

**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 225

**#3014 Creative Dramatics in Worship and in Class**

The best source for creative dramatics is the students or adult participants themselves. This workshop will explore ways to create vignettes through movement and improvisation which bring visual and kinesthetic elements to our endeavors.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 262

**#3015 Jericho Road: Unlocking Your Parishoners' Potential for Change**

Jericho Road is a UU-inspired non-profit organization that unleashes the volunteer power of suburban parishioners with customized, managed, and safe volunteer opportunities with non-profit organizations that need them. Come learn about the Jericho model and how you can use the power of your parishioner community to change the world.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 220

**#3016 Breakthrough Congregation: UU Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes**

Bearing Fruit: Faith, Finances, Food. Hear from leaders of the UU Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes (Tamworth, NH), a congregation designated as a "Breakthrough Congregation" by the UUAs Growth Team.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 229

**#3017 Community Capacity Building - New Directions in International Partnership**

Community capacity building equips UU partner congregations with tools, ideas and training that allows them to become the architects and managers of community development within their broader communities. Through video and story, learn about this emerging program and the impact it has on community life.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 264

**#3018 Welcoming Our Eldest Elders**

Why do our eldest elders drop out of congregational activities? What needs are we not meeting? Do we speak without microphones, have activities at night, not address elders' spiritual development needs? Our eldest elders have always supported their congregations; now it's our congregations' turn to support them.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 223

**#3019 Class, Caste, Race, and Gender in Disasters from Katrina to Aceh**

All over the world, lives were changed and destroyed last year by natural and man-made disasters. Learn from UUSC partners how armed conflict and disaster hit certain groups much harder than others, how relief favors particular groups, and how people organize to claim their rights to relief and reconstruction.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 224

**#3020 Forward Through the Ages: A New Stewardship Development Program**

Forward Through the Ages is an exciting new, multiyear program created by Wayne to guide congregations through

five phases of stewardship development: 1)Stewardship Education, 2)Joyful Giving, 3)Ministry and Good Works, 4)the Annual Budget Drive and 5)Planned Giving. Wayne seeks three congregations to participate in a pilot study. Applications will be available. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 266

**#3021 Introduction to Small Group Ministry**

Small Group Ministry (SGM) or Covenant Groups are being used successfully in hundreds of congregations to build community and encourage deeper spiritual exploration. This workshop will provide an introduction to the SGM, how and why it works, and to the essential components of a healthy SGM program.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 241

**#3022 Governance and Transformational Leadership**

We will address the needs of both governance and organization within our congregations from the perspective of transformational leadership. We will discuss power, authority and decision making models; recognizing that size does not matter as much as a congregations mission/vision. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 230

**#3023 UU Faith Communities Today Survey: What You Said**

497 of our congregations responded to this survey. Come find out what we learned about worship, programs, outreach and becoming a member, congregational identity, congregational participation and leadership. Explore congregational growth and decline. Consider how congregational size matters. Think about what it means to be a vital congregation. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 267

**#3024 How Can All Congregational Leaders Work Together on Justice Issues**

How can congregations build systems that allow all their leaders and advocates - lay leaders, congregational ministers, lay ministers, religious educators, administrators and musicians - to work together on social witness issues in our communities? Sponsored by the Professional Leadership Coordinating Council, a new UU organization to help professional leaders work together more effectively.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 267

**#3071 Chalice Lighter, Burning Brighter**

Come learn about the unique Chalice Lighter Program in MetroNY District. Not only does our program successfully raise funds for growth initiatives, it also forms strong bonds between congregations. How? Our grant congregations send goodwill ambassadors to other congregations, inspiring donors with their vision during worship. Everyone learns and grows!

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 121

**#3072 Meeting the MFC**

For those planning a Ministerial Fellowship Committee interview, and other interested persons, this is an opportunity to meet some members of the committee, ask

questions, and discuss issues of interest.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 260

**#3073 Policy Based Governance: A Success Story in Progress**

Lay and ministerial leaders of the 530-member Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley share keys to their progress and potential pitfalls of Policy Based Governance, after almost two years of using and evolving the model. Data, diagrams, and the results of an independent lay review committee will be available.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 263

**#3074 Revelation in Movies: Where Mythology and History Intersect**

In the guise of entertainment, great movies are mass sermons that use paradigms of mythology to guide us through our cultural conflicts. Using clips from various masterpieces, the author of "Life, Myth, and the American Family Unreeling" will explore how good movies work in the back of our minds to "right" our consciousness

