO CHURCH

3:00 – 4:15PM | A105-106

Youth Caucus

Your chance to articulate your ideal version of church. How would you build a new way for Unitarian Universalists to make a difference in the world? Share the values and principles most important to you in a faith community. Learn from others across the country. Meet Ware Lecturer Cornel West!

Morgan Day

Emma Lyons

SATURDAY