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## From the Administrator

Today many advocates from around the country organized by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the Trans People of Color Coalition gathered on Capitol Hill to lobby for ENDA, the workplace non-discrimination bill, and for keeping lgbtq-friendly pieces in immigration reform, particularly a limit on solitary confinement in detention—sometimes used as the answer to not knowing where to place trans individuals, a removal of the time limit on filing for asylum as trans individuals do not always know it is safe to make this request, and the ability of lgbtq married individuals to sponsor their partner for citizenship.

The Walk for Our Grandchildren Against the Keystone XL Pipeline is still seeking volunteers for food, rides, shelter, and parking. See details below and/or contact Susan Presson at [4pressons@gmail.com](mailto:4pressons@gmail.com).

Remember nomination for social justice awards are due by noon September 6. Make a nomination here <http://uusj.net/wp/2013-gala-awards-nominations/>.

Cyn Snavelly,  
Administrator



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Does your congregation have a social justice program that could use a funding boost? Would a UUSJ Collaboration Grant be a possibility? Find an application [UUSJ Collaborative Fund Request Form](#)

### ❖ *Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Calendar*

[Social Justice Calendar for 2012 - 2013](#): Plan your social justice calendar for the year. If your congregation's social justice ministry is focusing on any of the issues below, you can join in collective national advocacy with the UUA, UU social justice organizations, other UU congregations, and community and national partners! As each justice event approaches, visit [www.uua.org/justice](http://www.uua.org/justice) for worship resources, action campaigns, educational materials and more!

## Anti-Racism/Multiculturalism

### ❖ *Dialogue on Violence and Fanaticism*

Sunday, June 30 2:30pm-5:15pm  
Islamic Center of Maryland  
19411 Woodfield Rd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

The Jewish Islamic Dialogue Society will host a dialogue on violence and fanaticism. The two speakers are both experts in the field. But be assured that, as always, there will be plenty of time for the community to weigh in on the subject.

Professor Jing Lin will be giving a talk entitled "The 'Angry Young Men' Today: Problems in Education and Culture, and Solutions." Jing is Professor in International Education Policy at University of Maryland. She received her doctorate from the University of Michigan. She has done extensive research on peace education and environmental education, which result in books entitled *Love, Peace and Wisdom in Education: Vision for Education in the 21st Century* (2006), *Educators as Peace Makers: Transforming Education for Global Peace* (2008), *Spirituality, Religion, and Peace Education* (2010), and *Transformative Eco-Education for Human and Planetary Survival* (2012). She is the co-editor of two book series, one on Peace Education, and the other on Transforming Education for the Future. She teaches courses on Education for Global Peace, Ecological Ethics and Education, World Religions and Implications for Education, Culture and Education in a Global Context, Gender and Education, International Higher Education, and Modes of Inquiry. Jin will be joined in her presentation by one of her students at the University of Maryland.

Rabia Chaudry will be giving a presentation on "Violent extremism and Issues Related to Radicalization among Muslims." Rabia is an attorney and President and founder of the [Safe Nation Collaborative](#). Her firm provides Countering Violence Extremism (CVE) and cultural competency training to law enforcement, correctional, and homeland security officials, and national security and CVE training to Muslim communities and institutions. To date, Safe Nation has worked with the US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Justice, the

National Counter Terror Center, the Maryland State Police and Correctional Officer Training Commission, and local law enforcement agencies across the region. Rabia is also a Fellow of the Truman National Security Project, a Fellow of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, and a member of the Board of the ACLU of Maryland. For many years, she has been an advocate in the American Muslim community on the grassroots level, working to correct misconceptions and build interfaith relationships. For more information about JIDS, go to [www.jids.org](http://www.jids.org).

### ❖ *Transforming Our Whiteness - Weekend Workshop*

Friday August 2 5:00pm--Sunday August 4 3:00pm  
 Washington Ethical Society  
 7750 16th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20012

Come and be a part of the broader Unitarian Universalist effort to build an anti-racist multicultural religious community. UU Allies for Racial Equity invites white All Souls members and friends to this weekend workshop on whiteness. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Cole Jones for more information on that at [pcolejones@gmail.com](mailto:pcolejones@gmail.com).

