### THE UUWF NEWSLETTER

### Say Hello! Meet New Staff!



Candace (she/her) New Orleans, LA National Organizer *loves:* female rap music



Los Angeles, CA National Organizer *loves*: books

### Upcoming Events

Women's Federation is having its 60th anniversary! Keep an eye out for upcoming events :his fall!

We invite elergy and organizers, age 18-25, to apply for the Grounded and Resilient Organizer Workshop (GROW) hosted by the UUA Lifespan Department in collaboration with UUWF. Find out more information here: https://uua.wuf5o.com/forms/mtu3jfe06mlvke/

Join us to learn more about the new UUWF framework that supports UU women in jumpstarting Chapters nationwide. We'll have a brief information session.

More information to come!

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### A Warm Welcome

A Message from Our New Board Chair -Mandy Goheen

I am the Rev. Mandy Goheen (she/her) and am honored to serve as the newest board chair. I can imagine the twinkle in my granny & gramma's eyes knowing the commitment I agreed to. Growing up in the heart of rural Appalachia I witnessed the power of women to change the world. I also know the importance of organizing around that power for collective liberation which oftentimes feels fragile in this climate.

At the heart of maintaining that power and building towards justice is relationships and connections that are reinforced by authentic love and care. Besides telling a good story I am best at building relationships and finding connections. For these reasons I feel like this is an important time for me to be serving as your chair. I am excited to be part of the action as we launch a new chapter at the UUWF with the staff, board, and all of you!



Love,

Rev. Mandy Goheen

# Join nowi

# We are excited to relaunch MIGHTY NETWORKS

The Women's Federation is regrowing an online space for you to connect, learn, and grow with UU women across the country.

Built 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 join our community now by clicking the JOIN NOW button below.

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# Did You Catch Us At General Assembly?

The UUWF came out in full force this year with the return of General Assembly's inperson gathering in Portland, OR. Our two staff and three board members carried a variety are working to be as inclusive as possible and of roles during the annual 5-day convening, including running our booth, workshop facilitations, holding space for grieving, and the fabulous presentation of We Do Not Consent: Rejecting Legal Challenges to Abortion.

A huge thank you to our board and staff who engaged with attendees over the week, renewing our long-held relationships and building new ones. Many of you met some of our newest staff people, Ann and Antoinette, at our UUWF booth, right in the middle of the exhibition hall. We were inspired by your excitement in our new path, and we're building upcoming programming based on your suggestions.

We also want to thank every who joined our reception on Saturday evening! It was so good to see all of you and celebrate UU Women.

We do wish we could have accommodated those who wanted to attend virtually and apologize that we were unable to this year. We we missed the mark with some of our in-person gatherings.

### Acts of Immediate Witness (AIW)

We are overjoyed at the overwhelmingly positive response to the Act of Immediate Witness we presented, We Do Not Consent: Rejecting Legal Challenges to Abortion, authored by our board leadership, Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee and Rev. Dr. Isabel Call. A little background, an Act of Immediate Witness (AIW) "is a statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among Unitarian Universalist member congregations and groups."

We are happy to support congregations, groups, and individuals as you take on steps within this resolution. We invite you to read the full statement, see "AIW Full Statement" below!



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	AIW FULL STATEMENT	

# JOYS AND SORROWS

### THANK YOU MANDI HUIZENGA

Congratulations and thank you mandi huizinga! During her ordination on Sept 17th, mandi will be dedicating all fundraising efforts to the UUWF Majorie Bowens-Wealthy scholarship fund. rev. mandi huizenga currently serves as the settled minister of DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church.

In a brief interview mandi stated that she chose the MBW fund to "amplify the importance of providing opportunities for women of color to enter ministry and fulfill their call". mandi, who does not capitalize their name as a practice to honor the interconnected web of all creation, describes her calling to ministry work came from the heart-breaking stories she heard during the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change's work. mandi says, "my work is about creating healthy congregations who reflect anti-racism, anti-oppression values and living in both their structures and in their hearts.

"The MBW fund is one way to prioritize more equitable opportunities for entering ministry", she says. For mandi, "the faith we wish to become is the faith we need to live into today. Providing equitable opportunities for all to follow their call to ministry is one way to ensure that our faith in the future truly matches our values and becomes how we wish to inspire. The Unitarian Universalism tradition I wish to be a part of honors all calls to ministry and removes as many barriers to that process as possible. The MBW scholarship provides such an opportunity, one small way to live my faith in action".

### **REST IN PEACE NANCY RIESER**

#### With Deep Gratitude

The UUWF has been blessed with a generous gift from Nancy Reiser of West Kingston, Rhode Island, as part of her estate trust. We are humbled to be chosen to carry on Nancy's legacy. We thought her loved ones described her best in her remembrance.

"She was a very spiritual person, which was reflected in a multitude of ways...As a very active member of Westminster Unitarian Church, she took on many leadership roles including serving on the board and being



a faithful member of Women of Westminster. She was passionate about political activism and wrote thousands of letters and postcards urging people to vote in the 2020 election. Nancy truly embodied the quote - "Be the Change that you wish to see in the world".

We will do our best every day to honor Nancy in the work that we do.

Congrats!

### Susan Mashiyama

Jeanay Johnson

#### Majorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Recipients 2022

The Marjorie Bowens Wheatley scholarship fund was created to support BIPOC women who are called to be a religious professional and who seek to bring a racial justice lens to their ministry.

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# Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

advancing justice for women and girls and promoting their spiritual growth