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 261

**#3075 Harvesting Justice: You, Your Congregation & the Farmworkers**

The people who harvest our food are exploited and abused. In their fight for fair treatment, consumer support is critical. Learn what you and your congregation can do to put justice on the table.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 228

**#3076 Building a UU College?!**

Research shows that 49 postsecondary educational institutions were established by Unitarian and Universalists since the 1700s but none of the colleges are currently affiliated with Unitarian Universalism. This brainstorming session will ask UUs of all ages whether or not we should build the first official UU liberal arts college.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 280

**#3077 Campaign for Commercial-Free Childhood**

Representatives from the Campaign for Commercial-Free Childhood, a national coalition of health care professionals, educators, advocacy groups and concerned parents, will explain the latest efforts to counter the harmful effects of marketing to children. This workshop will focus on how local Unitarian Universalist congregations can start a CCFC chapter.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 230

**#3078 Interfaith Impact Reframes the Issues in New York**

Interfaith Impact of New York State advocates for justice and human rights from a progressive religious perspective. The Rev. Richard Gilbert, former president of IINYS and Social Justice Coordinator for the St. Lawrence District, and Robb Smith, Executive Director of IINYS, will discuss the challenges and rewards of interfaith organizing.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 266

**#3079 People Poverty Power**

UUs stand for economic justice. This interactive workshop explores relationship of people-poverty-power to the UN Millennium Development Goal to eradicate extreme poverty. We seek to share congregation experiences of local-global linkages. Jyl Josephson, director of Women Studies at Rutgers University-Newark, emphasizes community organizing, gender and poverty.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 226

**#3080 Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism**

What is the Jesus path within Unitarian Universalism, and how do UUs relate to Christian tradition? Presentations by and about authors of recent Skinner House books. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 227

**#3081 DEEP-TIME EYES: Evolutionary Inspiration for Troubled Times**

This high-energy presentation by Rev. Michael Dowd, "America's evolutionary evangelist" explores how the 14 billion year epic of evolution can inspire us (individually and collectively) to harness collective intelligence and co-create a just, healthy, beautiful, and sustainably lifegiving future for all species.

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**Friday 7:00 am - 7:30 am**

Worship: Renaissance Grand Pershing/Lindell

**#3001 Spiritual Practices**

A less formal worship experience offered by the chaplains every morning. This is a small group experience which will reflect the early morning preferences of the chaplain. If a quiet meditation is in progress, late arrivees will be directed to the meditation room.

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**Friday 8:00 am - 8:30 am**

Worship: America's Center Hall 3

**#3002 What Are You Doing Here?**

As silence graces the mountain-top, Elijah steps to the cave entrance. A voice breaks the silence, asking, "What are you doing here?" In the search for right relationship we will encounter such moments of silence, followed by this very potent question. Our answer will make all the difference.

Rev. Josh Pawelek serves the UU Society of East Manchester, CT.

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**Friday 8:00 am - 8:30 am**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

**#3003 Friday (morning) Youth Delegate Strategy Session**

Youth delegates will be briefed on the issues in front of the GA Plenary. If the Youth Caucus has decided to take action on an item at FUN TIMES, youth delegates will use this time to review and finalize the statement and develop a strategy for mobilizing.

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**Friday 8:30 am - 10:30 am**

Plenary: America's Center Hall 3

**#3004 Plenary III**

Moderator Gini Courterpresides over the daily plenary sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda book for details on the specific items which will be addressed.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Lecture: America's Center 228

**#3005 Community Ministry: Its Roots and**

## Promise

These difficult times are calling growing numbers of community ministries into being. Authors of new book on UU community ministry share stories, history, and theology of this movement to apply UU values in the world, plus visions and challenges of bringing this emerging form of ministry to its full potential.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Lecture: America's Center 265

#### **#3006 Indian Mounds and White Responses**

Lifting the veil of white denial on the largest North American city in 1000 AD, Cahokia, which is across the river from St. Louis.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Mini-Assembly: America's Center 122

#### **#3007-3 Mini-Assembly: Bylaws and Business Resolutions 3**

(same as last year) This is your opportunity to discuss changes to Bylaw amendments and business resolutions in a small group setting before they come to the Plenary floor. All are welcome.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Mini-Assembly: America's Center 121