### Anti-Torture

#### ❖ *Healing a Culture of Torture – Panel Discussion Featuring Juan Mendez*

Tuesday, June 25 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Reception begins at 6:30 p.m. The panel starts at 7:00 p.m.  
 Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC

The panel discussion will focus on various aspects of torture, including solitary confinement, the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture. The panel will feature Juan Mendez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, and other human rights advocates and survivors of torture. Learn more at [www.nrcat.org/june25](http://www.nrcat.org/june25).

Learn more about local events being held during Torture Awareness Month at [www.nrcat.org](http://www.nrcat.org) For further information, please contact [partaza-regan@nrcat.org](mailto:partaza-regan@nrcat.org) or (202) 547-1920.

#### ❖ *June is Torture Awareness Month*

During Torture Awareness Month this June, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture has a special promotion to share. We invite you and your congregation to gather signatures for the [NRCAT Statement Against Prolonged Solitary Confinement](#). During the month of June, each person who collects 25 signatures for the statement will receive a [free NRCAT T-shirt](#) supporting our campaign to end prolonged solitary confinement in U.S. prisons. You may also [order the NRCAT solitary T-shirt from our friends at t-shirtsforpeace.org](#) and each time NRCAT receives a \$5 donation.

To take advantage of this special opportunity to spread the word about solitary confinement:

**Step 1:** [Download the petition version](#) of the NRCAT Statement Against Prolonged Solitary Confinement

**Step 2:** Collect at least 25 signatures for the statement from your congregation or local community

**Step 3:** Mail, email or fax the signatures to us here at NRCAT, along with [this form](#) indicating your preferred

T-shirt size and preferred mailing address for receiving the T-shirt

When we reach 500 signatures for the statement from a particular state, we will send the statement, along with the list of those endorsers, to that state's governor and top corrections official, along with every member of that state's legislature. When we subsequently reach 1000 endorsers in the state, we will send the list again – and so on. In this way, we hope to help strengthen efforts in each state to bring an end to the use of prolonged solitary confinement.

This Torture Awareness Month, join people of faith from across the country in efforts to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture by [organizing an activity for your congregation](#) or [joining in public events throughout June and bearing public witness against torture](#).

### ❖ *Weekly Anti-Torture Vigil*

Every Friday - June 14, 21 and 28 - from 5 to 6 p.m

Intersection at University Pkwy and St. Paul Streets, in front of the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, MD

The vigil is co-sponsored by Homewood Friends Meeting, Stony Run Friends Meeting and the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation.

### Criminal Justice Reform

#### ❖ *The National Religious Campaign Against Torture Works Against Solitary Confinement in Maryland*

Last month, WUSA9 Reporter Andrea McCarren broke the story of Paul Smith, a young man with mental illness who has been held in solitary confinement for 4 years at North Branch Correctional Institution (NBCI) in Cumberland, Maryland. During the past two years, Paul has been banned from phone calls and visits from his parents. We encourage you to [view the news coverage](#) of Paul's experience and what it reveals about the realities of mental illness and solitary confinement, and to take action. A follow-up story featuring Paul's brother can be found [here](#). The psychological and physical impact of prolonged solitary confinement are well-documented, and as people of faith, we have a critical role to play in halting its use. Ending prolonged solitary confinement in Maryland [starts with your signature!](#) The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is gathering endorsements from people of faith for a statement calling on government officials all across the country to take steps to end the use of prolonged solitary confinement. When we reach 500 endorsers from a particular state, we send the statement, along with the list of those endorsers, to that state's governor and top corrections official, along with every member of that state's legislature. If we subsequently reach 1000 endorsers in the state, we will send the list again – and so on. Compelled by the reality of Paul's story, now is the time to take action in Maryland. [We urge you to sign and share the NRCAT Statement Against Solitary today.](#)

Thank you for your commitment to end torture in U.S. prisons,

Laura Markle Downton  
Director of U.S. Prisons Policy and Program  
National Religious Campaign Against Torture

