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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

We aspire to be a loving, religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world. —UUCSR Vision Statement

June 17, 2020



*Juneteenth
Celebrate Freedom*

[See the Program and
Event List Here](#)

**The UUCSR buildings and grounds remain closed.
The Congregation is ACTIVE.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020, 5:30 PM
*Kathy de Vos and the Green Sanctuary Committee
with Rev. Jaye Brooks*

The Summer Solstice Celebration reminds us that the turning of the year occurs no matter what human beings do. This recording is available in the loving religious community we create online from our own little pockets of connection with the Earth.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020, 11:00 AM
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower



Father's Day, with music by the Cosmic Orchestra, previously recorded at Soulful Sundown at Shelter Rock. This morning's service will include a Father's Day reflection, led by the Rev. Jennifer L. Brower.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020, 10:00 AM
General Assembly Worship Service

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no regular UUCSR Service.

***This 10:00 AM live streamed UUA Service is part of the
Annual General Assembly.
Regular UUCSR Services will resume on July 5, 2020.***

Sunday Morning Worship

Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Minister of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT, will lead worship and deliver the sermon. Rev. Mykal O'Neal Slack, Community Minister for Worship and Spiritual Care for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, will co-lead. GA Choir will perform. Service includes donations for the Tomaquag Museum. **10:00 AM. LIVE on demand thereafter.**
<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2020/sunday-worship>

TOUCHSTONES
The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore



People, especially our young people, are out in the streets. They are protesting the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. They are shouting, "Black Lives Matter" and asking for an end to "White Supremacy Culture" as they march for justice. These phrases have been troubling for some in our congregation who find them divisive

and even insulting. People have said to me, "I am not a racist," and "Don't all lives matter?"

I can say, "Black Lives Matter" needs to be proclaimed because for centuries Black lives here in the US have been treated as if they do not matter. Because Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the worth and dignity of all persons and seek to end the dehumanization of all persons—Black Lives Matter.

Dismantling White Supremacy Culture is not about individual racist behavior—although antisemites and racists exist. White Supremacy Culture is the societal belief that White, European, heterosexual, and male identities, perspectives, and experiences are "normal," rightfully dominant, of highest value, and most desired. White Supremacy Culture declares all other identities—and their cultures, identities, experiences, and perspectives to be outside the norm and marginal—and therefore these "others" may be dehumanized, under-resourced, attacked, and killed with relative impunity. White Supremacy Culture is what is foundational, taught, learned, and supported by US institutions. Racist and racialized decision-making derives from and continues to be supported by White Supremacy Culture. This is a call to change a system and not just individual behavior.

UUCSR's Racial Justice Task Force of the Social Justice Committee (SJC) seeks to engage the congregation in programs and activities for discussion, study and learning, such as Freedom School and the 8th Principle Conversations. The SJC LGBTQ+ Sub-Committee, Women's Group, and Lifespan Religious Education Committee also provide opportunities for discussion and sharing. Participation in these gatherings, with fellow UUCSR members, enables you to form your own understandings.

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TOUCHSTONES

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A few weeks ago, Chris Cooper, a Black man was bird-watching in Central Park. He asked a White woman to follow the rules and put a leash on her dog. She called the police and said an African-American man was threatening her. He wasn't. Chris Cooper videoed their encounter. In that video, we see a White woman willing to "call the police" on a Black man and risk escalating a situation to possible violence—so that she could "win" a trivial argument. She didn't win, because of the video. How many other times was there no video and a different outcome?

Chris Cooper's sister, Melody Cooper, wrote an op-ed in the *New York Times*. These are her words:

"Lots of people keep asking me what they can do. We all have a chance to step off the sidelines, to speak up, to take action, and to shine a blinding light on the racism lurking in so many corners of our society. We need to fight together wisely, boldly, and unflinchingly, while staying aware that our passion and actions can and will be used against us. But we must not stop. This is the time. It will not be easy. It will often be messy, but it must be done. If you're an ally, what can you do? Stand with us. Bear witness. Continue the discussion and support legal action. Refuse to accept racism in your midst, even in small ways—call out a cruel joke or rude behavior. Be brave and challenge it all. You can transform your own world through how you teach your children, and how you speak to your neighbors and co-workers. It is up to you, not to a leader nor any single protest or petition. Your everyday commitment is what will start to bring the change you want to see. Start small, step forward, and let your action join with others to become a rising tide that cannot be stopped."

Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mark Hartman, President Board of Trustees

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 21, 2020, 1:00 PM | Online

[Please register in advance here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing webinar login details.

- If more than one person will be participating from ONE device in your household, please contact Tammy Weil (tweil@uucsr.org) to enable vote tracking.
- If you plan to phone in to listen to the Annual Meeting, please also contact Tammy for voting information.

To be able to use our time together as efficiently as possible, please direct questions about items on the agenda to one of the following prior to Sunday, June 21:

- Veatch Grants, Joan Minieri (joan@veatch.org)
- Overall Budget, Brian Muellers (treasurer@uucsr.org)
- Election of Trustees, Veatch Governors, and Nominating Committee, Tammy Weil (tweil@uucsr.org) on behalf of Moira Murphy, Chair of the Nominating Committee
- General Concerns, Mark Hartman (president@uucsr.org)

Thank you.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director



Friday, June 19, 2020, A Juneteenth, 2020 Conversation

7:00 PM on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/MusicatSR

Stephen Michael Smith chats with professional pianist Nathaniel LaNasa.

When Stephen first asked me to reflect on some of my performances at UUCSR, I immediately thought of my summer concerto appearances with the orchestra. Both de Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain and Rachmaninov's Paganini variations were mountaintop experiences for me, both as opportunities for growth and as celebrations of the joy of making music together. However, in light of this historical moment, which won't allow us to ignore that this world isn't equally welcoming for all people, and in reflecting on the inequalities built into my own professional community, I am unable to have a conversation about my own work as if I make music in a social vacuum.

Instead, I want to acknowledge and celebrate the ways in which my tenure at UUCSR has pushed me towards a more inclusive repertory. And given that our scheduled conversation just happens to land on Juneteenth, I will be honored to share with you some of my favorite selections from composers of the African Diaspora. I'll share some historical and biographical context for the works you'll hear, and I'll share with you why these pieces delight me and speak to my heart. It's always a great joy to share music I love with such a receptive audience; I can't wait to revisit, contextualize, and share some of my favorite additions for my repertoire!

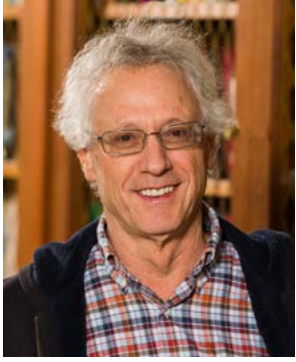
Nathaniel appears regularly at UUCSR.

Live. All are welcome.



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Barry Nobel, Scholarship Coordinator



In a first-ever, the Edward Miller Memorial Music Scholarship winners performed in an online worship service! Thank you saxophonist Michele D'Ambrosio and string bass player Jasmine Rodriguez!

They were each awarded \$3,200, which was raised at the annual Cabaret fundraiser and plate collection at last year's Music Sunday. Kudos to Richard Bock,

Rachel Zampino, Karin Lynstad-Hughes, and Suzanne Viverito for their work to make Cabaret a success. Kudos to Nassau Music Educators Association Scholarship Chair Susan Weber. She and the committee reviewed the applications and selected the recipients. This year's Cabaret is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020.



Michele D'Ambrosio plays alto saxophone. While in high school, she participated in Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Select Chorus, and conducted Wind Ensemble. She earned perfect scores on her New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) evaluations three years in a row and performed at Nassau All-County and New York All-State, where she was first chair on saxophone. Michele was a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society. She won a Merit Scholarship to attend the USDAN Summer Camp for the Arts. She is a member of Northwinds Symphonic Band, a community organization of music teachers and music school graduates. Michelle will attend Temple University in Philadelphia, majoring in music education.

