April 4th – 7th, 2018 in New York City

This annual intergenerational seminar brings together people from all over North America to work together and learn more about being global activists. Through interactive panel discussions, workshops, worship, and community building activities, participants will be equipped to understand and respond to today’s pressing issues.

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Participant Covenant for Intergenerational Spring Seminar

Policy on Sexuality and Community for All Participants

While sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people’s lives, there are times and places where sexual behavior is inappropriate. This policy seeks to create a healthy and safe space for all participants. Exclusive relationships detract from the community. All participants must abide by the following policies:

- Participants must respect each other’s physical boundaries.
- Participants shall refrain from sexual, seductive or erotic behavior while at the event.
- Sexual behavior between participants at the event and sexual harassment are not permitted and will not be tolerated.
  - Any harassment regarding race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability will not be tolerated. Such harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. In addition, sexual advances, jokes, explicit or offensive pictures, requests for sexual favors, sexting, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment.
- The event leadership team is responsible for ensuring this policy is enforced.

Parents/guardians are invited to discuss this policy with youth.

Code of Ethics for Adults

Adults who work with youth are in positions of power and play a key role in the spiritual and identity development of younger members of the community. Therefore, it is especially important that adults be qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that will enable youth to develop a healthy, positive sense of self and responsibility. Youth and adults suffer damaging effects when adults become sexually involved with young persons in their care; therefore, adults will not engage in any physical, sexual, seductive, erotic or romantic behavior with youth. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior with youth which constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. In cases of violation of this code, appropriate action will be taken.

Adults are expected to identify and report suspicion of use or possession of illegal substances, harassment, abuse, and sexual or other misconduct, and will not engage in such behaviors themselves. In addition to their reporting obligations to the UUA, certain UUA employees are mandated reporters of suspected abuse or neglect of students as specified by applicable state law.

Behavioral Guidelines for Participants

- Respect the Policy on Sexuality and Community and Code of Ethics for Adults above.
- No drugs, weapons, or alcohol.
- No pets.
- All participants will remain on-site during the event.
- Adults must remain in the role of advisor at all times.
- Participants must provide all requested, signed permission and release forms.
About Intergenerational Spring Seminar 2018

Social justice is an integral part of our beliefs as Unitarian Universalists. Our seven principles revolve around the idea that every person both deserves and needs respect, and that it is our duty to ensure that those needs are met. Every spring, UUs and others from the United States and beyond come together for the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office’s Intergenerational Seminar. Our goal is not only to learn about the injustices of this world, but also to figure out how to stop them.

Together, we can be a very strong force. Each year focuses on a different social justice topic. Past themes have included international criminal justice, sexual orientation and gender identity, indigenous rights, and most recently race and inequality.

This year’s Spring Seminar, titled **When Crisis Calls: Advancing Just Migration for All**, we will consider interfaith engagement with issues such as what we as individual people of faith can do about the global refugee crisis, how does society work within seemingly legal frameworks to criminalize aspects of a person's identity (such as their religion, their race, their immigration status, their country of origin, their sexual orientation, etc.), and how faith and migration are interconnected in today's political climate and across history.

Programming will be interactive, encouraging participants to reflect on how the topics addressed affect them in their lives, their spirituality, and how they are called to respond. Moving from ideas to concrete action, participants will learn tools and skills to help them with future collaboration and activism. Each person will participate in an intergenerational Collaboration Group, touching base periodically throughout the seminar to reflect on and process the issues discussed.

At the end of the seminar, participants will use new-found knowledge to collaboratively draft a statement to be delivered to the United Nations and to Unitarian Universalist congregations around the world. We are committed to global equality and support the United Nations in this endeavor.

We hope to leave this year’s seminar motivated and empowered to work with our communities and leaders to make a better world for both our generation and future generations to come.

We are proud to be partnering with the **Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice** (uucsj.org) in the planning and programming for this Spring Seminar!

This project is funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.
Seminar Staff

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar is led by a team of Deans who work with the UU-UNO Staff and volunteer Planning Committee to make the Seminar possible. The Deans for this year’s Seminar are Max Solomon-Frye (Senior Youth Dean), Pablo deVos-Deak (Junior Youth Dean), and Lynda Wilson (Adult Dean).

Our Spring Seminar Chaplain Team is available throughout the Seminar to support participants and ensure that the Seminar is a rich and rewarding experience for everyone here. Chaplains will be wearing pink bandanas at all times – please don’t hesitate to reach out to them in case you’re feeling overwhelmed, unsure or uncomfortable about something, or you just need someone to talk to.