### ❖ *The New Jim Crow Radio Blog*

Began Sunday, January 13

Over the course of eight weeks, join others in the Baltimore-Washington area as we read and reflect together on what it means to have the first African American president beginning his second term while millions of other African Americans are relegated to permanent second-class status through the prison industrial complex.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/revcarltones>

### Economic Justice

#### ❖ *Rev. Donald Robinson, Beacon House Founder, Will Give Berry Street Address*

Wednesday, June 19 2:00pm

“Our Ministry Begins When We Leave This Place (*We CAN do More*)” by Rev. Donald E. Robinson, the 193<sup>rd</sup> Berry Street Essay (2013 Berry Street Lecture) will be delivered at the Ministerial Conference, June 19, 2013, Kentucky. This lecture will be livestreamed. Here is the link to watch from home <https://uuma.site-ym.com/?page=livestream>

### Education

#### ❖ *Beacon House Announces New Executive Director*

The Beacon House Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Gerald Kittner as Beacon House’s next Executive Director. Mr. Kittner had served as Beacon House’s Interim Executive Director since September 1, 2012, following the voluntary resignation of Stacey Erd, Beacon House’s previous Executive Director. Kittner has been involved in the development of Beacon House since its inception. In 1991, soon after Reverend Robinson founded Beacon House, Mr. Kittner, while still a practicing lawyer, began volunteering to help children and youth with their homework. Soon after, he joined the Beacon House Board and stayed involved as a volunteer until he joined the staff of Beacon House as a part-time grant writer in May 2003. He eventually became Beacon House’s Development Director, then its Deputy Director before succeeding Ms. Erd. Beacon House is a year-round, non-sectarian, not-for-profit after-school tutoring, mentoring, athletic, creative arts and nutritional program for low to moderate income children and youth based in the Edgewood Terrace neighborhood of Northeast, Washington, D.C. For further information about Beacon House, including ways to support Beacon House, please visit our web site at [www.beaconhousedc.org](http://www.beaconhousedc.org), or call us at 202-529-7376.

### Environmental Concern

#### ❖ *The 2013 Walk for our Grandchildren*

Friday, July 19- Monday, July 29

[www.2013walkforourgrandchildren.org](http://www.2013walkforourgrandchildren.org)

The 2013 Walk for our Grandchildren is part of the campaigns against Keystone XL pipeline and fossil fuel extraction more generally. There have been considerable changes since the original plan. The Walk is now partnered with [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) and Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN). In cooperation with other organizations around the country like Rainforest Action Network, Greenpeace, Sierra Club and others they have

created the Summer Heat campaign. This campaign, which will take place at the end of July, involves large-scale and confrontational actions and protests in any number of cities around the country directed toward stopping KXL and challenging fossil fuel extraction. The website for Summer Heat is <http://joinsummerheat.org/panel1/panel-1/> The Walk's part of Summer Heat will take place in Maryland and DC. Central to it will be a walk from Camp David, Maryland, where the walk will start on Friday, July 19. A core group will walk or bike 30 miles to Harpers Ferry, where a hundred or more will join them, leaving there on July 22. We will arrive at the White House on Sunday July 28 for a family-friendly rally and protest. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, in separate actions, there will be protests at TD Bank (funder of KXL), TransCanada (builder of KXL) and the American Petroleum Institute.

Still needed:

1. vans for shuttling people, particularly Day Walkers,
2. places along the route, see attached where we can fill our big tanks of potable water and ice for the water stops during the day. Can you suggest UU churches or any organization that would let us get 300 gals. of water and ice along the C&O Canal?
3. schools or churches or places that have big parking lots where people might park for the day as well as places near D.C. where thru-Walkers might park for the whole week from Sun. afternoon-Sat. afternoon (7/21-27)
4. Churches or places near the route where people, who want to walk, but have not signed up for the whole week might spend the night. See the attached route.
5. A nice gesture/gift would be any groups that wanted to meet us somewhere along the route with snacks or even a lunch (a lot to ask!) Contact Susan Presson [4pressons@gmail.com](mailto:4pressons@gmail.com)