Jasmine Rodriguez played tuba in Concert and Marching Band, and Double Bass in Orchestra and Pit Orchestra. She earned perfect scores on her NYSSMA evaluations. She sang in Chorus and composes original music on the keyboard. Jasmine was president and member of Tri-M Music Honor Society. She performed at New York All-State Symphony Orchestra and attended the New York State Summer School for the Arts. She also participated in Long Island University's Band Festival, Long Island String Festival, and Nassau-Suffolk Wind Symphony. She will enter Ithaca College, with a major in music education and perhaps a minor in performance.

ART COMMITTEE

Tinna Kopelow, Chair

The Art Committee was enjoying a good start in the new year. We had exciting exhibitions planned through 2020. Brent Wilkes had his opening reception on February 23, 2020. However, UUCSR closed due to the pandemic before he could dismantle it.

Therefore, we cancelled the following four exhibits. When possible, these exhibits were rescheduled for 2021. The Congregational Art Show is next, but we are currently not expecting to present it. Our plans for the Committee Art Show also were dropped. Additionally, we cancelled the future art workshops. Unable to meet except by Zoom, we could not vote to donate to Worth Rises.

An Art Committee member, Shirley Alt, proposed a new idea called: "Creativity in our Congregation During these Trying Times." She would like to facilitate a Zoom meeting for UUCSR members and friends to respond to and share their experiences of what this pandemic period has meant for you.

Many of us are creative in our daily lives in ways that we simply do not recognize, or label as "creative." Especially in these difficult times, what gives us a sense of peace? Finding new ways to connect with people when one cannot be physically present with them is challenging.

You may be unaware that you are "creative" when you learn to use Facetime or Skype to read a bedtime story to your grandchild. It can be as simple as taking a photo of a flower arrangement you made from your garden and sending it to a friend who needs cheering up. It can be as unusual as taking the time to set the table for a nice meal, even though you live alone, or, in the early morning for a few moments, to really observe and listen to the birds' conversations.

This is creativity in action: finding joy, finding strength. We hope you will join us and share your stories; or just come to listen. Stories keep us strong and connected. Let us not lose this connection to each other.

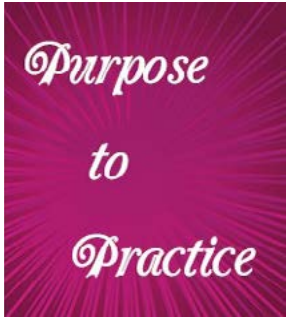
As soon as Zoom arrangements for the date and time are available, we will announce this to the Congregation.



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DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Rev. Jaye Brooks



When our Developmental Ministry began in August 2019, members shared their longing for a more heart-centered and loving religious community that encouraged spiritual growth and engaged members more directly in building a just and joyful world.

Little did we imagine that a virus would so dramatically alter our conception of exactly how we can be together in loving religious community; underscore the need for spiritual deepening and serious reflection on what is important in our lives; and demonstrate starkly the savage economic inequalities discernible in the demographics of race and income—revealing the long distance between the justice we envisage and the realities of American life. And on May 25, the agonizing, unjust, and highly public killing of Black American George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer made it all too clear that our vision of a more just and joyful world now reverberates with an historic wake-up call to dismantle systemic racism in our communities and our country.

So here we are.

We have already navigated a previously unimaginable shift to gathering as a physically distant but powerfully connected community, thanks to technology and the persistence of the human spirit. Through online worship; the warm-hearted outreach of our many new Community Captains (who each stay in touch with a small number of members); and innovative online programs, we are building community as we engage one another in deep and thoughtful conversations.

In light of all that, the goals of our Developmental Ministry seem both a tad prosaic and highly achievable. Here are those goals and some of the progress we've made:

Membership—Deepen member engagement, increase diversity, and grow the congregation. As COVID-19 changed our methods of gathering, our members have been seeking out and claiming connection and community in a variety of innovative ways. As 2020 began, the Membership Committee and the Board collaborated on a new job description for the position of Membership Coordinator and UUCSR hired Abigail Highland, who began on April 1.

Role of Money—Reconsider and reshape our relationship with money as individual members and collectively. Our Vision & Budget roundtables, distilled in a Program Council workshop and the March 8 Conversation Café, generated ideas included in the proposed budget for next year.

Governance and Organization—propose changes to increase clarity of responsibility, authority, and accountability. A Board task force has begun gathering information about how groups define

their roles in congregational life.

