Faith Development Schedule
Jan - April 2019

Radically Inclusive: Pillar One

Focus: Inclusion

On-Demand classes

**Transgender Inclusion In Congregations** - from the [Transforming Hearts Collective](#)

Six video lectures, with questions and resource links

This course was purchased by UUCP for congregations who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity. Over six sessions you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality, and faith community, and gain the grounding, context, and skills to transform yourself and your congregation. Each session includes a 45- to 60-minute lecture by Rev. Mykal Slack and Zr. Alex Kapitan, reflection questions, and resources that take the conversation deeper.

**Trans Ally Toolkit**

Available in print, or for [download](#)

Advocating for oneself in an uncertain climate is not sustainable. Allies are needed to help further the efforts of transgender people already fighting for their lives.

There are lots of great ways to be an active ally to transgender and gender non-conforming communities. We want to make sure that you have the right resources to best help the trans community.

This Trans Ally Toolkit, from the ACLU of Missouri, is a community-backed action guide for cultivating a world that is safe and welcoming for all genders.

**Book**

[You're in the Wrong Bathroom](#)
Debunks the twenty-one most common myths and misperceptions about transgender issues
Articles

Prayer for Trans Day of Visibility - Mr. Barb Grieve

UU General Assembly Votes to Change UU Sources to Include Non-Binary People

Two Trans UU Ministers Called to Settled Ministry

Transgender Day of Remembrance

UUA Transgender 101

Transgender Inclusion & Affirmation: Questions to Consider (PDF)

TRUUsT Calls on All Unitarian Universalists to Take Action to Support Trans UUs

Sylvia Rivera Law Project’s Trans 101

Subscribe to Uplift Newsletter

Fight Like Hell for the Living

Videos

Here a Minister, They're a Minister - Rev. KC Slack Sermon

Growing Up Transgender, Almost 60 years Apart

Coming Out Day! The VUU #232

Supporting Our Trans Community The VUU #235

Trans Faith and Formation with Jaelynn Scott
Podcasts

The VUU 235: Supporting Our Trans Community

The VUU 230: Trans Faith Formation with Jaelynn Scott

Are All Welcome Here? Congregational Engagement with Gender Identity - General Assembly 2015

A Voice From Within - UU World

Welcoming Congregation: A Drive Time Essay

Social Media Accounts

Alex Kapitan, Mykal Slack, Mr. Barb Greve, Rev. KC Slack, Marcus Fogliano, Gwen Warman, More Than Sex Ed., a project of Community Partners, Our Whole Lives, Transforming Hearts Collective, One n Ten, Them., The Trevor Project

Ways to Reflect and Discuss

“Transgender Inclusion in Congregations” Webinar Viewing - Optional and Additional group viewing and discussion with the Inclusion Team and fellow congregants, in the Johnson Room, Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 PM - Starting February 6th thru March 13th Hosted by Inclusion team

Inclusion Ministry Team Meetings - Ministers Office 1st and 3rd Saturdays at noon

Inclusion Ministry Team Chats - Sunday between Services in the Johnson Room
Justice Centered: Pillar Two

Focus: Racial Justice

On-Demand classes

Allies for Racial Equity Getting at The Root: Webinar Series (link to YouTube here)

Allies for Racial Equity, in collaboration with the Church of the Larger Fellowship, is offering a series of free webinars to support racial justice efforts.

BLUUbox monthly subscription (link to BLUUbox here)

With content grounded in the lived experiences and diverse perspectives of Black Unitarian Universalists, this subscription box is a wholly unique opportunity to connect one’s beliefs to faith - led action while building community with others who are dedicated to justice-making and liberation through our shared faith.

Book

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo (link to UUA Bookstore here)

New York Times Bestseller and groundbreaking book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality.

Articles

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack - Peggy McIntosh, Ph.D.
A User's Guide to White Privilege - Cynthia Kaufman
White Supremacy Culture - Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun, ChangeWork, 2001
From White Racist to White Anti-racist - Tema Okun
Reflection on July 11th, 2016 - Kenny Wiley
This Particular Call - Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
A Dangerous Vision - Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
Lessons from the Life of Malcolm X - Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
MLK's God - Rev. Aaron White
10 Ways to be an Ally - Christopher Bowers
Becoming an Ally - Breaking the Cycle of Oppression - Anne Bishop
Race is always part of the story - Robert Jensen
Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism (excerpt) - James Loewen
James Loewen's Fight to Get Heard - Lauren Zanolli about James Loewen's book "Sundown Towns"
Tools for White Guys Who are Working for Social Change - Chris Crass
Towards a Radical White Identity - Susan Goldbery and Cameron Levin
Silenced Knowings, Forgotten Springs: Paths to Healing in the Wake of Colonialism - Helene Shulman Lorenz, Ph.D. and Mary Watkins, Ph.D
UUA on Racial Justice
What Churches Learn when they proclaim Black Lives Matter
Five ways to Support Black Lives Matter
White Supremacy Culture

