

Thursday 7:00 am - 7:30 am

Worship: Renaissance Grand Pershing/Lindell

#2001 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.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Mini-Assembly: America's Center 267

#2002 Threat of Global Warming: SOC Mini-Assembly Part I

This Mini-assembly is your ONLY opportunity to propose amendments to the draft Statement of Conscience entitled "Threat of Global Warming." Mini-assembly continues until 11:00 a.m. General comments and small group amendment drafting during this segment. Line-numbered amendments will be discussed during the second segment. SOC text is found in the Agenda Book.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 242

#2003 Small Group Ministry - Enhancing Faith in Action

Explore how Small Group Ministry enhances service to the congregation and the larger community, and how service vitalizes Small Group Ministry. There will be examples, and participants are invited to share. Faith in action is a result of spiritual community and connectedness.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 275

#2004 Right Relations for the Journey: Leading with an Anti-Racist Lens

Learn to create policies with an Anti-Racist/Anti-Oppressive/Multicultural lens! We will help you understand and implement process observations as a tool to transform and lead our congregations! Sponsored by The Anti-Racism/Anti Oppression/Multiculturalism Assessment and Monitoring team of the UUA Board of Trustees. We encourage congregational, district and youth leaders to attend!

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Annual Meeting: America's Center 266

#2005 CUUPS Annual Meeting

CUUPS annual membership meeting.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 232

#2006 Faithful Formation: Struggles and Surprises of Religious Growth

A workshop for anyone interested in exploring the vocation of living religiously. Theological education is a comprehensive experience of religious learning, spiritual development, and professional growth. In drama and story Meadville Lombard students will offer a personal view of the process—provocative, profound, and sometimes humorous.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 228

#2007 Urban Ministry: Turning To One Another

The Urban Disciples' mission is to answer the city's cry for justice and restoration by developing and sharing economic, political, spiritual, and theological resources; organizing in local, national, denominational and interfaith

settings; and by advancing diverse models for effective, accountable social justice ministry. Come be part of the conversation.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 226

#2008 Changing How We "Do Justice"

Hiring a Social Justice Director is the outward sign of a congregation's enlarged vision of social justice ministry. This workshop outlines the visioning work in a large church leading to the decision to hire, the process of developing congregational readiness for change, and the first year experiences in a new collaborative social justice program.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 230

#2009 How Our Faith Matters in the World

Our UU partners around the world bring unique cultural and theological positions to their societies. What challenges do our sisters and brothers face in conveying their faith, building community, and working within adverse socio-political climates? Hear congregational leaders from around the world speak out in this highly interactive session.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 265

#2010 Not Two, Not One: Zen and UU

Using a combination of experiential practice and dialogue, we will explore how Zen practice informs, supports and diverges from the mission of Unitarian Universalism. Rev. Melissa Blacker and David Rynick, Sensei are a married couple, long-time UU members, formally recognized Zen teachers, and founding teachers of the Worcester Zen Community.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 224

#2011 Capital Campaigns: If You Build it, They Will Come . . .

But will they stay? Sometimes, there is no direct connection between a capital campaign and congregational growth. Sometimes, congregations actually lose members. Wayne makes a case for a comprehensive approach to capital campaigns. He explains how to increase your chances for growth after the completion of a campaign.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 263

#2012 Coming of Age: Deepening Ties Within the Congregation

Hot off the presses! A comprehensive, year-long Coming of Age (COA) program for middle-school youth. We have created new COA activities as well as reinvented some well-known ones. Come explore how your congregation can build deeper connections as you celebrate the transition from childhood to youth. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 260

#2013 Exploring Womanist Theology

Womanist theology comes out of the African American and Christian tradition. This panel of Womanist Theologians will discuss 21st century Womanist Theology and Unitarian Universalism.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 264

#2014 Searching for the Best Match: Beyond Categorical Thinking

Searching for a minister? Think you are open to everyone? Most of our congregations would say they are open, but often we hold unconscious biases. The Beyond Categorical Thinking Program helps congregations in search examines these biases. We will examine how this helps your congregation and what we've learned.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 231

#2015 Regional Growth Strategies: Doing More Together Than We Can Do Alone

Join leaders involved in various regional growth strategies to explore ways we're sharing and growing our faith together.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 261

