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FELLOWSHIP  
*diverse beliefs,  
common purpose.*

**Today At Your Fellowship**  
**Monday**  
**April 12, 2021**

**This Week @ AUUF on Zoom**

**Monday 4/12/21**

7 pm Anti-Racism Team: Voting Rights  
Education and Action

**Tuesday 4/13/21**

10 am Gentle Beginners Yoga  
6 pm CYRE Meeting  
7 pm Adult Religious Exploration with  
Rev. Lise

**Wednesday 4/14/21**

6 pm Safer Congregations Team Meeting

**Thursday 4/15/21**

6 pm Board Executive Meeting  
7 pm Choir Practice  
7 pm Anti-Racism Team: Voting Rights  
Education and Action

**Friday 4/16/21**

12 pm Freethinkers

**Saturday 4/17/21**

**Sunday 4/18/21**

9 am Virtual Forum

10:30 am FY22 Budget Discussion

10:15 am RE Chalice Circle

11 am Virtual Worship

1-3 pm Youth Bridging Meeting

6:30 pm Virtual Jr. Youth Meet-up

**Zoom links for public meetings always  
available on the calendar on the [AUUF  
homepage](#).**

**To learn how to participate in  
Religious Exploration youth  
programming contact  
Rosene Beachy  
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**HELP FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL!**

**7 pm Monday, April 12**

TONIGHT (and Thursday): HELP FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL!

Monday April 12th and Thursday April 15th, 7-8 PM.

UU the Vote and the Anti-Racism Team will be holding an educational and action-oriented event on Monday April 15th and/or Thursday April 18th which will focus on the attempts to enact laws which will result in voter suppression, both in AK and the nation. We will watch a brief (5-minute) video and learn about HR/Senate bill 1 (the "For the People" Act). This session will include EASY ACTION STEPS which we can take to oppose the voter suppression bills and support voting

rights law.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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## Gentle Beginners Yoga

10:00 am Tuesday, April 13

Visit [Yoga Collective AK](#) for zoom link and class details.

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## Adult Religious Exploration

7 pm Tuesday, April 13

Rev. Lise will facilitate the Tapestry of Faith curriculum, What Moves Us. Written by theologian, Rev. Thandeka, the 10 sessions look at the belief systems of historical and current UUs and help us articulate what we believe and have experienced in our own faith journeys. Classes will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month through May.

Find the calendar link on the AUUF homepage .

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## Freethinkers

12 pm, April 16

Genetics is Big, Deep, Exciting, and Now!  
by Marie Lundstrom

We are definitely in today's world in *The Code Breaker*. Walter Isaacson gives a solid background as context for Jennifer Doudna's work with CRISPR, which means getting into DNA and Watson, Crick, Franklin, and Watkins, plus other luminaries. Then onward into RNA and what that means for us right now with vaccines based on mRNA. The coronavirus is with us whether we want it to be or not.

Women in science is an important underlying theme in the telling of Doudna's story. Sexism is an ongoing obstacle, which Rosalind Franklin, Doudna, and others have had to hurdle in order to be effective, sometimes making it and sometimes not.

But mostly we are enjoying becoming drenched in science, in genetics, in teamwork, in what can make us ultimately healthier and safer. Join us Friday at noon on Zoom—go to the AUUF website, click on the calendar for the link.

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## FY22 Budget Discussion

10:30-11:30 am Sunday, April 18

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Forum and we begin after.

5:30-6:30 pm Tuesday, April 20

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Finance Committee and we will begin after.

12:30-1:30 pm Sunday, April 25

Stay on the same Zoom meeting as the Worship Service and we will begin after.

Join us for a discussion of the proposed budget for next year. All three meetings will be the same. This is a time for you to ask your questions as well as have a brief overview of the summary budget that was provided in the Annual Meeting materials. The detailed version of the budget will

also be available for discussion. If you would like a copy of it, you may [download a copy of it here](#).

The meeting will also be attended by some Board members and Finance Committee members. We welcome your comments both at the meeting and by email. [president@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:president@anchorageuuf.org)

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## AUUF Anti-Racism Team corner: Upcoming events of interest

Democracy Today! A Faith Call for Justice & Democracy (sponsored by National UU the Vote)  
COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM AK time

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for a faith-grounded discussion and call to action for democracy on Wednesday, April 14, 7-8:30 pm ET/6-7:30pm CT/5-6:30pm MT/4-5:30pm PT. Today we are witnessing a dangerous swelling in anti-democratic measures across the country. Nearly every state in the nation faces voter suppression bills, states and cities are criminalizing protest, and our immigration and criminal legal systems continue to keep us from the promise of a truly democratic nation. Right now, across the country, the people are rising up to demand democracy, organize their communities and leverage their collective power to move lawmakers and corporations to make change.

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Group Book Read - May 12 and 16th

Anti-Racism Book Circle: So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

Wednesday, May 12th, 6:30pm and/or Sunday, May 16th at 6:30pm

Michele Champion has 6 more copies of this book checked out from the library. Please call or e-mail her to let her know you are interested in borrowing one . [akmichelechamp@yahoo.com](mailto:akmichelechamp@yahoo.com)  
907-341-9249

Join fellow AUUF members for a listening circle to share reactions to So You Want to Talk About Race, a short (256-page) book by Ijeoma Oluo who shares her perspectives and experiences as a Black woman in the Pacific Northwest and coaches readers to engage in constructive, equitable dialogue on race and racism. Chapters include "What if I talk about race wrong?", "What is intersectionality and why do I need it?", "But what if I hate Al Sharpton?", "I Just got called racist, what do I do now?" and more.

