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*diverse beliefs,  
common purpose.*

## Today At Your Fellowship

Friday  
June 4, 2021

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### This Sunday @ AUUF on Zoom

Sunday 6/6/21  
9 am Virtual Forum

11 am Chalice Circle  
In-person at AUUF

11 am Virtual Worship

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



*Refugee Resettlement: The New Way We Welcome*  
RAIS Project Manager Issa Spatrisano

### Virtual Forum

9 am Sunday, June 6

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)  
[Click here for Speaker bios.](#)

## Virtual Forum topics for June

Our Forums for the four Sundays of June will feature an interesting variety of topics from refugee resettlement, pot, toxic pollutants in the Arctic, and Alzheimer's.

### **On June 6, *Refugee Resettlement: The New Way We Welcome***

We'll hear from Issa Spatrisano, Project Manager for Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services program about important new developments regarding refugee resettlement in our state and country.

### **On June 13, *The State of the State's Budding Cannabis Industry***

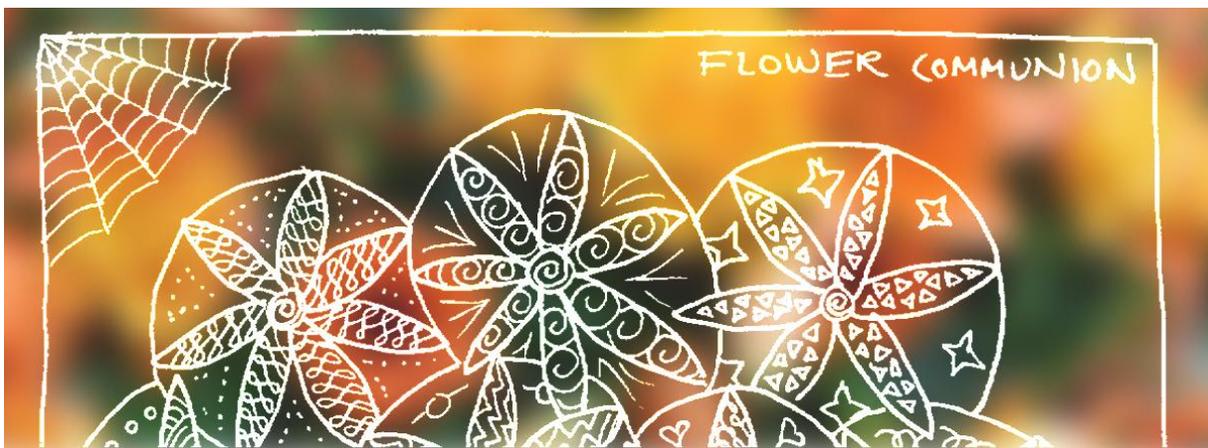
The president and legislative liaison for the Alaska Marijuana Industry Association, Lacy Wilcox, will speak to us from Juneau about the state of the state's budding cannabis industry.

### **On June 20, *Seeking Environmental Justice—Clean Air/ Water & Toxic-Free Food***

We will hear from Vi Waghiyi, a Yupik grandmother, member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. She was born in Savoonga and is an advocate for the people of her homeland, Sivuqaq (St. Lawrence Island and Gambell), and elsewhere in the Arctic who are being seriously impacted by toxic pollutants.

### **On the final Sunday of the month, June 27, *Resources in Alaska for Dealing with Alzheimer's and Related Dementias***

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska Executive Director Pam Kelley and Board Member Fred Traber will discuss resources available in our state for dealing with Alzheimer's and related dementias.



Art work by Cynthia Landrum



*Flower Communion*  
with Rev. Lise

## Virtual Worship

**11 am Sunday, June 6**

**Find flowers for Flower Communion this Sunday!**

Even though we won't be in person, yet, please gather some flowers to share virtually for our UU Flower Communion service this Sunday, June 6. Any flowers, plants, or even twigs are welcome. We'll take some time during our Sunday service to put our flowers on display (Brady Bunch style) so we all can see the variety of colors, smells (imagined), and textures of the beautiful flora that Rev. Capek originally envisioned as representations of the unique and inherent worth of every person in our congregations and the world.

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)

# Worship topics for June

## **June 6: A celebration of the UU Flower Communion**

With Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and Marty Freeman

This is a uniquely UU ritual as we use flowers as a metaphor for the celebration of our membership's diversity. We're all different and we all have beauty and worth.

## **June 13: Celebrating Pride Week, Now More than Ever**

With Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and Koala Vandruff

As more in our society spread fear regarding difference, we lift higher our values of honoring and loving the inherent worth and dignity of all.

## **June 20: Parents and Solstice**

With Joyce Laine and Cady Lynn O'Brien, worship leaders.

We'll reflect on the different ways we parent as congregants share their own experiences.

## **June 27: Circle Round for Justice, Healing, and Courage**

Ken Winterberger, worship leader.

Come join us for a viewing of the UUA General Assembly Worship Service, hosted by the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis. This is always an enriching service with wonderful music.

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## AUUF open to groups for meetings

The building is open to groups for meetings - finally! It is so nice to hear voices and see people in person. Please contact Peggy at [admin@anchorageuuf.org](mailto:admin@anchorageuuf.org) or 907-248-3737 x1 to reserve space. The library is available now as well as other rooms upstairs and down.



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Library

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## Join me as we present AUUF's 53rd annual payment-in-lieu of taxes to the Assembly

On June 8th around 5:15 pm, we will honor our Municipality's commitment to protecting our health and the lives of our loved ones, friends, and neighbors during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that has already killed almost 200 times more Americans than died in the attacks on 9/11.