#2016 How to be a Professional Religious Educator

This is a workshop for those who are considering some aspect of lifespan religious education and faith development as a profession. This is your opportunity to ask questions, explore the formation process, and find out what it is like to be in this profession from various types of religious educators.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 241

#2017 The Accessible Church: A Whirlwind Virtual Tour

To be truly accessible, we need to think about accommodations to meet the accessibility needs of everyone – from infants to elders. It's more than saying "we have a ramp and large-print hymnals so we are an accessible congregation." Accessibility reflects an attitude of creativity, radical hospitality, and genuine invitation.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center 280

#2018 Eat, Drink and Be Mindful: UU Passover Seders

This workshop led by an experienced UU RE Director, will help you plan and lead a Passover Seder for your UU congregation."

Speakers: Ms. Nancy J. Cronk, Mr. Arthur Thexton

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

#2019 Building Intergenerational Community

How do we connect to those older and younger than us? How do we reach out to others? This workshop will allow participants to dialogue about issues of age, ageism, leadership, and how each of us can feel empowered, respected, and supported as part of an intergenerational faith movement.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Worship: America's Center 274

#2020 Celebrating Our Generosity: Funding Our Faith Worship Service

Join us for the 2006 Stewardship Sermon Award worship service. Ms. Miller will present her sermon, "The Land of Enough", which was judged the most effective in exploring and promoting stewardship, generosity and financial support of Unitarian Universalism.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Worship: America's Center 240

**#2021 Ministerial Sisterhood UU Worship:
Sermon Contest Winner**

Come hear this year's award winner for the best sermon about a Unitarian Universalist woman or women furthering the vision of women within the UU movement.

Thursday 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Worship: America's Center 276

#2022 Gaia - Earth and Spirit

Song and poetic reflection by Jim Scott and friends will lift our spirits in a worshipful celebration of James Lovelock's "Gaia Hypothesis," that the earth is one living organism, or as we UUs celebrate it, the "interdependent web of all life."

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Annual Meeting: America's Center 280

#2023 UUJA Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is open to all members and interested parties of UU's for Jewish Awareness' mission and work in our denomination. Come join us and learn about what UUJA is doing now for you, your congregation, your religious professionals and what we've got planned for the future!

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Hearing: America's Center 266

#2024 "The Devil's in the Details"

Come hear specific details regarding the UUA Budget process. We'll answer your questions about where the money comes from and how it's allocated. Your input is solicited and comments are welcome.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Mini-Assembly: America's Center 267

#2025 Threat of Global Warming: SOC Mini-Assembly Part 2

This Mini-assembly is your ONLY opportunity to propose amendments to the draft 2005 UUA Statement of Conscience entitled "Threat of Global Warming." Mini-assembly began with general debate at 8:00 a.m. Written line-numbered amendments will be submitted during this segment using the SOC text found in the Agenda Book or at www.uua.org/csw.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Performance: America's Center 276

#2026 Songs for a Small Planet - James Durst

Join in the singing of our UU ideals with world-travelling singer-songwriter James Durst. He's shared his music in some 45 countries and 2 dozen languages. James underscores with hopeful heart and characteristic humor, the interconnectedness of all of life, bringing us closer to our world and each other.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 230

#2027 Recruiting and Sustaining Effective Lay Leadership

What is the best way to recruit/sustain effective lay leadership? Do you have to retrain new committee chairs/board members each year? Come learn how your congregation's Leadership Development and Nominating Committee can be more effective.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 231

#2028 A Compensation Program You Can Be Proud Of

Learn how you can honor your staff and live your UU values through a good staff compensation plan that is good "business," hopeful and hope-filled, and more affordable and less complicated than you think. We especially encourage congregations expecting to seek new professional staff to attend.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 232

#2029 "Imagining the Future by Re-imagining the Past"

Applying our imaginations to the past is the first step toward creating a more vibrant future! This workshop encourages personal and small-group reflection on this dynamic, providing opportunities to engage creatively with the past, while providing critical support for moving our lives and our congregations into an empowered future.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 261

#2030 Companionship Your Spirit: Come and Explore

Explore the time-honored practice of supporting one's spiritual life by working with a spiritual director/companion. Three trained and practicing spiritual directors with different theological perspectives explore what it is and isn't, why people seek it, how it works, and how to find a director/companion, or training in direction yourself. This program repeats on Saturday ay 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 229