We are offering two sessions to accommodate differing schedules.

Find a copy at the Anchorage Public Library

Borrow an e-book from the Anchorage Public Library

Borrow an audiobook from the Anchorage Public Library

Order a copy from local bookstore Writer's Block

Buy an audiobook while supporting Writer's Block

No time for the whole book?

Watch Author Ijeoma Oluo speak on YouTube or Read a short summary of the book.

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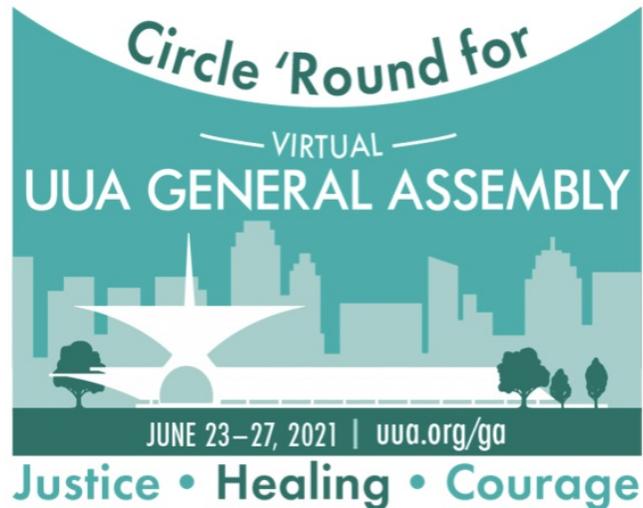
### DOCUMENTING AND SHARING ANCHORAGE'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Anchorage Museum:

In April 2021, the museum will open a new exhibition about Black history and culture in Alaska. Informed by conversations with community advisors, including activist and community archivist Cal Williams, and through the research of UAA's Ian Hartman, the exhibition will include photographs and documents from the Anchorage Museum archives that help tell the stories of the lives and experiences of members of Alaska's Black community.

The 15 Alaskans included in The HistoryMakers include African Americans who still are living,

leading and shaping the stories of their community. Working with The HistoryMakers, local historian Cal Williams, and associate professor of history at University of Alaska Anchorage Ian Hartman, the museum is collecting materials like photographs and documents from Alaska's HistoryMakers for the museum's archives. These photographs, awards, announcements and other documents will help tell the personal stories of HistoryMakers interviewees. The project has received funding support from the Anchorage Chapter of the NAACP.



## General Assembly

UU's from across the Nation and beyond will gather virtually for our annual General Assembly June 23th-27th. The sessions will include UUA business, exploration of the theological underpinnings of our faith, and opportunities to lean fully into our mission and principles.

Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. While we've had to give up our face-to-face interactions and hugs, we have retained our dedication to community and made our experience more accessible and environmentally sustainable. Those of us from AUUF who attended last year found it to be a rich, rewarding, and educational experience.

If you are interested in learning more follow this link: [UUA GA2021](https://uua.org/ga).

If you are interested in becoming an AUUF Delegate to the GA, contact Sid: [president@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:president@anchorageuuf.org).



## WhaleCoast Update

**Hosts with Guest Space Still Needed • Driver Volunteers Also Needed**

What we still need:

1. Commitments from some "maybe" hosts (within the next couple of weeks). New hosts

are still needed to put on the backup list, especially any hosts who can offer more than 1 bed!

3. Vaccinated volunteers who can help do some driving during the Anchorage tour dates. If you have a van, this would be especially useful.

4. Help with the 2 banquets (June 13th and July 8). Thanks again to everyone who has offered to be a host or driver! Please get yourself vaccinated if you haven't, and consider contacting me if you have guest space and think you might help with this major fundraising tour program!

Denise Martin: [dulcimer.diva@gmail.com](mailto:dulcimer.diva@gmail.com).

For more information, go to our [Fundraiser website](#).

Also, if you're intrigued about the tours, go to [whalecoastak.org](http://whalecoastak.org) to view the entire statewide itinerary. To inquire about joining up with the UU tourists coming in July, please contact tour

director Dave Frey: [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org)



## Annual Business Meeting

May 2nd 10:00 am

Pre-Registration Required

The Registration link is on the AUUF website under the tab *What's Happening* you will find the Annual Meeting page

Looking forward to seeing you!



## **AUUF vs COVID**

How should we proceed?

Help us shape our plans.

Tell us what you think.

Follow this link to our

[\*\*AUUF's Meeting-in-Person Poll\*\*](#)

## April Half-Portion for Social Action Citizens' Climate Lobby

This month's recipient of the half portion goes to Citizens' Climate Education (CCE)/Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a volunteer-driven, non-partisan, non-political, non-profit that works to educate citizens on how to advocate effectively for climate legislation with their elected officials. Since its inception in 2008, CCE/CCL has championed bi-partisan solutions to mitigate climate change. Efforts by CCL groups were behind last year's launch of the bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus of which Senator Murkowski is an active member.

[Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here to donate.](#)

If you would like to learn more about CCE & CCL, please contact George Donart (anchorageclimate@gmail.com) or go to CitizensClimateLobby.org  
Or [Watch on Youtube.](#)



## Soul Matters Playlists

- [On Spotify](#)
- [On Youtube](#)
- [Archive of Playlists](#)



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