### ❖ *Solar Workshop for Northern Virginia Nonprofits*

Sunday, June 23

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane in Alexandria

6:30 pm - Tour of MVUC's 25 kw solar panels, snacks, and fellowship

7:00 pm - Solar Workshop for Northern Virginia nonprofits

Why have so many churches, schools and other nonprofits in Maryland and D.C. "gone solar," while Virginia is left in the dark? These nonprofits didn't purchase the expensive equipment themselves, and do not own the equipment now. But their states permitted them to pay a private entity, which owns the panels on their roofs, for the use of the power they are generating. Now, thanks to a new state law which takes effect July 1st, nonprofit organizations in Virginia will have access to the same "no money down" solar financing arrangements -- called Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) -- that have driven so many successful climate-friendly energy projects at community organizations in DC, Maryland, and beyond.

Join Interfaith Power and Light (MD.DC.NoVA) and the Sierra Club at one of Northern Virginia's pioneering solar congregations for a free workshop on new solar opportunities for Virginia nonprofits. Come learn how your organization can take advantage of exciting new opportunities to generate energy "from heaven"!

To RSVP, and request a ride from the Huntington Metro Station:

[www.tinyurl.com/VaSolarWorkshop](http://www.tinyurl.com/VaSolarWorkshop)

Facebook event: <http://tinyurl.com/VASolarworkshop-event>

### ❖ *Building a UU Young Adult Network to Work on Climate Change Issues*

Over 200 UU young adults who care about climate justice have come together from all over the United States and Canada to form a network. The members connect Unitarian Universalist faith to the work for justice for the



web of all existence. The focus for the group is on creating ethical living systems - inter-generationally, internationally, among communities, among species, among ecosystems and with Earth. UU Ministry for Earth began forming this network with the leadership of Jennifer Nordstrom, our Young Adult Intern.

To join the Network, search Facebook for "UU Young Adults for Climate Justice" or email [uuyacj@gmail.com](mailto:uuyacj@gmail.com) .

### **To Support the Network**

UU Young Adults for Climate Justice is funded by donations from the members of UU Ministry for Earth and in part by grants from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism and the Cedar Tree Foundation. Your continued support is needed as we reach out to more concerned and creative young adult leaders. Just click on the Contribute button below and choose the Young Adult Sponsor link. Enter your donation amount to the work of the UUYACJ.

The network has already participated in several regional events, including a climate justice workshop in Berkeley, CA, the fUUel Conference for Young Adults in Vancouver, B.C. and UU Young Adult Climate Justice Training with the Central Mid-West District Young Adult Steering Committee in Chicago.

### **Upcoming events**

**UUA General Assembly:** A workshop and two strategy sessions are planned.

-- The workshop on Thursday, June 20, from 10:45 am - 12:00 pm is "Building A Young Adult Environmental Justice Network." The workshop will explore values that shape our actions and then a panel of young adult climate justice activists will share their organizing stories.

-- The first strategy session for the network will be held immediately after the workshop. The group will gather at 12:15 pm to travel to lunch together.

-- The second strategy session will be on Saturday, June 22. Meet at the GA Registration booth and the group will travel to lunch together.

**OPUS 2013:** Aug. 7-11 at Unicamp, a UU summer camp, approximately 1.5 hours NW of Toronto. OPUS is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental UU Young Adult Network (CUUYAN), and the focus this year will be climate justice.

-- [To register](#)

-- [For Scholarships](#)

**PowerShift 2013:** October 18-21 in Pittsburg, PA will focus on divesting from fossil fuels, fracking, and stopping Keystone XL. A group of UU young adults are planning to attend.

-- To join the group: email [uuyacj@gmail.com](mailto:uuyacj@gmail.com)

-- [Conference info](#)

mail [uuyacj@gmail.com](mailto:uuyacj@gmail.com) .

### **❖ *UU Ministry for Earth Spring Newsletter Available***

[Spring 2013](#) Newsletter Now on the UUMFE Website

### **❖ *UU Listserve on Divesting from Fossil Fuels Set Up***

I have created a Yahoo group for those who wish to discuss divestment from fossil fuels in UU congregations.