ALL PROGRAMS & SCHEDULE ARE TENTATIVE

• Wednesday •

April 4\textsuperscript{th}, 2018

Wednesday evening programming will take place at HI New York, 891 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025

** Registration Open from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm: New York Room **

7:00 pm – Welcome and Orientation  
HINY Ballroom

8:30 pm – Evening Worship  
HINY Ballroom

9:30 pm – Youth Bonding Time  
HINY Ballroom
ALL PROGRAMS & SCHEDULE ARE TENTATIVE

• Thursday •

April 5th, 2018

Thursday programming will take place at the Community Church of New York, 40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016. For transportation instructions see pages 14 & 16.

** Registration Open from 7:00 am – 9:00am in the Lobby of Community Church**

8:30 am – Morning Welcome and Worship
Hall of Worship

9:45 am – Collaboration Group Meetings

11:15 am – Keynote speaker
Hall of Worship

12:00 pm – Lunch
Assembly Hall

1:45 pm – Workshop 1

3:15 pm – Workshop 2

4:45 pm – Identity Reflection Conversations
Assembly Hall/Chapel/Conference room

6:30 - Dinner
Assembly Hall

7:30 - Evening performance
Assembly Hall

9:00 - Youth downtime/unwind activity
HINY Ballroom

9:45 - Evening worship for Youth
HINY Ballroom
ALL PROGRAMS & SCHEDULE ARE TENTATIVE

• Friday •

April 6th, 2018

Friday morning programming will take place at the Church Center of the United Nations 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017. For transportation instructions see page 15.

** Registration Open from 7:00 am – 9:00 am: Lobby of the UN Church Center**

8:30 am: Morning worship
   Chapel (1st Floor)

- Travel to the UN Headquarters -

10:30 am – Theme Panel at the UN
   UN Headquarters

- Break for Lunch & Travel to Community Church -

Friday afternoon programming will take place at the Community Church of New York
   40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

1:45 pm – Workshop 3
   Assembly Hall

3:15 pm – Collaboration Group Meetings

5:15 pm – Youth night on the town

5:30 pm - Dinner with Global UU Theologians
   For Religious Professionals Only

7:30 pm – Optional film screening
   HINY Ballroom

9:45 pm - Youth Evening Unwind Time
   HINY Ballroom
**ALL PROGRAMS & SCHEDULE ARE TENTATIVE**

- **Saturday** -
  
  April 7th, 2018
  
  Saturday programming will take place at the Community Church of New York, 40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016. For transportation instructions see pages 14 & 16.

  **Registration Open from 8:00am-9:00am in the lobby**

  **8:30am - Morning worship**
  
  Hall of Worship

  **10:15 am – Collaboration Groups Meetings**

  **12:00 pm – Closing & Taking it Home**

  - **Break for Lunch** -

  **3:00 pm - Theological Dialogues “Freedom and Resistance”**
  
  (open to the public)
PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Collaboration Group Meetings
Thursday, 9:45 am – 10:45 am
Friday 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm
Saturday 10:15 am – 11:45 am
The collaboration group meetings will be an opportunity for seminar participants to connect with each other on a smaller group basis throughout the conference. Participants will be divided up into groups of 9 or 10 participants and will have a space to share and discuss their thoughts and concerns on the topics of the seminar.

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
For Youth & Sponsors Only - Welcome and Orientation
Wednesday, 7pm – 8:30 pm, Ballroom
As we come together for our time of work, we will be challenged personally and collectively. In order to hold each other in a safe space to explore and grown, we create a covenant – A set of promises of how we will behave with one another and support one another in our work. This will be created collaboratively as one of our first acts as a group.

Thursday, April 5, 2018
Morning Welcome and Worship
Thursday, 8:30am-9:30am, Hall of Worship
Join us for opening worship as we bring our minds, spirits, and hearts together in preparation for our days together. Amidst the chaos of our daily lives, and all the noise, confusion, and fear of the current political climate, we join in the spirit of this community present at the 2018 Spring Seminar to build bridges toward our common vision of a world filled with the transforming power of justice and love.

Keynote Speaker
Thursday, 11:15am-12:00pm, Hall of Worship
Speaker to be confirmed!

For Religious Professionals Only - Networking Lunch
Thursday 12:15pm-1:45pm, Location TBD
Get to know one another over lunchtime conversations.