Videos

Dr. Cornel West: Race Matters
Ta-Nehesi Coates: Politics, Protest and Pop Culture
Ta-Nehesi Coates: On Entrenched Racial Myths
Dr. Martin Luther King: What is Your Life’s Blueprint?
Black Lives Unitarian Universalist with Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin The VUU #229
The Commission on Institutional Change The VUU #226
Michelle Alexander: author of “The New Jim Crow ; Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” delivers the 30th annual George E. Kent Lecture
Michelle Alexander: The Future of Race in America, TEDx Talk

Black Pioneers in a White Denomination - Rev. Mark Morrison Reed

Podcasts

Black Lives Unitarian Universalist with Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin The VUU #229
The Commission on Institutional Change The VUU #226

Social Media Accounts

Facebook and Twitter links: BLUU, DRUUM, Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, Rev. Marisol Caballero, Christina Rivera, Takiyah Amin, Leslie Mac, Carol Cissel, Rev. Theresa Ines Soto, Sara Green, Chris Crass, Tim Wise, Bryan Stevenson,
Theologically Diverse: Pillar Three

Focus: Indigenous Spirituality

On-Demand classes

**Earth Based Spirituality: An Indigenous Paradigm Webinar** (link to website [here](#))

Christopher Peters (Pohlik-lah/Karuk) was born and raised on his people's territories in northwestern California. Chris is President and CEO of Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development -- a Native-led Indigenous Peoples public foundation. For more than 35 years his work has focused on grassroots social justice organizing, protecting sacred sites, working for holistic community renewal, rebuilding traditional economies, and supporting cultural revitalization efforts.

**Sacred Space Online Classes and Webinars: Native American, First Nations, and Indigenous Peoples (NAFNI)** (link to website [here](#))

Sacred Space Online Learning (SSOL) seeks to provide individuals with information about religious, spiritual, or faith-based online resources from a variety of sources. Discover information that focuses on Native American studies, First Nations studies, and various Indigenous Peoples. Courses and webinars.

**Building Respectful Relationships with Indigenous People** (link to website [here](#))

As we attempt to better connect with Native American populations, we need some guiding frameworks. Sally Thompson led an interactive discussion about how her work was transformed by working with native populations. She shared her story and the lessons she learned along the way, in hopes of leaving participants with some practical tips that can guide their work with indigenous populations.

**Books**

**African Traditional Religions In Contemporary Society** by Jacob K. Olupono

Once relegated to the realm of "primitive" and stigmatized as "pagan," today there is a new acknowledgment of the importance of African traditional religions, especially in its stress on folk practices, communal values, and personal relationships.
God is Red: A Native View of Religion by Vine Deloria Jr.

First published in 1972, Vine Deloria Jr.'s God Is Red remains the seminal work on Native religious views, asking new questions about our species and our ultimate fate.

Articles

“The Growing Indigenous Spiritual Movement that could Save the Planet”

The Spirituality of Africa, Jacob Olupono

American Indian Belief Systems and Traditional Practices

Nature Spirituality

Native American Spirituality, Caroline Myss

What is Aboriginal Spirituality?

Maya Religion

I left Christianity for an Ancient African Faith, Nakia Brown

European Indigenous Religion Traditions, Cara Schultz

Engaging Our Theological Diversity, The Commission on Appraisal of the UUA

Dealing with Theological Diversity in Local Congregations

Theological Diversity as a Means of Grace

Videos

Centering Theology with Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Does Unitarian Universalism Have a Theology? Sermon, Rev. Fred Howard

Theological Diversity, UUFC Sermon
Are all Humanists Atheists? Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship

Podcasts

African Indigenous Spiritualities Podcasts

Coffee with My Ma

Missing and Murdered: Finding Cleo

Unreserved

Social Media Accounts

Facebook and Twitter links:

Valley Natives, Native American Connections, The Red Nation, Indivisible Tohono, Sacred Stone Camp, Heard Museum, Elena Perez, Jessicoatl Giambruh, Ramon Aquino, Renetto-Mario Etsitty, Orlando Arenas, Panche Be Ink, Ceyshe Napa, Poder in Action, Howard Zinn