Please send me an email if you wish to join the uudivestment group, and tell me your congregation and your activity within it. Also, you may wish to see <http://www.uumilwaukee.org/content/fossil-fuels-divestment-resolution>, to see what the Board at one church recently passed.

Thank you,

Terry Wiggins ([terryw@kcnet.com](mailto:terryw@kcnet.com))

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

❖ ***Baltimore Food & Faith Project of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future  
Good Food Challenge***

Deadline June 28

Congregations in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties  
[Flyer GoodFoodChallenge](#)

The Baltimore Food & Faith Project of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future is pleased to announce The Good Food Challenge, an exciting opportunity to win up to \$3000 for improving the food sustainability practices within your congregation! The Good Food Challenge seeks to inspire congregations in the Baltimore area (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties) to use [The Good Food Toolkit](#) which helps faith communities of all traditions assess their food policies and practices in terms of sustainability and justice. The deadline to apply is June 28, 2013 - but don't wait! For more information about the Challenge and how to enter, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GoodFoodChallenge2013>. Contact Allison Righter at [acappela@jhsph.edu](mailto:acappela@jhsph.edu) or [410-502-7578](tel:410-502-7578) with any questions.

## Housing

❖ ***OpenDoor Housing Ribbon Cutting Celebration-Housing for Disabled Veterans***

Wednesday, June 26 11:00am-1:00pm

9900 Woodview Drive, Bowie, MD 20712

<https://www.facebook.com/events/565142700195936/>

*Please join us to celebrate a victory for Prince George's County and for affordable housing in Bowie, MD!* Affordable housing options for our military veterans are scarce. Far too many of our veterans are homeless or cannot find safe and affordable homes for purchase. This problem even affects working, retired and disabled veterans. In response to this significant need OpenDoor Housing Fund created a partnership intent on providing affordable housing options for military veterans. This particular program seeks to meet the housing needs of disabled military veterans. As an added benefit to the greater Prince George's community, OpenDoor was able to acquire and revive an REO property. OpenDoor funded its own renovation of this property and organized its sale for this special program. OpenDoor is excited to welcome you to see this lovely property for this very limited time. This event will take place on "the eve" of this single family residence becoming a home for a deserving military veteran.

Please help us celebrate this victory for affordable housing! Join us!

\* The speaking program starts at Noon\*

Come to our event & Answer the following questions & claim a small prize:

1. How many war veterans are currently in the U.S.?
2. On any given night, how many veterans are homeless?
3. How many people 50+ live in unaffordable or unsafe housing?

## Human Trafficking

❖ ***Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network***

With the support of a [Google Global Impact Award](#), [we are launching the Global Human Trafficking Hotline](#)

**Network.** This new alliance of anti-trafficking hotlines around the world aims to build a broader safety net for survivors of modern-day slavery and to collect and leverage data in new ways that can help to prevent and eradicate human trafficking. We are excited to be working with two core launch partners, [Liberty Asia](#) and [La Strada International](#), who have deep expertise in fighting human trafficking in Southeast Asia and Europe. The Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network is a core component of Polaris Project's global programming, [which you can read more about here](#). Our goal is that anyone held in slavery, anywhere in the world, will be able to contact a hotline and access help. By teaming up with other human trafficking hotlines, the network can offer even better resources to vulnerable communities, share data to reveal strategic insights about how and where trafficking is occurring, and ultimately, reach more survivors. From 2002 to 2012, Polaris Project focused the majority of its efforts on combating modern-day slavery in the United States. Alongside our new global programs, we remain committed to directly serving victims of human trafficking, fighting for stronger laws, and finding long-term solutions to the crime of human trafficking here in the U.S. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline continues to function as a central hub for connecting survivors to the support they need and helping communities to transform the way they respond to this issue.