Strategic Direction—develop a process for UUCSR to determine its strategic priorities for the next five years. Specific work on this goal has not yet begun. But in the Vision & Budget discussions and an emerging process that encourages the Board and the Ministry Team to discuss goal-setting in line with Vision & Mission, we are laying the groundwork for a detailed strategic plan.

As we consider the developmental goals and the sometimes-fiddly details that are involved in the work of task forces and the complexity of small-group congregational conversations, let's not lose sight of the big picture.

We are living in a time that calls us to our highest aspirations. The remainder of 2020, and doubtless the years to come, will challenge us to live our UU Principles and our Shelter Rock Vision in real and visible ways. Let us not be satisfied with comfortable prosperity. May we use our resources, our power, to shape ourselves into a loving religious community whose members seek spiritual deepening so that, together, we may ally ourselves with all those who are building a more just and joyful world.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC)

Robin Finnan-Jones, Chair

UUCSR Awarded Blue Ribbon Status by the UU@UN!

Blue Ribbon awards are given to congregations for demonstrating their dedication to human rights and international justice through their support of the Unitarian Universalist Office at the United Nations. This year, we earned this honor because we held a service dedicated to highlighting the work of the UU@UN and reaffirming the connections between UU Principles and vital issues concerning the UN. The collection plate at that service was dedicated to supporting the UN 17th Principle, "Gender Equality." In addition, at least 5 percent of our congregation's members became individual supporters of the UU@UN following UN Sunday.

There would normally be a reception in "our" honor at the UUA General Assembly. Due to the coronavirus and the now virtual GA gathering, this will not be possible. However, we will still be receiving the celebratory plaque which will be displayed in our congregational building. We hope to have our own celebration once social distancing restrictions are lifted.

Your envoys will continue to promote UU@UN education and advocacy and bring local concerns to the international stage through the UU@UN

Janet Bendowitz for the Denominational Affairs Committee

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC)

Robin Finnan-Jones, Chair

Open-to-All Events at VGA—No Registration Required

Even if you don't register for Virtual General Assembly (VGA), you don't have to miss the VGA experience (June 24–28). There will be several governance and worship events (listed below) that will be OPEN TO ALL—no registration required. All are welcome at these events via <http://www.uua.org>.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Unitarian Universalist Association Co-Moderators Mr. Barb Greve and Elandria Williams will preside over the General Sessions. (Session highlights included with each event. Complete agendas at https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_final_agenda.pdf)

- Session 1, Wed, June 24, 8:45–9:30 PM: Welcome, Introductions; Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- Session 2, Thurs, June 25, 1:30–3:15 PM: GA Theme: Roots; President's Report; Commission on Social Witness (CSW) Report; Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW) Presentation
- Session 3 Thurs, June 25, 4:00–5:00 PM: Commission on Institutional Change Report
- Session 4, Fri, June 26, 1:30–3:15 PM: GA Theme: Rooted Inspiration; Bylaw Amendments; Business Resolutions
- Session 5, Sat, June 27, 1:30–3:15 PM: GA Theme: Rooted, Inspired, and Ready; Installation of Elected Volunteers; Consideration of AIWs
- Session 6, Sat, June 27, 4:00–5:00 PM: Chaplains and Right Relationship Teams Final Reports; Courageous Love Awards; Co-Moderators' Report; GA Theme: Rooted, Inspired, and Ready to Act; Final Credentials Report

SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION

Led by the Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group, this service honors fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders, remembers those who have died, recognizes those who have completed active service, and welcomes those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. Service includes a collection for the Living Tradition Fund. Live streamed.

- Thursday, June 25, 6:00 PM

SYNERGY BRIDGING WORSHIP

A transformative multigenerational worship. Come be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage, and contemporary musical performances. Service includes a collection to benefit the Katie Tyson Fund for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Live streamed.

- Friday, June 26, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

- Sunday, June 28, 10:00 AM (see front page of this *Quest*)

Have questions or need information about VGA? Contact Richard Bock, DAC GA Liaison, 516.922.6052, or rbock@optonline.net.