#### **#3007-2 Mini-Assembly: Bylaws and Business Resolutions 2**

(same as last year) This is your opportunity to discuss changes to Bylaw amendments and business resolutions in a small group setting before they come to the Plenary floor. All are welcome.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Mini-Assembly: America's Center 120

#### **#3007-1 Mini-Assembly: Bylaws and Business Resolutions 1**

(same as last year) This is your opportunity to discuss changes to Bylaw amendments and business resolutions in a small group setting before they come to the Plenary floor. All are welcome.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 275

#### **#3008 A Report on Youth Ministry in Our Association**

Ministry with youth enriches our UU communities. Since the Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth began in 2005, youth throughout the Association have been surveyed and hundreds of congregations have held intergenerational dialogues about their youth ministry. Members of the task force will report on the lessons learned so far, how the process will move forward in the next year, and ways for you to be involved.

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 231

#### **#3009 Investment Planning 201**

A representative of Fidelity Investments will demonstrate the firm's new user-friendly program for making sound investment choices. This complimentary service, "Fidelity Retirement Income Advantage," will help all retirement plan participants assess their financial "health" and develop strategies to enhance it and build an income plan for retirement

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### Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Workshop: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 5 & 6

#### **#3010 Young Adult Caucus #3**

Gathering for all young adults (ages 18-35) for education, advocacy, networking, and creating a common voice. YA Caucus Meetings happen every day at general assembly

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 261

**#3011 What's It Really Like?**

UU's are considered open minded when it comes to bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender issues. But what is it really like for BLGT clergy in our association of congregations? Come hear the panel talk about their experiences.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 276

**#3012 Growing UU Congregations In A Post Denominational World**

Can we achieve significant growth in today's religious/cultural climate some describe as the slow death of American denominationalism and the rise of conservative religion? Bill McKinney, President of the Pacific School of Religion and noted sociologist of religion will review developments on the religious scene since publication of his 1987 book,"American's Mainline Religion" and the implications for UU and liberal religion.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 240

**#3013 LUUNA, Justice, and Diversity in Our Congregations**

There are Hispanics/Latinos(as) to be found in our congregations now. Still others would find our message of faith and justice attractive. What would we need to do to attract more individuals from this growing minority group within the US? What would it take to be truly diverse?

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 263

**#3025 Defending the Right to Vote**

New forms of suppression are a growing threat to voter participation. John Hickey, Executive Director, and Joanne Bennett, Voter Registration Supervisor, from the Missouri Citizen Education Fund will share strategies and inspiration drawn from their highly effective work. UUA staff will discuss efforts to renew the Voting Rights Act.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 232

**#3026 Great Heart Awakening**

Compassionate cooperation as evolutionary trend; This passion-filled program by Rev. Michael Dowd, one of the UUA's most popular presenters, examines evolution's tendency toward ever more cooperative, interdependent modes over time and the implications of this for ecological ethics, activism, and expanding our circles of care and commitment.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 260

**#3027 Womanspirit, Sisterspirit: Towards Right Relationship Among Ourselves**

What do our spiritual beliefs call us to do? Nancy Vedder-Shults will facilitate a panel discussion to explore the relationship between our spiritual wisdom and our social action. This feminist panel, from diverse parts of our movement and various spiritual traditions (Christian, Buddhist, Humanist, Earth-Centered), includes noted ethicist Sharon Welch.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

**#3028 Dismantling Chaos Session #2: Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Workshop**

Participants will also have a chance to experience basic Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Analysis building, a simple first step on the lifelong journey of Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression work. Participants will also have a chance to learn about Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression work happening within the UU youth community. This session is in a track of four workshops, held at around the same time throughout the week.

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**Friday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Worship: America's Center 274

**#3029 General Assembly Communion  
Worship Service**

You are invited for Singing, and Free Open Inclusive Communion in the Radical Hospitality of the Jesus Tradition, Invigorating Sermon, A Celebration by UU Christian Fellowship founded in 1945 and embodying 21st Century progressive Christianity. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 274

**#3030 GA Choir Rehearsal III**

Join the GA Choir! The choir rehearses every day for 75 minutes and will sing at the Closing Celebration. \$10 music fee. This year's director is Mimi Bornstein from the First Universalist Church in Rockland, ME. The accompanist is Susan Peck from Corvallis, OR.