❖ ***You've Checked Your Carbon Footprint Now Check Your Slavery Footprint***

[www.slaveryfootprint.org](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org)

**Immigration**

❖ ***Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)'s Legislative Strategy Conference***

Wednesday, August 14  
Place TBD

VACOLAO is excited to announce its "Legislative Strategy Conference" where members of the Latino community and its allies will gather to learn and debate about VACOLAO's legislative priorities for the upcoming 2014 Virginia General Assembly Session as well as issues relevant to Latinos living and working in Virginia. Some of the issues that will be addressed are included below:

- \* The implementation of Affordable Care Act in Virginia and its implications for the Latino community including Medicaid expansion in Virginia
- \* Immigration Reform and its potential ramifications for the Latino Community.
- \* Immigrant workers access to drivers licenses in Virginia, regardless of their legal status
- \* In-state tuition for immigrant children (Virginia DREAM Act)
- \* Combating notary fraud with state legislation
- \* The Latino community's contribution to the culture and economy of Virginia.

The results of this convention will be presented at the IV Virginia Immigrant Advocates Summit <<http://virginiaimmigrantadvocatessummit.wordpress.com/>> this fall.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Edgar Aranda-Yanoc at [703-772-1555](tel:703-772-1555) or [vacolao@gmail.com](mailto:vacolao@gmail.com) or Leni Gonzalez at [vacolao@aol.com](mailto:vacolao@aol.com) or [703-328-2616](tel:703-328-2616)

❖ ***Borrow Immigration Films from UUSJ***

UUSJ has purchased the films [Which Way Home](#) and [Welcome to Shelbyville](#). Contact [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) or call

202-600-9132 to arrange to borrow either for a showing in your congregation.

### ❖ *Report—Gendered Paths to Legal Status*

The Immigration Policy Center has released [Gendered Paths to Legal Status: The Case of Latin American Immigrants in Phoenix, Arizona](#). This special report by Cecilia Menjívar and Olivia Salcido for the Immigration Policy Center looks at immigration law, which on its face appears gender neutral, but actually contains gender biases that create barriers for many women trying to gain legalization within the current immigration system. These inequalities appear across immigration law, and even as new laws are put into place, stereotypes and assumptions remain unchallenged. Ironically, even laws written specifically to protect women, such as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), continue to play out in practice along gender-biased lines. As immigration reform is being debated, the findings point to the need that any pathway to citizenship and integration be open, affordable, and accessible to all immigrant women, including those whose work is unpaid, and those employed in the informal economy. In order for this to occur, there should be more and stronger open channels for women to access the legalization process without having to rely on a principal visa holder to petition on their behalf. **To view the report in its entirety, see:** [Gendered Paths to Legal Status: The Case of Latin American Immigrants in Phoenix, Arizona](#) (IPC Special Report, May 2013)

### ❖ *Virginia Immigrant Statistics by Congressional District*

The Commonwealth Institute has released a series of excellent infographics with key information about Virginia's immigrants, broken down by Congressional district. Follow the link below <http://www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org/2013/04/25/the-facts-on-virginias-immigrant-communities/>

### ❖ *Immigration Information from the UUA*

**New Resources:** The UUA is pleased to announce that there are new resources available to help congregations engage with immigration justice work.

[United States Immigration: Theological Reflection and Discussion](#) is a collection of 22 brief excerpts from sermons and writings about the topic of immigration offered for Unitarian Universalist congregations. Each excerpt is followed by questions for discussion. [Download](#) a copy of the resource, and or/find out more about it by listening to reflection authors Susan Karlson, Michael Tino and Colin Bossen on [The Journey Toward Phoenix](#), an internet-based radio blog hosted by Rev. Carlton Elliot Smith of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA. [The Doctrine of Discovery: The True Story of Colonizing the Americas](#), a video to accompany the Doctrine of Discovery [discussion guide](#).

Join the conversation on [Cooking Together: Recipes for Immigration Justice Work](#) blog.

See [www.uua.org/immigration](http://www.uua.org/immigration) for resources, congregational stories, policy information and more!

## **LGBTQ**

### ❖ *Workshops for Transgender Allies of Faith*

Sunday, June 23 Silver Spring, MD

Sunday, September 15 Frederick, MD

Equality Maryland, in partnership with faith leaders in Frederick and Montgomery counties, will be hosting free

workshops to help faith communities feel more equipped and confident in being transgender allies and advocates.