PLEASE NOTE: You can still register for VGA at: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>

Unitarian Universalists on Long Island



Four Long Island Area Council of Unitarian Universalist Congregations (LIAC) ministers were a part of the NAACP's Caravan for Justice and Change rally at the H. Lee Denison Building in Hauppauge, on June 7, to protest the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, and structural racism in the United States.

The ministers were the Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, the Rev. Jaye Brooks, the Rev. Margie Allen of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook, and LIAC President Rev. Dr. Linda Anderson.

A crowd of several hundred, many of whom had driven in a caravan from Mineola, blew their horns and cheered the speakers, who included Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, NAACP Long Island Regional Director Tracey Edwards, and ERASE Racism Board Member/Civil Rights Lawyer Fred Brewington.

Rev. Anderson told the crowd, "We stand in solidarity with the NAACP...UU clergy, black and white together—we had to be here."

Earlier, LIAC had released a statement signed by Rev. Anderson and five other UU ministers condemning the killing of Floyd as the latest in a series of "unjustifiable murders."

The statement demanded state legislation to eliminate chokeholds, provide for independent prosecutors to investigate police abuse allegations, mandate body cameras, strengthen hate crime statutes and repeal section 50-A of the state civil rights law that prevents public inspection of police personnel records.

Other UU ministers who signed the statement include the Rev. Jennifer L. Brower, former UUCSR membership coordinator the Rev. Ben Bortin, and the Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork (Bridgehampton).

Jim Smith for the Denominational Affairs Committee

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK

Joan Minieri, Executive Director



The Movement for Black Lives

In 2013, activists and racial justice organizations began protesting and organizing in the streets, online, in cities across the country in response to the acquittal of the man responsible for killing Trayvon Martin—an unarmed, 13-year-old African American teenager in Florida. The movement sparked by this

injustice is known for launching a phrase that has become ever-present on social media, on protest signs, and in chants these past few weeks in response to the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis last month: Black Lives Matter. But this is more than a hashtag or a rallying cry.

Several racial justice organizations—including Veatch grantees Blackbird and support organization for [Black Lives Matter](#) chapters—created the [Movement for Black Lives](#) to provide infrastructure and support for organizers and advocates moved to action by police brutality. Today, the Movement for Black Lives is a Veatch grantee organization, and counts several additional of our grantees among its members, including [Ella Baker Center for Human Rights](#) and [Southerners on New Ground](#).

Since its inception, the [Movement for Black Lives](#) has provided a critical space to debate policies and develop a shared language around the political interventions necessary to create lasting, systemic change for Black communities. In doing so, the group, which today has over 50 organizations as members, has helped lay the foundation for much of the successful organizing we're currently seeing in the streets—as well as for the concrete policy reforms now being introduced into legislatures nationwide. Cities large and small are now eyeing criminal justice reforms long advocated by the Movement for Black Lives, such as providing more [community control over law enforcement](#) and policies to [end the mass incarceration](#) of people of color.

Though the Movement for Black Lives is most synonymous with efforts to change policing, the organization, and the social movement it supports, has from its beginnings sought

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

comprehensive, systemic changes to advance racial justice. Opal Tometi, a Black Lives Matter co-founder who advises many Black-led organizations active in the movement, recently told the *New Yorker*: “That was a spark point, but it was very intentional for us to talk about the way that black lives are cut short all across the board. You can talk about the quality of our life in terms of housing and education and health-care systems and the pandemic and what we are seeing there. So for us it has been more comprehensive than just the criminal-justice system and policing. It's bigger than that.”

The advocates and organizations that make up the Movement for Black Lives have spent years developing a [shared vision and policy agenda](#) to win rights, recognition, and resources for Black people. This includes policies that address past injustices—such as campaigns to [provide reparations](#) to the Black community for harms inflicted during colonialism and slavery—to current ones, such as the ongoing [COVID-19 pandemic](#), which is disproportionately devastating communities of color.

Today, policies that once seemed out of reach—such as investing in social programs over police departments—are now being discussed and considered, thanks in large part to the critical organizing and policy work of the organizations that make up the Movement for Black Lives.

