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*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Your Fellowship

Friday
April 16, 2021

This Sunday @ AUUF on Zoom

Sunday 4/18/21

9 am Virtual Forum

10:15 am RE Chalice Circle

10:30 am FY22 Budget Discussion

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 rbeachy@alaskalife.net



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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Annie & Dennis Ronsse

Virtual Forum

9 am Sunday, April 18

How Does Your Garden Grow?

With Annie & Dennis Ronsse

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

[Click here to read speaker bio.](#)

Religious Exploration Chalice Circle

10:15 am Sunday, April 18

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



Multigenerational Earth Day Service

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry & Friends

Virtual Worship

11 am Sunday, April 18

Multigenerational Earth Day Service

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

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

Calling all painters!

We are in the process of organizing one or more volunteer workdays to paint the sanctuary. Much of the required painting is directly associated with our sanctuary remodel project. While we have the paint cans open, we would like to completely repaint the sanctuary, including all walls and window trim.

We would like to complete the painting over the next 10 – 14 days in order to keep the rest of the construction on schedule. The specific dates have yet to be determined and will be set based on the availability of interested volunteers. If you are interested and available, please contact Don Antrobus directly via email at dtantro@gci.net or by phone at (907) 980-2077. Come see the progress that has been made on the sanctuary remodel project and help us move it to completion!



*Anchorage
Unitarian Universalist
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Annual Business Meeting*

2021 Annual Business Meeting

May 2nd on Zoom

Check out our [Annual Meeting](#) webpage

in the *What's Happening* menu on AUUF website &

[REGISTER NOW](#)

and find links to important documents and websites

Members will be voting on the

Adoption of our FY 2022 Operating Budget (7/1/21-6/30/22)

Election of two members to the Board of Directors

Election of three members to the Endowment Committee

Pre-Registration is Required, so do so early

Doors will open at 9:00 am, Meeting will convene at 10:00 am

EARTH DAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

Dennis Arashiro

"Understanding the links between social justice and environmental sustainability must be at the heart of a new social settlement."

- Anna Coote

Climate change poses a global threat to social justice. The chasm between the rich and the poor means different outcomes for both. When faced with drought, floods, hurricanes and other climate change disasters, the rich have the means to escape to other nations who welcome their investment dollars--while the poor face closed borders. When faced with acidifying oceans, the rich can profit off sheltered fish farms--while the poor can no longer live off the seas. When faced with dangerous heat waves, the rich pay a higher price for air conditioning--while the poor pay a higher price in death by heatstroke.

So what can stand in the way of a common focus on meeting the challenge of climate change? The very chasm between rich and poor! When faced with future global catastrophe, we can see the rich turn away to focus their concern on their present portfolios--while the poor turn away to focus their concern on their immediate survival. Without greater equality to bridge social division, there can be no common focus. Without common focus, there can be no collective action. Without collective action, there can be no success in achieving environmental sustainability. We must end poverty to end ecological disaster. We must fight for social justice to fight for our planet.

Let's realize that vision on Earth Day.

AUUF Anti-Racism Team corner:

This 5-minute video was shared at a national UU-the-Vote event as well as our own local education session on Voter suppression. The link is listed below if you are interested in seeing this.

[Suppressed 2021: The War On Democracy • Voter Suppression Documentary • BRAVE NEW FILMS \(BNF\)](#)

Contact Michele Champion if you would like to take easy action to help get Senate Bill 1 (The For the People Act) passed. akmichelechamp@yahoo.com or 907-341-9249

Group Book Read - May 12 and 16th -

Anti-Racism Book Circle: So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo
Wednesday, May 12th, 6:30 pm and/or Sunday, May 16th at 6:30 pm

(Michele Champion has 7 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 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
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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.

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

On view April 30 — Nov 30, 2021

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.



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**](#)

Today.