This program will focus on helping you and your congregation be more effective transgender allies. It is designed to meet individuals where they are and empower them to go back to their faith communities with new tools as we journey towards transgender equality.

Our first training is [June 23, 3-6pm in Silver Spring at Christ Congregational Church](#) (Conference Room, 9525 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring 20901). [Click here to RSVP](#).

The second training is [September 15, 3-6pm in Frederick at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ](#) (15 W. Church St. Frederick, MD, 21701). [Click here to RSVP](#).

Click [here](#) to download the Montgomery County flyer. Click [here](#) to download the Frederick flyer.

### ❖ *June Interweave Connect Focus on GLBTQ Ministers*

[June2013 Interweave Connections](#)

### ❖ *Ethical Practice with Older Adults –A Focus on HIV and LGBTQ Communities*

Wednesday, June 19 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Howard University School of Social Work and the Blackburn Center  
601 Howard Place NW, Washington DC 20059

Registration is free. Seating is limited.

Lunch will be provided.

This one-day workshop provides education for social workers, case managers, health care professionals and chaplains who work with the aging and vulnerable adult populations. It will develop a professional awareness and practice of ethics, HIV among older adults, and discrimination of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) older adults by home care and long term care facilities.

Presented by the

DC Office on Aging and Howard University Multidisciplinary Gerontology Center  
in partnership with the

Practice and Ethics Advisory Committee, Washington Area Geriatric  
Education Center Consortium.

The workshop will be approved for 6 CE Contact Hours for social workers. There is a \$15.00 fee for a CEU Ethics Certificate – make checks out to NASW, Metro Chapter.

Register today: Email: [marian.williams@howard.edu](mailto:marian.williams@howard.edu) Phone: Contact Marian Williams at [202-806-4080](tel:202-806-4080)

### ❖ *Catherin Tuerk, Author of “Mom Knows: Reflections on Love, Gay Pride and Taking Action”*

Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Enoch Pratt Library in the Poe Room Baltimore, MD

When her son came out to her, she embarked upon a life of educating herself, and eventually others. She became a leader in PFLAG--Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. She wrote articles for varied publications and appeared on many television and radio shows with the aim of dispelling homophobia and promoting pride-inspired advocacy. On frequent vacation trips abroad, Catherine and her husband served as

pro-gay ambassadors, getting to know gay people and their parents in other cultures. Concerned that the unique realities of gay and transgender children are often overlooked or ignored, Catherine was instrumental in establishing a pioneering program that supports and affirms gender-nonconforming children and their families. All along the way, Catherine Tuerk has been writing candidly about her journey. *Mom Knows* is a lively and compelling selection from her writings of two decades, with this remarkable mother's distinctive voice frank and insightful, compassionate and hopeful coming through strong and clear. Tuerk ventured further, helping to found the Gender and Sexuality Advocacy and Education Program at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. A psychotherapist and tireless advocate for LGBT rights. Tuerk is also, first and foremost, a mom. For more information, please call [410-396-5494](tel:410-396-5494).

### ❖ *Frederick Pride*

Saturday, June 29 12:00noon-6:00pm

Utica Park 10200-B Old Frederick Rd Frederick, MD 21701

### ❖ *Outserve Magazine Latest Issue*

[Click here to read the latest issue.](#)

Among the pieces in our latest edition, you will find:

Allyson Robinson introduces **OutServe-SLDN's new mission statement and goals going forward.**

OS-SLDN board member, Captain Matthew Phelps, USMC, discusses the impacts the **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** will have on his marriage.

Lt. Col. Vicki Hudson, USA, (Ret.), tells us about her experiences being **deployed before and after the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT).**

IT1(SW/AW) Christopher Hooper, OutServe-SLDN Virginia Chapter Leader, recounts his **experience on the USS Arlington.**

And Col. Ginger Wallace, USAF, writes about her **year-long deployment in Afghanistan.**

## Peace

### ❖ *Cindy Sheehan's TourDePeace in Maryland*

Saturday, June 22 4:00pm

Brookeville, MD

Anti-militarism activist Cindy Sheehan's *Tour De Peace* cross-country bike ride will come to Maryland on Sat., June 22. Please welcome her to Maryland and join her for dinner!