To learn more about how the Movement for Black Lives laid the groundwork for this critical juncture, I encourage you to read the interview with Opal Tometi in this [New Yorker piece](#). And if you haven't yet signed up for our Veatch updates email blasts, [please do so here](#). Our most recent [edition](#) included information on the Movement for Black Lives, as well as dozens of other Veatch grantee organizations that are putting UU faith into action for racial justice—forging the better world we so desperately need, and that is possible.

LGBTQ+ SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Susan Roberts, Chair



We won! This June's landmark decision from the Supreme Court ruling that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gender identity and sexual orientation came as a balm in troubled times. UUCSR members Susan Roberts, Marsha Stone, Jane Weiler, and Roberta Raeburn stood with protestors on the steps of the Supreme Court on October 8, 2019, for the oral arguments. While this is heartening news, our UU values must inspire us to take action and join the current fight to end systemic racism, Black Lives Matter. In the words of Janelle Monáe, “None of us are free until all of us are free.”

Submitted by Susan L. Roberts and Marsha Stone
for the LGBTQ+ Sub-Committee of the Social Justice Committee

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator



What Do the Protesters Want?

The murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25, 2020, led to protests across the country and around the world. As I write this, the protests in New York City have been going on unabated for 17 days. Since Mr. Floyd's death, we have all heard civil rights activists and religious leaders alike express the sentiment

that this could be a turning point in addressing racism in our country.

We know the mantras, and we've seen the signs from the protests. What is underneath these demands?

Those of us who participated in Freedom School and studied essays that are part of the *New York Times* "1619 Project" know that there is a history of oppression and exploitation of people of color going back to 1619 and the arrival of the *White Lion* on the shores of what would become Virginia. There were approximately 20 Africans on that ship. For Black people, this was the beginning of 400 years of slavery, Jim Crow, mass incarceration, and institutionalized racism and oppression.

In fact, according to Elaine Gross, founder and president of ERASE Racism on Long Island, the issue underlying the protests is the need to address [structural racism](#). In a recent article for the Washington, DC news website, *The Hill*, Ms. Gross stated: "Structural racism, which is the historical and ongoing racial discrimination and segregation of African Americans in particular, is typically instigated or sanctioned by government." Structural racism is embedded in every one of our country's institutions, leading to disparities for people of color in housing, education, employment, banking, and health care. No area of our civic, religious, or economic life is untouched by structural racism.

Here on Long Island, examples of structural racism abound, and since its founding in 2001, ERASE Racism has sought to expose and address those examples, especially in housing and public education. Through careful research and statistical analysis, Ms. Gross and her staff have demonstrated how segregation in housing on Long Island leads to segregation in the Island's public schools. ERASE Racism's approach is also practical. Seeing the value of collaboration, it has partnered with various [local and national coalitions](#). Additionally, the organization offers valuable education and training to adults and youth.

In a recent conversation I had with Ms. Gross, she stated, "ERASE Racism is pleased to see the outpouring of support for dismantling structural racism. We believe that the murder of George Floyd is a turning point for many people. They are saying that the underlying structural racism in this country has to be addressed. That's the mission of ERASE Racism."

Like all not-for-profit organizations in these days of global pandemic, ERASE Racism could use our support. Please go to their website to learn more about their work and consider [supporting them](#).

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For further information about any of these announcements, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org or 516.472.2977.

Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18, 2020

The Call of This Moment: An Anti-Racism Workshop with Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, 7:00–8:30 PM. Now more than ever, we need an antiracist movement in our country. Each of us has the power to change white supremacy's toxic legacy. This is a master class for ANYONE who wants to contribute to healing our country in large and small ways. Cost: \$20. Register [here](#).

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM. We gather on the 23rd of each month to remember those in our prisons and jails condemned to the torture of solitary confinement: 23 hours a day in a small cell without meaningful human contact, often without anything to do except count the cracks in the walls, for days, weeks, months, years, even decades. Join Zoom Meeting: (Please try to sign in before 6:30 PM. When you sign in, please mute yourself.) <https://zoom.us/j/97381786008> Or call 646.558.8656, Meeting ID: 973 8178 6008. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Racial Justice Task Force Virtual Meeting, 3:00 PM. We will be evaluating past programs and planning future programs around the Eighth Principle. New members welcome. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96297559570>. Or call 646.558.8656, Meeting ID.