Workshop 1a - “Criminalization and the Migrant’s Journey”
Thursday, 1:45pm-2:45pm
Explore the ways in which various identities impact individuals in terms of marginalization and violence, including the intersection of multiple identities, particularly on refugees. The workshop will conclude with discussion of a few goals regarding what we can do in order to reach the ultimate goal of the elimination of identity marginalization.

Workshop 1b - “Inside the Rohingya Refugee Crisis”
Thursday, 1:45pm-2:45pm
Learn about what is happening in Burma and Bangladesh relating to the Rohingya refugees and the persecution they are facing, as well as what is being done by international organizations to address this crisis.

For Religious Professionals Only - “Faithful Engagement with the Global Migration Crisis”
Thursday 1:45pm-4:15pm
This workshop will prompt exploration of the participants' thoughts and feelings about the global migration crisis. It will further investigate how hearts and minds in each religious professional setting can be brought to bear on this crucial topic, and what kinds of concrete support can be provided.

Workshop 2a - “Love Resists”
Thursday, 3:15pm-4:15pm
Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice. Learn about grassroots organizing in this current political moment and how spirituality and faith communities can be active in creating partnerships to resist.

Workshop 2b - “Congregational Involvement in Refugee Support”
Thursday, 3:15pm-4:15pm
Unitarian Universalist congregational leaders will share the action they have taken to support refugees locally. Based on their experience, they will offer advice and guidance to other congregational leaders interested in taking on similar endeavors.

Identity Reflection Conversations
Thursday, 4:45pm-6:15pm
Participants will gather in race-based affinity groups for structured conversations about race and migration. We will explore issues and responses to migration as it relates on a personal level.

Evening Performance - Refugee performance group
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office UUA.org/UN unitednations@uua.org
Thursday, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Assembly Hall

For Youth & Sponsors Only - Downtime/unwind activity
Thursday, 9:00pm-10:00pm, Ballroom

For Youth & Sponsors Only - Evening worship
Thursday, 10:00pm-10:30pm, Ballroom

Friday, April 6, 2018

Morning Worship - “Spirituality and Refugee Action”
Friday, 8:30am-9:15am, UN Church Center
This Friday morning worship service offers participants a chance to reflect on the learning of the first day of the Seminar. Through ritual and song, participants will prepare themselves spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually for another day of exploration and growth.

Theme Panel - “Global Movements for Refugees”
Friday, 10:30am-12:00pm, UN Conference Room
Representatives from UN agencies and others connected with refugee policy and response address international policies towards refugees and recommendations for global responses to increased numbers of people forced to migrate due to climate change, conflicts, and other causes.

Workshop 3a - “Combatting Misinformation Relating to Migration”
Friday 1:45pm-2:45pm, Assembly Hall
Immigration issues can lead to misinformation and the prevalence of prejudices in our societies. In this interactive workshop, we will practice responding to misinformation, researching topics relating to migration, and interacting with “news reporters” to correct inaccurate information.

Workshop 3b - Refugee Voices
Friday, 1:45pm-2:45pm, Hall of Worship
Listen to the personal stories of refugees from around the world, how their lives have changed from their home countries to where they live today.

For Youth & Sponsors Only - Youth Night on the Town
Friday, 5:15pm-9:45pm
For Religious Professionals Only - “Dinner with Global UU Theologians”
Friday, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Hear from global Unitarian/Universalist theologians who will be speaking on Saturday afternoon about “Freedom & Resistance” and get to know our global faith in an informal dinner and conversation.

Optional - Film Screening
Friday, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, Hostelling International Ballroom
The film will be focusing on the global migration crisis. Specific film tbd!

For Youth & Sponsors Only - Evening Unwind Time
Friday, 9:45pm-10:30pm, HINY Ballroom

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Saturday Morning Worship
Saturday, 8:30am-9:45am, Community Church Hall of Worship
The final worship of the 2018 Intergenerational Seminar!

Closing & Taking it Home
Saturday, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Community Church UU
Seminar Staff will lead participants in a closing activity to keep the energy alive as we wrap up the seminar and get ready to travel home.

Theological Dialogues (open to the public) - “Torda 450 Freedom and Resistance”
Saturday, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Community Church UU
This dialogue will focus on how U/U theology guides and sustains us as leaders and partners in #Resistance movements.
TRANSPORTATION

Instructions from HINY (891 Amsterdam Avenue) to the Community Church of New York UU (40 E 35th St)

- Coming from the HI New York City Hostel, walk to the 103 Street Station; a left out of the hostel, cross Amsterdam Ave, and walk down W 103 St., right turn onto Broadway and station will be on your right.
- Take the B train going downtown (towards Brighton Beach) for nine stops.
- Get off at 34th St - Herald Sq and exit the station.
- Walk East on W 34th St until you get to 5th Ave. Make a left on 5th Ave and walk toward toward E 35th Street. Once you hit E 35th St make a right and continue for one and a half blocks. The Church should be on your right.