*Background:* Following the death of her son, Army Specialist Casey Sheehan in Iraq in 2005, Cindy galvanized opposition to the Iraq war with Camp Casey outside George Bush's ranch in Texas. She has continued to speak out against wars and militarism ever since, in a variety of ways.

*The Tour de Peace*

The bike tour began in Vacaville, California on April 4, the anniversary of Casey Sheehan's death. It has stopped in numerous cities, including Sacramento, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Tulsa, St. Louis, Chicago, and Detroit. The tour will conclude July 3 with a press conference at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Cindy's goal with this bike tour is to rally grassroots support for an end to:

U.S. wars and U.S. immunity for war crimes;

Suppression of civil rights and the persecution of whistle blowers;  
The use of fossil fuels.

Please Join Us

Maryland will greet Cindy Saturday, June 22, at 4 p.m. Acoustic guitar player and singer Rick Sullivan will entertain us, and a few representatives of local groups will welcome Cindy before we hear from her.

We'll enjoy a potluck dinner at the home of Jean and Whit Athey in Brookeville, giving you a chance to talk with Cindy in an informal setting.

*Please RSVP for the potluck and tell us what you'll bring (vegan a good choice): just reply to [jeanathey@verizon.net](mailto:jeanathey@verizon.net).*

## **Reproductive Justice**

### **❖ *Reproductive Justice Curriculum from the UUA***

A brand new curriculum from the UUA, "Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling," is available for [download](#) now! This six week curriculum is rooted in our religious history and theological callings and outlines the distinctions between reproductive "health," "rights," and "justice." The curriculum offers opportunities to learn about ourselves and each other as sexual and reproductive beings and equips us to move forward, out into the world, with integrity and vision.

## **Service Learning Trips**

### **❖ *Upcoming Offerings from the UU College of Social Justice***

#### **[UUHIP: Justice for Women and Marginalized Communities in India](#)**

*November 10-24, 2013 | Deadline to apply: September 1*

Join the UU Holdeen India Program (UUHIP) and the UU College of Social Justice for an 11-day pilgrimage to India. This journey will take us to the western state of Gujarat, where you will witness firsthand the struggles that UUHIP grassroots partners are waging for social justice.

#### **[BorderLinks: Sustainable Futures](#)**

*September 19-24, 2013 | Deadline to apply: July 7*

UUCSJ has partnered with BorderLinks to offer the Sustainable Futures Program: an opportunity to explore the connections between our food system and pressing social justice issues such as immigration. Learn about cross-border economic justice as well as how to challenge the dominant system of corporate farming and support sustainable alternatives that value workers, the environment, and our health. This journey encourages participants to make the shift from conscious consumer to engaged citizen.

#### **[Haiti Just Recovery](#)**

*October 5-12, 2013 | Deadline to apply: July 28*

On this weeklong trip, participants will work with members of the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), a UUSC partner, on projects to help former Port-au-Prince residents build new lives in rural Haiti. Every day, you will work with Haitian peasants to build new homes, construct food gardens from old tires, or contribute to other sustainability projects.

## **Youth and Young Adults**

### **❖ *UU Youth Work Camp***

July 7-13, 2013

Join this exciting social justice trip to make a real difference in people's lives, see life in Appalachia, see mountain top removal mining, and make new friends! Looking for 21 youth and four chaperones from the four CERG districts: Ohio Meadville, Joseph Priestley, Metro New York, and St. Lawrence Districts. (Other youth may apply to be on the waitlist) Cost for Youth: \$450.00 and includes transportation, food, and lodging for 5+ days. All information can be found at [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org).

❖ ***List of Trips and Internships***

Compiled by UUA Young Adult Spirituality and Service  
Consultant, Erik Mohn.

<http://www.uua.org/leaders/justice/service>