#2031 Spirit Play: Creating a Children's Community of Right Relationship

An introduction to Spirit Play, a contemporary U.U. Montessori-based curriculum modeled after Jerome Berryman's Godly Play, through lecture, Powerpoint Presentation, and discussion. Currently used in about 40 churches across the continent, this method develops a children's spiritual community grounded in U.U. principles and intent upon creating a strong U.U. identity.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 265

#2032 UU Buddhist Fellowship Annual Meeting

Come meet other UUs who are attracted to Buddhism. Hear about the Family Retreat 2006 and Convocation 2007 and future directions for the organization. Find out how you can be involved.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 241

#2033 VoiceMale - How Men Do Marriage

UU Author shares findings of a new landmark study of hundreds of heterosexual American husbands (or significant others) revealing a treasure of surprising and useful information about choosing wives (or mates), sex, affairs, menopause and more

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 275

#2045 Getting On Message: Challenging the Christian Right

The "Religious Right" claims an association between

"Christianity" and conservative social policies. This workshop emerged from Beacon's new book "Getting on Message", and offers ways to frame liberal religious responses "from the heart of the gospel" on war and peace, marriage, the death penalty, economic justice, prisons and globalization.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

#2046 Dismantling Chaos Session #1: 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.

Thursday 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Workshop: America's Center 274

#2047 GA Choir Rehearsal II

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.

Thursday 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

#2048 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.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Congregational Presidents: America's Center 130

#2049 Presidential Conversation Space

This workshop is one of three lightly structured opportunities to meet with other congregational leaders. The first half of this workshop will be facilitated; the second half is an opportunity for networking. For congregational presidents only. If your congregation does not have a "President," this program is meant for the highest elected lay leader (Board President, Prudential Chair, etc.).

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Featured Presentation: America's Center Ferrara Theater

#2050 Right Relations: Congregations' Role in Local and Larger Communities

In ways yet unexplored, local congregations build human community in multivariied forms. Faced with declining social capital, clashes of civilizations, family breakdown, separation of rich from poor, estrangement from Creation and its Source, congregations must play new roles for healing the world. Dr. Wind is president of the Alban Institute.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Lecture: America's Center 276

#2051 John Murray Distinguished Lecture: Hospitality and Grace

20th Annual John Murray Distinguished Lecture: In Universalism's economy of grace, hospitality is the basic unit of currency. How can this gracious and hospitable faith transform us and our world? Rev. Robert M. Hardies, Senior Minister, All Souls, DC

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Annual Meeting: America's Center Room AB

#2052 Thursday 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

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Lecture: America's Center 229

#2053 The Elections in Israel and Palestine: What Next Toward Peace?

Josh Ruebner, with the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, a coalition of 200+ organizations, will analyze the Israeli and Palestinian elections as they relate to the possibilities for peace. He will examine US policy toward Israel/Palestine since the elections and our roles in promoting justice and peace. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 267

#2054 Proposed 2006-2008 Study/Action Issue

Come hear advocates for the proposed Study/Action Issue (SAI) present their issue and answer questions. Help advocates hone their presentations for Thursday's plenary that will select ONE SAI for two years of study, action, and reflection -- the first step toward adoption of a UUA Statement of Conscience.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 260

#2055 Pilgrimage: A Guide to Meaningful Travel and Inner Journey

Workshop on spiritual pilgrimage to Transylvania, through the GA thicket, and into your heart. Led by Sarah York, author of "Pilgrim Heart: The Inner Journey Home", one of our movement's finest crafters of words that inspire. Moderated by David Keyes, who has led more than a dozen pilgrimages to TTransylvania.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 280

#2056 Investing Responsibly

A Report on the UUA's General Investment Fund will be available and questions answered, including the Investment Committee's commitment to socially responsible investing and it's on-going relationship with the Committee on Socially Responsible Investing.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 242

#2057 QUEER -- Queer and UU Across the Generations

A panel discussion of what it is to be queer and UU, from various age perspectives: youth, young adult, middle-aged, and senior. Moderated by Interweave Continental president Rev. Jonalu Johnstone.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 222