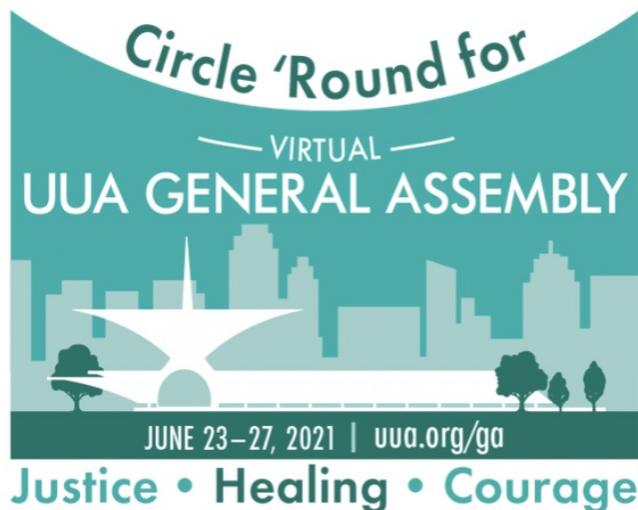
WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED

Activity	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age	✓
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	✓
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	✓
Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	✓
Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination	✓
Travel internationally without quarantining after travel	✓
Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at <u>increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19</u>	✗
Attend medium or large gatherings	✗



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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 the 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](#).

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

A message from the Pacific Northwest District UU Board.

Later this week you and other leaders in the Pacific Northwest will receive an invitation to our District's upcoming Annual Meeting. I'm writing to you now, to let you know about some important news that will be included in that invitation.

At our annual meeting on May 16, 2021, the Pacific Northwest District Board will advise our member congregations to dissolve the district, with the final vote to be taken at a Regional Assembly in November.

Over the past several years, current and past members of the PNWD Board have been in a careful and considered discernment process about how to engage with the structural shift across our association from districts to regions. In every other part of the country, districts have joined together to become:

- The Southern Region
- Central East Region
- Mid-America Region
- New England Region

The congregations in those areas are now served by regional UUA staff and district budgets have become part of the budget of the larger association. After much discussion with the boards of the other three districts in the West, we have come to view Regionalization as inevitable and see this as the moment for our next step.

At our Annual Meeting on May 16:

- We will propose Bylaw changes that will make the dissolution of the District possible
- We will celebrate the incredible leadership and stories of resilience in the PNW, and
- We will share more about the process of Regionalization.

In the coming months, we will host online conversations with anyone who wants more information, listening deeply to questions and concerns that arise.

We also encourage folks to participate in the Love Right Through Forums ([Click here.](#)), hosted by our Regional Staff to explore the impact of Regionalization across our four districts.

In November, we will gather again as a District, at which point members will vote to dissolve the PNW District. Thank you for the leadership you have provided UUs in our district during this difficult year. We hope you and your constituents will join us for a celebratory annual meeting on May 16. More information about registration, delegates, and the agenda will be forthcoming in the regional newsletter and on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!

Warmly,
Joseph Bednarik

YOUNG ADULT REVIVAL NETWORK



CONline 4

April 30 - May 2, 2021

For: People Ages 18 to 39

Cost: Free

Contact: yarn@uusf.org

[Register Here, Today!](#)

It's time for CONline 4, and we are all about that bass, so join us for a beat-bopping weekend! This weekend will be filled with worship, small groups, workshops, and FUUN! Whether it's your 1st time or your 4th, come join us for all or part of CONline 4. Registration is now open and free! Open to all Unitarian Universalist young adults and friends between the ages of 18 to 39.

Our solution to climate change? Democracy.

And we need you on our team.



April Half-Portion for Social Action Citizens' Climate Lobby

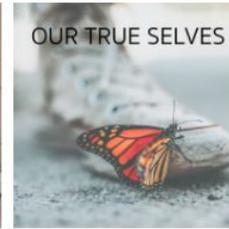
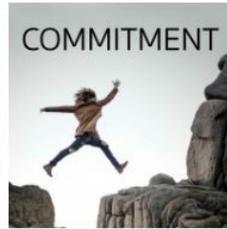
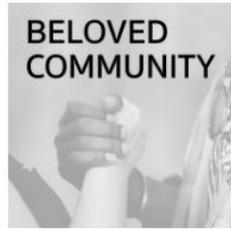
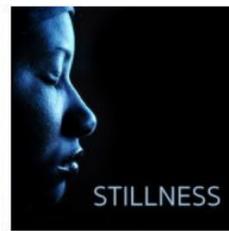
This month's recipient of the half portion goes to Citizens' Climate Education (CCE)/Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a volunteer-driven, non-partisan, non-political, non-profit that works to educate citizens on how to advocate effectively for climate legislation with their elected officials. Since its 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.](#)



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