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**Friday 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

**#3031 Youth Covenanting Groups Based on Identity**

ID Groups are a place where people can talk about racial identity and racism. YRUU is setting up ID groups for youth, organized by race, so that everyone will have a safe place to grow and be challenged as we continue to work towards ending racism inherent in our society.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Lecture: America's Center 263

**#3032 Spiritualism and Religious Naturalism**

Aaron Payson, minister in Worcester, has been studying the life and works of Andrew Jackson Davis, a 19th Century Spiritualist medium, who had a natural view of religion that was compatible with both Universalism and rationalism. What can we learn from this remarkable figure of the past?

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Lecture: America's Center 276

**#3033 David C. Korten: The Great Turning:  
From Empire to Earth Community**

Korten, author of classic bestseller When Corporations Ruled the World and co-founder of Yes! Magazine, introduces his ground-braking new book. Here he shows how we can turn this moment of potential terminal human crisis into a new era, grounded in shared, life-affirming values of community, caring and corporation. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Performance: America's Center 228

**#3034 Notorious: Darwin and the  
Development of Liberal Religion**

His father died an unbeliever. He married a "traditional"

Unitarian who feared for her husband's soul. Agonizing over his young daughter's death and his scientific work's impact upon religious belief, Charles Darwin slowly evolved a new confidence in the guidance of his own human feelings. A dramatic presentation. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Performance: America's Center Ferrara Theater

**#3035 Meg Barnhouse and Radio Free Bubba**

The author of "Waking Up the Karma Fairy" and her performance partner give us an hilarious and moving mix of smart-mouth Southern social commentary, soulful wisdom for living in an illiberal age, and original songs like "A.D.D. Blues" and "If You Ever Get to Thinking You're Jesus." You'll leave energized!

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 241

**#3036 The Unitarian Universalist Quest for Peace**

Our Universalist roots in the Pennsylvania peace churches and the contributions of Unitarian Universalist leaders in the developing United States peace movement--- such as George DeBenneville, Benjamin Rush, Channing, Adin Ballou, Thoreau, Julia Ward Howe, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Jane Addams, John Haynes Holmes, Clarence Skinner and others.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 264

**#3037 A Health Insurance Plan For UU Congregations**

Will the UUA have a health insurance plan for ministers and other church staff? Attend this event for key information. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 223

**#3038 Community Response to Hate Crimes: St. Louis Case Study**

When a sign went up on a Missouri Interstate that indicated the KKK had adopted a section of the highway for cleanup, the community responded by lobbying the state legislature to rename the road Rosa Parks Memorial Highway...The rest is history in the making!

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 226

**#3039 Breakthrough Congregation: UU Church of Annapolis, MD**

Hear from leaders of the UU Church of Annapolis, MD, a large congregation designated as a "Breakthrough Congregation" by the UUAs Growth Team.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 231

**#3040 Staking Our Place on the Journey**

This first of two sessions will provide a presentation of the Committee's past and present work. It will include a panel of stakeholders representing various traditionally marginalized groups in an attempt to create a snapshot of the state of our Association's transformation in its anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural mandate.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 225

**#3041 Elder Cohousing -- A Natural Fit for UUs 55 and Over**

development of close-knit Elder Cohousing neighborhoods. These active, environmentally-conscious and socially-sustainable communities are created with resident input and naturally foster UU principles for a dignified, democratic and interdependent lifestyle, and encourage engaged spirituality as members "age in community" with supportive friends and neighbors. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 280

**#3042 "Travel" with Culture Camp: Teaching Peace thru Play**

Through The Culture Camp (an RE and camp curriculum), campers from toddlers to teens explore world cultures while practicing peacemaking skills. In this interactive workshop, participants will enjoy multicultural crafts, games, food and activities that encourage cooperation, communication, and conflict prevention. Come (teach peace thru) play with us!

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 242

**#3043 Preaching and the Public Ministry**

The Rev. Alma Crawford, SKSM Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship will address how Unitarian and Universalist preaching has influenced public discourse throughout history and why now is the time to reclaim our heritage of prophecy in the public square.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 275

**#3044 The Chrstian Right Globalized**

Christian Right groups from the U.S. have made global outreach an increasing priority. How do their theologies and politics affect other countries, and why should UUs care?