#2058 Why Here? Why Now? Why Us? The Urgency for White Ally Activism

In response to incidents preceding and during GA 2005, a new group, with direct accountability to DRUUMM, has

emerged to further the UUAs commitment to becoming an anti-racist, anti-oppressive multicultural organization. The UU White Anti-Racist Allies invites you to come hear why the need for this is so pressing and how you can join this important effort.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 265

#2059 Intergenerational Worship, Every Sunday

West Shore UU Church experienced twelve Sundays of worship for 200+ people, ages 5-100, last fall. We will share our preparation of the congregation, our samples of "layering" and connecting liturgical elements, and our learning from this opportunity. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 227

#2060 FAM Book Project - Creating Respectful Community with Story

AMAZE's Families All Matter Book Project (FAM) uses children's literature about family to explore diversity issues with children. Using an anti-bias framework, the project promotes knowledge and skills for getting along respectfully across many differences, a foundation for right relations in our congregations and broader communities. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 263

#2061 Add a Family Choir to Your Music Program

The forty-voice Family Choir at the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh includes singers from ages 2 through 70 and sings for worship services once each month. The Family Choir helps build membership and community. At this workshop, you will learn how to organize a Family Choir at your church.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 230

#2062 Tending the Fire IV

Hear inspiring stories of lay and ordained UU community ministers who bring healing and social justice ministries to urban streets, underserved populations, and wherever healing and hope are needed. This year's panel will highlight Boston Urban ministry and San Francisco's Faithful Fools Lay Street Ministry. Bring your stories and questions.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 232

#2063 Sharing Ministry Effectively

Our tradition is rooted in the priesthood of all believers. Most ministers and lay leaders lock horns regularly over how to share the ministry of the congregation. At issue is usually who is in charge. Success is built on understanding the dynamics of power and how to share it effectively.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 261

#2064 Dynamic Growth Through Cluster Ministry

The southern cluster of the Prairie Star District has embarked on an exciting outreach and extension experiment with remarkable success! Learn how a joint lay-clergy task force representing nine congregations is fostering rapid growth through new initiatives, including an outreach/extension minister. New congregations forming!

Presidents and DREs collaborating! Synergy abounds!
This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 264

#2065 RE Credentialing for Stronger Congregations

Find out about the Religious Education Credentialing Program and how it can strengthen your congregation's Religious Education program for children, youth, adults, and families. Lay leaders, parish ministers, and credentialed religious educators will present their stories, explaining how supporting your religious educator's participation in the program might benefit your congregation.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 231

#2066 Finances for Seminarians

What ministers should expect to earn, the effects of student debt, and taking one's financial future seriously if ministry is your calling. Lawrence is the Dean of Students at Starr King, and Stewart, a candidate for the UU ministry and administrator in the UUA's Office of Church Staff Finances.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 263

#2034 Writing Poetry for Worship

We will begin with a worship service featuring the poetry of the two presenters, who will then discuss how to write poetry for worship. Small groups will produce pieces for specific worship functions, which they will present in a shared closing worship. All levels of experience welcome, bring paper and pencils.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 240

#2035 How To Get A Grant From The UU Funding Program

The UU Funding Program awards \$860,000 in small and large grants to UU projects that strengthen institutions and community life, engage UUs in social responsibility, and to non-UU groups organizing for justice. Meet the people who give it away and see if your project is eligible for funding.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 224

#2036 In Covenant - How Do We Work Together in Healthy Congregations?

Religious communities build relationships on the notion of "Covenant": articulated mutual commitment to honor and hold one another safe in working together. A panel will share from their experience the hallmarks of good covenantal relationships and examples of how they are lived out among religious professionals and lay leadership.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 242

#2037 Religious Youth: Young Adult Activism for Reproductive Justice

In the spirit of its mission, UUWF supports Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom, a youth/young adult program of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, and the UUWF Clara Barton Internship at UUA's Washington Office. Learn how these programs educate, organize and empower young leaders in the religious reproductive justice movement.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 228

#2038 The Spirituality of Welcoming the Stranger

Talk of growth in our congregations often centers around such things as "I don't know everyone anymore!" or "We need more people to balance the budget!" What if we understood growth in our congregations as something necessary to our souls? There has been a great deal of attention paid to the notion of "radical hospitality" which sounds a little scary! But it is possible to glimpse a way in which reaching out to strangers helps us grow spiritually in ways we never expected.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 226

#2039 Real Ministry in Real Time

Increasingly, the internet offers us a vehicle for offering real ministry to growing numbers of people, including members, friends and seekers, through many media. In the religious world of the future, real ministry needs to occur in real time: come and find out more!