Instructions from the Community Church of New York UU (40 E 35th St) to HINY (891 Amsterdam Avenue)

- Walk West on E 35th St until you get to 5th Ave. Then turn left and walk toward E 34th St. Once you’re at E 34th St turn right and continue walking until you reach 34th St - Herald Sq station.
- Take the B train from 34th St going uptown (towards Bedford Park Blvd.) for nine stops.
- Get off at 103rd St and exit the station.
• Walk East on 103rd St until you reach Amsterdam Ave. Then take a left and walk for a couple of minutes and the hostel should be on your right.

Instructions from HINY (891 Amsterdam Avenue) to UN/Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza)
• Coming from the HI New York City Hostel, walk to the 103 Street Station; a left out of the hostel, cross Amsterdam Ave, and walk down W 103 St., right turn onto Broadway and station will be on your right.
• Take the 1 train going downtown (towards South Ferry) for eight stops.
• Get off at Times Sq. - 42nd St.
• Transfer to the 7 train going East (towards Flushing - Main St) for two stops.
• Get off at Grand Central and exit the station following the signs for the Metro North.
• Take a left and walk East on 42nd St towards Lexington Ave. Continue walking until 1st St then make a left. Walk until you get to E 44th St. Make a left turn on E 44th St and the door should be immediately on your left.

Instructions from the UN/Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza) to the Community Church of New York UU (40 E 35th St)
• Walk up 44th street (away from the United Nations) until you get to Lexington Avenue. Turn left and walk to 43rd street. The entrance to Grand Central station will be directly in front of you on the opposite side of the street.
• Take the 6 train from Grand Central going downtown (towards Brooklyn Bridge - City Hall) for one stop.
• Get off at 33rd St and exit the station.
• Walk along Park Avenue towards 35th street. Turn left on 35th street and the church will be on your left.
Instructions from the Community Church of New York UU (40 E 35th St) to HINY (891 Amsterdam Avenue)

- Exit the Church and take a left. Continue walk along 35th street towards 6th avenue. Make a left and walk to 34th street. Get into the 34th Street - Herald Square Subway Station.
- Take the B train from 34th St - Herald Sq. going uptown (toward Bedford Park Blvd.) for nine stops.
- Get off at 103rd St. and exit the station.
- Walk up 103rd (away from the park). Continue straight until you get to Amsterdam Avenue and then turn right. HINY is immediately on your right.
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Learn more about the International Staff Group at the Unitarian Universalist Association

The UU United Nations Office has held a prominent place at the United Nations since 1962, advocating for UU values on the global stage. By engaging every day with Member States, organizations, and agencies and speaking out in defense of human rights for those who are oppressed, the UU-UNO works to ensure that action being taken on global platforms is inclusive, fair, and grounded in compassion. In all our initiatives we work closely with UU congregations around the US and Canada who are active in their local contexts while having a global impact. The annual Intergenerational Spring Seminar in New York City is a particularly meaningful way for youth and adults to connect with this important work at the United Nations and includes many opportunities for deeper involvement. UUA.org/UN

The UUA International Resources Office is here to provide resources and guidance within the wide breadth of international programs and causes – assisting congregations in finding ways to answer our sixth principle’s call to reach out beyond church walls and borders. We maintain and develop linkages with historic and new U/U communities around the world, connecting your congregation to the story of our global faith, our “Global U/U Story.” Our International Resources Office helps congregations in the US understand the rich history and theology of global Unitarian/Universalism. The Resources Office works very closely with the UU International Joint Working Group, a collaboration with the UU Partner Church Council and the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. Explore these connections by holding a special international engagement worship service. UUA.org/International

The UU Holdeen India Program works in solidarity with India’s most oppressed and marginalized communities as they struggle to assert their rights. A pioneer in social justice grant-making for over 32 years, we have worked with over 100 partner organizations striving to build a more just society in India. These groups have been at the forefront of campaigns for the rights of those branded as untouchables, indigenous communities, impoverished working women, and other marginalized groups. In addition to grant-making, the Holdeen India Program facilitates volunteer opportunities, learning trips, and other ways for members of UU congregations to experience the courageous work of our partners in India. We invite you to join us in the global struggle against injustice. UUA.org/Holdeen