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 240

**#3045 Does Openness Matter?**

How does openness relate to democracy, building trust, connecting people? What information do you want about your Association? How can it be made more accessible? Whose responsibility is it to make things open? This conversation results from Rule G-2.1 – Democratic Process, passed by the GA two years ago

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 229

**#3046 Beyond Science: Ethical/Religious Dimensions of Global Warming**

What ethical choices are we called upon to make to insure equity and justice for all life? Join Donald A. Brown, Director of the Collaborative Program on Ethical Dimensions of Climate Change, Penn State University's Rock Ethics Institute, and UU Ministry for Earth to consider these dimensions of global warming.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 230

**#3047 Best Practices for Online Communication**

What can leaders of congregations proactively do to help their congregations communicate effectively with members, friends, and seekers? What policies need to be in place at the board level to help the communication work, who's in charge, and who pays for services, what can be done before crisis occurs to help congregational communication stay vibrant?

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 274

### **#3048 May This Light Shine: New UU Children's/Youth Songbook**

Come celebrate the release of the new Children's Songbook, "May This Light Shine," recently published by UUMN! We will sing many songs and explore ways to incorporate pitched, percussive instruments (handchimes, tonebells, xylophones, and boomwhackers) with some of them. No musical background needed. There's a part for everyone!

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 262

### **#3049 Accessing Women's Heritage Through Small Group Ministry**

Experience and develop Small Group Ministry Sessions that bring the lives and words of Unitarian Universalist women to today's congregations. Balance historic information and dialogue to create materials to use in your own setting, and ways to engage your own history. Take-home packet will be available.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

### **#3050 Help End the Devastation of Global Aids**

Rock star Bono tells us that our generation will be judged by how we address the devastation caused by the AIDS pandemic in developing countries. A team from the UU Global AIDS Coalition will present a movie and lead a discussion on the issues. Find out how UU youth can get involved.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 232

### **#3051 Uncommon Denomination Resources and Learnings**

An opportunity to hear more about what we've done and what we've learned as we've shared our good news through marketing campaigns in Kansas City, Houston, Dallas Fort Worth and even Times Square. We'll also talk about congregational hospitality, culture change and share information on currently available marketing resources.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 227

### **#3052 UU Statewide Advocacy Networks: Raising our Collective Voice**

In the past several years, UU statewide advocacy networks have been evolving in over a dozen states. This workshop will feature models from a variety of states about how they are organizing. Information will also be provided on all the networks, best practices, and resources for building a network.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 224

### **#3053 Spiritually Vital and Alive: Creating Inspiring Contemporary Worship**

Worship that is "spiritually vital and alive" attracts young adults, but they aren't the only people bored with "sermon sandwiches" found in most congregations. People of all ages and theologies want worship that touches our senses, hearts and souls as much as our minds. Make your worship come alive.

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**Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm**

Worship: America's Center 222

### **#3054 Worshipping Together Working**

## Together for Social Justice

Come celebrate our faith's commitment to social justice and hear Rev. Rod Richards, recipient of the 2006 Social Witness Sermon Award of the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association and the Commission on Social Witness, deliver his sermon reflecting on the 2005-2007 Study/Action Issue entitled, "Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society."

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### Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Workshop: America's Center 220

#### **#3055 Oppression Through the Lenses of Ableism and Racism**

People tend to not see connections between oppressions, and thus often deal with one form of oppression at a time, competing rather than cooperating. Using power analyses of racism and ableism in our conversation at the same time, we can bring a greater understanding of how and why oppression happens

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### Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Workshop: America's Center 267

#### **#3056 Disaster Relief - What the U.S. Can Learn**

Mihir Bhatt of All-India Disaster Mitigation Institute, UU Holdeen India/UUSC partner, describes innovative strategies that rebuild lives of the poorest following disasters like tsunamis, earthquakes in South Asia. AIDMI supports survivors to design their own recovery, and provides livelihoods, housing and employment skills by paying survivors to build their own homes.

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### Friday 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Workshop: America's Center 265

#### **#3057 Growing Our Richness, Growing in Diversity**

There are Hispanics/Latinos(as) to be found in our congregations now. Still more of this growing minority group in the US would find themselves at home in our congregations because of our values and sense of justice. What would it take to attract them? Come find out.