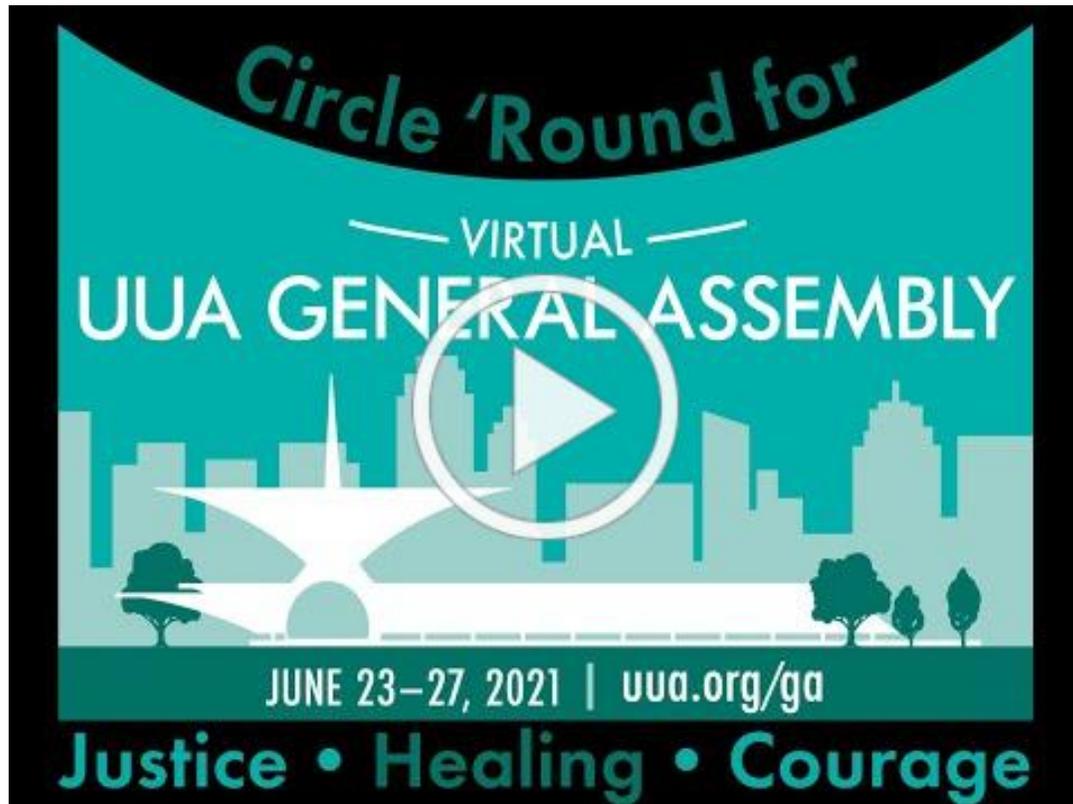
COVID-19 and poisonous political rhetoric have combined to turn our lives upside down ever since we "hunkered down" in March of 2020.

Our Municipality of Anchorage's two Mayors, Assembly, and Muni staff have withstood withering personal attacks for pretty much an entire year. Why? Because they recognized the fragility of Alaska's health care system which is exacerbated by our relative remoteness. They could have buckled under the blistering political assaults, but they did not. They stood true to their oath of office and their charge to protect and defend the health and safety of our residents.

This will be the 53rd time AUUF has presented its annual payment-in-lieu-of-taxes in recognition of our civic duty, but this time it is personal!

Join me on June 8th around 5:15 in the Assembly Chambers when we honor the steadfastness of our two Mayors, our Assembly, and Muni staff with our annual PILOT presentation.

Sid McCausland, President, AUUF Board of Directors



## AUUF Anti-Racism Team Corner: Events of Interest

Summer Anti-Racism Choose-Your-Own-Learning-Experience Circles

Read, watch, or listen to anything you want! Our summer circles will be a chance to share what we're reading, listening to, and/or viewing independently on our anti-racism journeys. Want suggestions? [Click here](#) for a list of titles AUUF members have appreciated recently and links to even more options.

June 22 6:30pm - 8pm

July 14 6:30pm - 8pm

August 24 6:30pm - 8pm

Location to be announced (Zoom and/or in-person)

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Black Lives in Alaska: Journey, Justice, Joy  
at The Anchorage Museum

On view April 30 — Nov 30, 2021

The museum has 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.

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## June's Half Portion for Social



# Action goes to Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)

Every year, World Refugee Day is celebrated on June 20<sup>th</sup> across the globe. We also will be celebrating here in

Alaska and welcome you to join us at one of our Zoom Conversations or our in-person “Global Table” event. Information on World Refugee Day events can be found [here](#).

## RAIS Family Mentor Program

Family mentors introduce individuals/families to Alaska through day trips or outings so they are comfortable in their new homes. Family mentors add to the community that refugees are missing from their home country, offering their time and friendship. As our newest neighbors begin to rebuild their lives, family mentors help them explore their new community as well as form a meaningful friendship with one another. Our Family Mentorship Program allows both our clients and mentors to engage in a cultural exchange. Outings may include: walking the coastal trail, going to a playground, ice skating, sledding, and more! Outings will also support English Language by learning new words by exploring their surroundings. We are currently looking for Family Mentors in the Wasilla area also.

For more information on how to volunteer with our Family Mentor program, contact Nichoas Leone, the RAIS Volunteer/ In-Kind Donations Coordinator at [nleone@cssalaska.org](mailto:nleone@cssalaska.org) or 907-339-0488 Ext. 1



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