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 260

#2040 Campus Ministry: Building Intergenerational Wholeness

Campus ministry is a vital outreach ministry. It helps our youth stay in our movement and attracts new seekers going through major life transitions. Recent studies have shown that 40% of first-year college students are in a spiritual search. Learn how your congregation can be successful at campus ministry.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 225

#2041 Marketing 101 for Congregations

Marketing is about attracting and retaining folks that come through your church doors by providing services and programs that they want and need. In this workshop we'll think strategically about how to attract potential members and share some useful marketing tools that your congregation can use to share the good news of Unitarian Universalism in your local community. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 223

#2042 Will They Come Back?

A transgender person, 6'4", high heels. An interfaith, multiracial family. A person with hearing loss. What does radical hospitality mean? What would our congregations be like if all the people who would be UU's, could be UU's? What can we do to let all the UU's in?

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 227

#2043 Holistic Approaches to Adult Faith Development

How do Adult Programs fit with your congregation's other offerings for adults and families? Adult workshops and forums help create a vibrant "whole" that ministers to the "whole" adult. We'll highlight holistic adult programs in small, mid-size, and large congregations, identifying strategies for growth of membership and growth of souls. This program repeats on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Thursday 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Workshop: America's Center 262

#2044 Are You Considering Going Into the

Ministry?

This is a workshop for people who are considering preparation for Unitarian Universalist ministry. What are the educational options? What are the realities and possibilities? How much does it cost? What are some of the ways that ministers serve the cause of Unitarian Universalism? This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Worship: America's Center 274

#2077 Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) Worship Service

Lively straight-up Unitarian Universalist worship at its best-- a service that offers preaching by the Reverends Jane Rzepka and Rosemary Bray McNatt. And, we are famous for our wonderful, rocking music!

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 223

#2078 Social Justice: Many Roads to the Mountaintop

Spirited new ways of organizing that's making a difference has emerged in UU districts, statewide networks, and metropolitan regions. Learn about some of our best models from the Mountain.Desert District Social Justice Ministries, the UU Legislative Ministry (CA) and Metropolitan Congregations United faith-based community organization in the St. Louis area.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Worship: America's Center 226

#2079 Annual Worship Service: Celebrate the Web of Life

Join UU Ministry for Earth at our annual Earth Honoring Worship to celebrate "Divinity in every living thing." Find joy and renewal as we explore the deeper connections to Earth that feed our souls and strengthen our relationships with each other and with all of nature.

Thursday 2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

#2080 Thursday 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.

Thursday 2:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Plenary: America's Center Hall 3

#2081 Plenary II

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.

Thursday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Workshop: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 5 & 6

#2082 Young Adult Caucus #2 - Mixer

Come and join the Young Adult Caucus for "mocktails" and snacks for our mixer. A chance for networking and getting to know people in the Young Adult Caucus (ages 18-35).

Thursday 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Workshop: America's Center Room AB

#2083 Thursday 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!!!"

Thursday 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Worship: America's Center Hall 3

#2084 Service of the Living Tradition

Led by the Ministry and Professional Leadership Staff Group, this service honors fellowshiped ministers and credentialed religious educators; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received or advanced in fellowship or credentialed status in the past year.

The Sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Judith Meyer. Rev. Dr. Meyer has been Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica, CA since 1993. She grew up in the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County in Orange, NJ. Judith has an A.B. in Philosophy from Bryn Mawr College and an M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School. She received a D.D. in 2000 from Meadville/Lombard Theological School. Prior to her current settlement, she served UU churches in Rutherford and Paramus, NJ, and Concord, NH, and the UUA as Director of Ministerial Education and Vice President for Programs.