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### Friday 2:15 pm - 5:15 pm

Congregational Presidents: America's Center 130

#### **#3058 Congregational Presidents Workshop: Toward Right Relationship**

Congregational Presidents are invited to join the UUA Board of Trustees, President William Sinkford and Moderator Gini Courter to focus on the priorities of the Association. If your congregation does not have a "President," this reception is meant for the highest elected lay leader (Board President, Prudential Chair, etc.) and not other congregational delegates. Registration reimbursement forms for presidents' are only available at this session.

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### Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Featured Presentation: America's Center Ferrara Theater

#### **#3059 There Is More Peace Somewhere**

What would right relations between UU women and women around the world look like? Azza Karam – Senior Policy Research Advisor, UN Development Programme's Regional Bureau for Arab States – is uniquely qualified to bring us analysis, advice, and affirmation. This is peacework for every UU: individually and in congregations.

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### Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Annual Meeting: America's Center Room AB

#### **#3060 Friday FUN TIMES**

FUNTIMES: Folks Unanimously Networking To Image,

Manage, and Execute Sessions. These are the Youth Caucus business meetings!!! We call 'em FUN TIMES BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! And you don't even have to be a delegate to attend. All are invited to come to our business meetings

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Hearing: America's Center 223

**#3061 Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society: Monitoring Progress**

The 2005 GA initiated two years of study and action on "Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society." Come and learn what congregations are doing and share insights that will assist the Commission on Social Witness draft the 2007 UUA Statement of Conscience on this issue.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Lecture: America's Center 225

**#3062 Religious Naturalism: A New Theological Option**

Religious Naturalism is a new theological viewpoint that is attractive to a growing number of UUs. Clarifying its strengths and downsides, I show how Religious Naturalism relates to both classical and newer humanists, Henry Nelson Wieman, Bernard Loomer, Ralph Burhoe (founder of Zygon), Karl Peters, and Ursula Goodenough.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Performance: America's Center 274

**#3063 Sing for Faith, Restoration, & Justice - Cymbal Sings**

Cymbal's music evokes power, joy, sorrow, outrage, and unity, bringing restoration to a broken spirit. As hope is restored, we work for right relationship in a hurting world. Cymbal is a vocal quartet of Midwestern UU women. Our music highlights UU composers, affirming faith in us all. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 275

**#3064 The Religious Right: More Intrusive Now Than Ever**

This workshop examines current threats to the separation of church and state and the need to maintain a truly independent judiciary. Lynn argues that the so-called "Religious Right" has become more intrusive and belligerent than ever and that this offers unprecedented opportunities for public education and organizing, nationally and locally. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 242

**#3065 Congregational Finances: A Powerful Tool for Social Justice**

Community Investing, Shareholder Activism, Investment Screens. Each offers a powerful addition to congregational social justice strategies. But which one? How much money is needed? What committee structure is effective for launching each one? What's step one? You'll leave with an action plan to get your congregation's finances bending toward justice. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 264

**#3066 The Witness: Journey of a Faithful Fool**

A one-woman performance depicting the experience of a young woman's journey into the streets, told through the lens of the Ten Oxherding Pictures of Ancient Zen

teachings. This play is a powerful portrayal of the work and operating ethos of Faithful Fools Street Ministry. Performer is Rebecca Noon. This program is repeated on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 229

**#3067 Giving Life the Shape of Justice**

Social justice is intertwined with ecosystem protection. Earth justice recognizes those who have the least power are often most severely impacted. It also extends justice beyond humans to all beings on Earth. Join UU Ministry for Earth to explore the concept of environmental justice and consider appropriate congregational responses.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 231

**#3068 Staking Our Claim on the Future**

This second session will present the JTWTC's vision for its work with districts this coming year. We will share ideas, approaches and suggestions with congregations and others on how you can work with trained volunteers, district and UUA staff in helping move our association along our journey toward wholeness.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 265

**#3069 Helping Ourselves Through Serving**

Organizing and participating in a mission trip with youth and adults is more than helping others in need – it's about spiritual and faith development as well. Hear stories of two successful youth/adult mission trips through musical slideshows and gather ideas for organizing similar trips in your congregation.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 262

**#3070 Embodied Faith: Theological Thinking in Congregational Life**

A new paradigm in adult religious education begins with Theological language, metaphors and symbols. Unitarian Universalists tend to privilege social scientific language when describing reasons for belonging to a UU congregation or in approaching leadership development. This workshop explores dynamics of this paradigm and offers exercises for local church settings.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 241

