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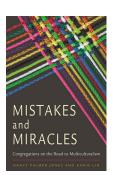
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Upcoming UUWF Events

Women's Federation is turning 60! Keep an eye out for upcoming events!

- <u>UUWF Monthly Community</u>
 Gatherings via Zoom
 December 15th
 4:30 p.m. PT / 5:30 p.m. MT /
 6:30 p.m. CT / 7:30 p.m. ET
- 60th Anniversary UU Leadership Panel January 26th 4:30 PT / 5:30 MT / 6:30 CT / 7:30 ET
- Join our next UUWF Book Club January 8th! More details below

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB



We're reading to create a more just society! The UU Women's Social Justice Book Club allows entry into our priority issues and supports individuals looking to build on being better allies and coconspirators. We're reading some of the latest award winning books as we



MEMBERSHIP

Did you miss the November Community Gathering? Read below for the highlights of our discussion around membership and what that looks like for the UU Women's Federation community!

interpret how they can be tools for social justice.

This month we will be reading the UUA Common read. Mistakes and Miracles:

Congregations on the Road to
Multiculturalism, is co-authored by
Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin—a
white minister and a lay person of color.

Join our next discussion on January 8th, 4pm-5pm PST via Zoom.

Register Now

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP MEAN TO US?



ADVOCACY GROUP

Our membership is centered around advocacy for women and girls. Our main priority issues involve women's health, women and poverty, women and work, and voilence against women



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

It is our goal to create a network of organizers and community leaders where we can all stay connected across region and congregation!



ACCOUNTABILITY

Membership provides a safe place for checks and balances that encourages everyone to stay committed to and accountable for their actions.



ACTION BASED

The small individual based actions we give to our members every month and understanding how they make a larger contribution in your community.



NEW EXPERIENCES

Our members want to learn and grow with the UUWomen's Federation! Our membership wants to highlight ways to have new experiences grounded in support and advocacy.

JOIN MIGHTY NETWORKS NOW

The Women's Federation has a thriving online space for you to connect, learn, and grow with UU women across the country. On our Mighty Network, building in collaboration with you, UUWF will moderate topics and polls, post articles, and lead discussions on the issues you care about the most. You can be part of this community by clicking the JOIN NOW button. Be on the lookout for upcoming events exclusively on MightyNetworks!

JOIN NOW

Meet Our New Board Members!

It is with a warm welcome we introduce to you our new board members!

- Elizabeth Cogliati (she/her) from Idaho Falls, ID who was raised UU and has been working in UU congregations since her teens.
- Rev. Denise L. Graves (she/her) from New Orleans, LA who loves culture exploration and immersion, roller skating, preaching, and playing board games.

Learn more about our incredible leadership team at <u>uuwf.org/leadership!</u>





OUR NEXT COMMUNITY GATHERING IS DECEMBER 15th!

The UUA is looking to make some big changes in the coming year. What binds our faith is the Article II section of the UUA Bylaws, the section that speaks specifically to our 7 Principles and 6 Sources. We strive to revisit our principles and sources, but that hasn't necessarily been the case.

"Our current Principles and Purposes were last revised in 1987. There have been many projects, resolutions, task forces, and other strategies that have come from the Board, Commission on Appraisal, and grassroots groups which encourage us to take a look at our principles, purposes, bylaws and rules. It is time for us to do a review and make changes so that we are living into the Unitarian Universalism of the future, a Unitarian Universalism that holds us in times of great need and ethical, moral and spiritual crises. We are in one of those times now." - Article II Commission Team

Here at the UUWF, we want to create a space to grow understanding with a discussion on proposed changes. You can find the current draft here and register for our Monthly Gathering here.

Come ready to discuss!

JOYS AND SORROWS

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the new members of the Clara Barton Sisterhood.

Judy Barrington, of Dedham, MA, was honored for her long, active church membership. She has served as a Deacon and as a member of the Parish Committee.

Janet Hurwitz, of Dedham, MA, has been an active and dedicated member of First Church and Dedham since 1975. Those who nominated her said that there is not enough paper or ink to list the many reasons why Janet was being honored with a Clara Barton Sisterhood.

MaryAnne Osborne, of Dedham, MA, has been a long-term member of the First Church in Dedham and the Dedham Branch Alliance. Over the years, MaryAnne has always been willing to help with countless memorial service receptions, Harvest Dinners, Holly Fairs, and more.

Elizabeth F. Martin, of Dedham, MA, is fondly known as Beppy and is a long-time member of First Church in Dedham. She has been active in many aspects of the church and town communities over the years.

Susan White, of Walpole MA, was honored for her countless contributions to enhancing life at First Church. Whatever the task, be it serving as a Deacon and guiding the church's direction or ladling beans at the Holly Faire, she brings enthusiasm, practicality and intelligence to the job.

Joan Wislocki, of Dedham, MA, has been a long-term, dedicated member of First Church in Dedham. Intelligent, determined, creative, and hard working are a few of the words that describe Joan.

We strongly believe that, when a sorrow is shared, it is lessened and when a joy is shared it is multiplied!

Joys and Sorrows is a community space where we welcome anyone reading this to share their good news, big moments, outreach for support, or request for prayers.

We invite you to be open in conversation with the UUWF as we are all in community together, building covenantal relationships on our journey to collective liberation. Submit your news here.

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Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

Building covenental relationships among Unitarian Universalist Women that equip us all to be better co-conspirators and allies in the movement for collective liberation

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