Thursday 10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Evening Entertainment: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 1234

#2085 All GA Coffee House

Come to our own open mic night of song, dance, theatre, and interactive entertainment, hosted by the Youth and Young Adult Caucuses. Sign up to perform at the Young Adult/Campus Ministry booth in the Exhibit hall. Simulcast at www.FUUSE.com

Thursday 10:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Worship: America's Center 200

#2086 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.

Thursday 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Worship: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 5 & 6

#2087 Young Adult Worship #2

Come worship with the young adult caucus as we explore the nature of right relations with ourselves in our beloved community.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: Renaissance Grand Landmark Ballroom 1 & 2

#2067 Dances of Universal Peace for Gender Healing

These dances are done all over the world to promote peace, interfaith understanding and gender healing. Mentor teacher Elizabeth Muller will lead participants in simple group dances, no prior experience necessary. All are welcome.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 266

#2068 Toolkits for Activism on UN Issues

Panel discussion on impacting UN issues. UU-UNO Board Members and Advisors will share practices and measures of impact, including strategies to link local efforts with global Civil Society efforts. Topics include advocacy for

Darfur, Peacebuilding, UN Reform, Education for AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 225

#2069 Ethical Leadership and Healthy Communities

Volunteer leadership presents challenges around power dynamics, responsibilities and ethics. UU young adults and allies have developed a code of ethics specifically for peer leaders that challenge us to foster right relationships. Learn how discussing and implementing ethical guidelines can help create healthy congregations, young adult groups, and conference communities.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 220

#2070 Genocide Then/Genocide Now

Before the world knew about the Holocaust, Unitarians were responding. Today, the world is hesitating as genocide unfolds in Darfur. Learn how the legacy of two Unitarians, honored as "Righteous Among the Nations" for helping Jews escape the Nazi terror, inspires our faith to challenge the inhumanity of this era.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 262

#2071 Supporting Women's Rights Worldwide: Model Programs for Empowerment

The lack of women's rights is a roadblock on the path to world peace, economic prosperity, and sustainable development. Panelists leading initiatives to empower women and improve the quality of their lives and those of their families discuss model programs for women's health/safety; education; economic participation; and political expression.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 241

#2072 Making Families Matter: Affirming and Nourishing our Faith Communities

Why do families matter in our congregations? How can we build faith communities that affirm and deeply welcome families? In this workshop members of the Family Matters Task Force and workshop participants will share ideas, strategies, and best practices for engaging families, in a manner that nourishes UU faith communities. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

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#2073 Many Paths One Journey – Taking the Next Steps

Is your church committed to social justice, antiracism, anti-oppression, but unsure about what to do next? The JUUST Change Consultancy was designed to help you. Consultants can bring new ideas and help you to focus your efforts, and identify next steps to take. This workshop will introduce you to JUUST Change and tell you how to get involved. This program repeats on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

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#2074 Supporting Comprehensive Sex Ed: Lessons From Missouri

Missouri recently passed legislation that allows sex education teachers and clergy to be sued for "promoting abortion." Similar laws are coming in other states. Learn

effective responses to these efforts and how to support comprehensive sex education from Rev. Becky Turner, Executive Director Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 228

#2075 Passion & Presence: A Lay Ministry of Generosity

Obtaining financial support for your congregation is a ministry. Listening pastorally and sharing your congregation's mission passionately open doors to generosity unimagined. Shifting your focus from asking for gifts to a focus of "donor advocacy" can unlock not only your "inner fundraiser" but also hidden abundance. You can do this satisfying work and help others fulfill their dreams to make a difference by giving to what really matters. This program repeats Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Workshop: America's Center 224

#2076 A Problem Ignored Is A Crisis Invited: Managing Conflict Constructively

The constructive management of conflict is central to the effectiveness of your leadership. Effective skills in managing interpersonal differences are crucial to implementing your congregational vision. Wayne will discuss 1) anticipating and preventing unhealthy conflict 2) dealing with disagreement before it erupts out of control 3) managing conflict with more skill and assurance.

Thursday 10:00 pm - 11:45 pm

Movie Night: America's Center 130

#2088 FILM: Race, the Power of an Illusion Episode 2- The Story We Tell

This video uncovers the roots of the race concept in North America, how 19th century science that legitimated it, and how it came to be held so fiercely in the western imagination and served to rationalize, even justify, American social inequalities as "natural. Moderated discussion to follow.