**#3082 Strengthening Existing Small Group Ministry Programs**

Small Group Ministry or Covenant Groups, are transforming our congregations by encouraging deeper spiritual growth and the development of friendships. This workshop will focus on the leverage points for strengthening or revitalizing an existing program. We will explore how to maintain a healthy program and avoid and overcome common pitfalls. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 276

**#3083 Marriage Equality Battles in 2006**

Harry Knox, Director of the Religion and Faith Program of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and leading national expert on marriage equality, will give an overview of the marriage equality battles happening in 2006 and how UUs can best make a difference. UUA staff will contribute as well.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 222

**#3084 2006 Borden Sermon Awards**

Lisa Sargent, fifth-year student at Starr King School for the Ministry and winner of this year's Richard Borden Excellence in Sermons Award, will present her sermon, "Sharing a Journey." The other three 2006 Borden Award recipients – Ana Porter (first-place runner-up), Kathryn Ellis, and David Schwartz – will also be honored.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 220

**#3085 Whose Culture Are We Teaching?**

As we educate our members of all ages to live religiously in a multicultural world, it is crucial that we consider issues of cultural appropriation, authenticity, and accountability. Join us for a panel discussion on planning genuine, inclusive, and responsible multicultural lifespan religious education programs.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 240

**#3086 Growing and Mid Size**

Consultants from the Planning for Growth program will explore best practices, struggles and challenges for mid size congregational leaders. Learn what role you must take as a leader in a growing church and how to keep people focused on strategies for growth. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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**Friday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center 224

**#3087 How Much Can We Afford to Keep?**

A new perspective is offered for congregations planning their next annual budget drive. Wayne explores the difference between fundraising and stewardship. He probes the concept of giving as an act of worship and his belief that receiving precedes giving. Implications for your next annual budget drive will be discussed. This program repeats on Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

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**Friday 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

**#3088 Friday HUUPLA**

Hardcore UU People's Large Assembly: GA's greatest event! Come here to learn about the next day's youth programming, meet cool people, find your sponsor or your youth, and have fun with the amazingly awesome HUUPER, Bart Frost!!!!"

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**Friday 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm**

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

**#3089 Friday (evening) Youth Strategy Session**

Youth delegates will be briefed on the issues in front of the GA Plenary. If the Youth Caucus has decided to take action on an item at FUN TIMES, youth delegates will use this time to review and finalize the statement and develop a strategy for mobilizing.

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**Friday 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm**

Plenary: America's Center Hall 3

**#3090 Plenary IV**

Moderator Gini Courterpresides over the daily plenary sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda book for details on the specific items which will be addressed.

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**Friday 8:45 pm - 9:45 pm**

Worship: America's Center Hall 3

### **#3091 Bridging Ceremony**

The annual Bridging Ceremony worship service honors the voices of youth and young adults and celebrates those youth who are becoming adults. This year's service will focus on our faith finding a voice for positive change in our society.

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#### **Friday 10:00 pm - 12:00 am**

Evening Entertainment: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 1234

### **#3092 A Night at the Opera**

In Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, a beautiful young woman has married a jealous older man to escape her unfortunate circumstances, but her true passion lies elsewhere. Will the young lovers escape to start a new life, or will their love lead them to a tragic end?

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#### **Friday 10:00 pm - 10:30 pm**

Worship: America's Center 200

### **#3093 Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

A gathering centered around reflection on the day's experiences and sharing of joys and concerns around these experiences, led by the chaplain and a member of the Planning Committee.

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#### **Friday 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

Worship: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 5 & 6

### **#3094 Young Adult Worship #3**

The Young Adult Caucus invites you to worship with the importance of right relations to our faith. Explore how we interact with the faith and what it means to honor our faith.

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#### **Friday 10:00 pm - 11:45 pm**

Movie Night: America's Center 130

### **#3095 Movie Night: Images of Indians**

Images of Indians. Narrated by Will Sampson (Creek), Images critically examines, from a Native perspective, the Hollywood movie industry's depiction and misrepresentation of indigenous histories, lifeways, and languages. A moderated discussion will follow.

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#### **Friday 11:00 pm - 11:45 pm**

Worship: America's Center Room AB

### **#3096 Friday Night Youth Worship**

Youth come together in a community-based worship every night. All are welcome to the youth worship to explore spirituality in a welcoming and loving community. Remember that this is a sacred space, please be respectful.

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