Supporting Those in Need

We can't all be out on the streets protesting, but if you want to donate to support those who can, you'll find ideas [here](#). This is a list of organizations in Minnesota that is updated regularly.

SPECIAL UUA ANNOUNCEMENT

Digital Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington: the largest digital gathering of poor, dispossessed and impacted people, faith leaders, and people of conscience will be held on June 20, 2020. For more info, visit www.june2020.org and sign up on the RSVP site for UUs and friends so that UUA organizers may build momentum for June 20 and beyond.

Dismantling White Supremacy

“There is another thing that the church must do to remain awake. I think it is necessary to refute the idea that there are superior and inferior races. We must get rid of the notion once and for all that there are superior and inferior races. It is out of this notion that the whole doctrine of white supremacy came into being, and the church must take a stand through religious education and other channels to direct the popular mind at this point, for there are some people who still believe this strange doctrine.”

—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1966 Ware Lecture:
“Don’t Sleep Through The Revolution”

We first learned of the UUA Faith Development Office’s initiative to generate the Accountability Assessment Tool for Dismantling White Supremacy in Religious Education in the summer of 2018 at the RE Week Conference at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine, and returned to UUCSR with great enthusiasm for this endeavor. The next step was for professional religious educators to engage in an informational webinar, after which we were invited to apply for the pilot program. We were accepted and became one of 16 UU congregations across the country to be blessed with the responsibility for this vital work. After reading through the assessment questions and forming an incredible seven member team of RE teachers, RE committee, and youth group members, we each filled out the assessment from our own individual perspectives. The pilot group meets monthly to review the responses and work towards building meaningful, measurable actions that will strengthen our commitment to multi-cultural education and community. Even though the findings of the tool’s efficacy were due back to the UUA after six months, our team still meets to this day, a year and a half later.

People have asked the excellent question of why this is called a “tool?” One could surmise that the five authors’ intent was inspired by Audre Lorde’s assertion that, “The master’s house cannot be dismantled with the master’s tools.” In order to dismantle something, even something created with good intentions such as UU Religious Education Curriculum, it was still created under a system of dominant cultural constructs, so a new, multi-cultural tool needed to be created to accountably assess where our programs do well in educating around inclusivity of all people, and where they fall short and need rebuilding.

In educating children about racism and the Black Lives Matter movement, one can explore with them why they think there are organizations like “Save the Whales” or “Save the Bengal Tiger?” It’s because whales and tigers are targeted by people who want to harm them. Unfortunately, the same is true for people of color. There are some who do not honor their inherent worth and dignity and want to harm them. As kids get older and become aware of many kinds of injustices, they may ask, “What about misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, classism, etc.?” Every oppression you could name has a far more severe impact on people of color, one could say, all justice is racial justice.

An excellent resource explaining systemic racism to children is the storybook, *Something Happened in Our Town*, written by Marianne Celano, PhD, Marietta Collins, PhD, and Ann Hazzard, PhD, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin. *The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center* produced a video version of the book available for viewing on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcOhOFGcWm8>

Online RE Events Include:

- * Bedtime Stories, Live on Zoom at 7:00P When our Developmental Ministry began in August 2019, members shared their longing for a more heart-centered and loving religious community that encouraged spiritual growth and engaged members directly in building a just and joyful world.

Family Week II

Wednesday, June 17

- * *Unplugged: Ella Gets Her Family Back*, written by Laura Pedersen, illustrated by Penny Weber

Friday, June 19

- * *Little Bear: Father Bear Comes Home*, written by Else Holmelund Minarik, illustrated by Maurice Sendak & *Daddy Kisses* by Anne Gutman and Georg Hallensleben

Classics Week II

Monday, June 22

- * *The Story of Ferdinand*, written by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson

Wednesday, June 24

- * *Piglet Meets a Heffalump*, written by A.A. Milne, illustrated by Ernest Shepard

Friday, June 26

- * *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey

Sunday, July 5: Invisible Strings: An RE Summer Program for All Ages Kick-Off.

All are welcome!

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

WinterFlower Robinson, Chair

Transcendentalist Conversations, a new Zoom series, 2:00–3:30 PM, Wednesdays, July 1, 15, 29; Aug 12, 26; Sept 2.

Please join a discussion of the Unitarian Transcendentalist tradition. Discussion topics: Transcendentalism and... civil disobedience, utopian communities, American literature, women, nature, and another topic to be decided.

The Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews, UUCSR Minister Emeritus and author of several books on the Transcendentalists, will bring his expertise to the group.

Join Zoom Meetings: <https://zoom.us/j/91807011633>

Or call 646.558.8656, meeting ID: 91807011633

Contact Jessica Pond for the reading list (jpond@uucsr.org).

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

India Harris, Youth and Young Adult Program Coordinator

Congratulations to the 2020 High School and College Graduates

Graduating High School Seniors

Peter Adinolfi
Grace Cutler
Alyssa Gayle
Maya Goss
Jaiden Fox
Sierra Hiner
Dylan Hoell
Marc Henry Iacono
Taylor Kerr
Clara Rose LaCorte
Danielle Ligure
Vandana Menser
Josh Muellers
Isabella Schlichting
Kai Schrader
Avery Torff
Alex Ali Wiener
Sarah Winkler

College Graduates

Katia Altern
Sadie Kalinowska-Werter
Sarah Kremen
Brook Sehring
Jenna Tishler

Congratulations to Jenna Tishler for receiving the Levi Adams Citation award for her gifts of leadership on behalf of the Brown University Unitarian Universalist Community.

MINISTRY TEAM

- ♦ Worship Services are available every Sunday and thereafter on uucsr.org, Facebook, and YouTube.
- ♦ Visit uucsr.org/worship any time for gatherings of music, reflection, and prayer.
- ♦ See the front page of this Quest for upcoming Services.
- ♦ See next column for minister-led programs and prerecorded readings, messages and inspiration.
- ♦ The UUCSR ministry team is available. Please email ministryteam@uucsr.org.

MINISTERS' PROGRAMS

- ♦ Mondays, 2:00 PM: [Meditation and Poetry](#), prerecorded by Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore
- ♦ Tuesdays, 11:00 AM: [Living Alone During Social Distancing](#), Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ♦ Wednesday, 2:00 PM: [Messages](#), prerecorded by Rev. Jaye Brooks
- ♦ [Wednesday Afternoon and Evening Conversations](#), 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM: Zoom live with Rev. Jaye Brooks
- ♦ Thursdays, 11:00 AM: [Living Alone During Social Distancing](#), Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ♦ Fridays, 2:00 PM: [Meditative Moments](#), prerecorded by Rev. Jennifer Brower

Remembrance Garden Engraved Bricks



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock Remembrance Garden affords a serene setting for tributes. Individuals or committees may purchase engraved bricks to honor a person or occasion. Wording is at the discretion of the purchaser; language should be appropriate for the setting.*

The Remembrance Garden is nestled between the UUCSR lower parking lot and the Veatch parking lot. It is fully accessible via driveways and paths.



*Memoriam/Honorarium Policy can be referenced in the MYUUCSR section of www.uucsr.org

**Deadline for brick orders this season is
Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

Ordering Bricks

Bricks come in 3 sizes:

- 4" x 8"**: Maximum 13 characters per line (3 lines) including spaces and punctuation: \$27 a brick
- 8" x 8"**: Maximum 14 characters per line (6 lines) including spaces and punctuation: \$48 a brick
- 12" x 12"**: Maximum 16 characters per line (8 lines) including spaces and punctuation: \$78 a brick

UUCSR will donate one 4" x 8" brick for a member's memorial.

For more information, contact Kimberly Rossiter, assistant to the ministers, 516.472.2941 or krossiter@uucsr.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues

Women Don't Talk Too Much

How many times have women been accused of talking too much? Many people think we do. Is it true? A study done in 2017 was referred to in a current Op Ed piece in the *New York Times*. We've been vindicated. It seems we talk LESS than men.

It's the men who interrupt the women. It's a universal phenomenon. There's even an app that measures how many times men interrupt women.

A study considered interruptions at the Supreme Court. Yes, even at the Supreme Court. The study found that female justices were disproportionately interrupted by male colleagues. The females did not talk more than males. At the Supreme Court, there have been oral arguments over the phone. This was an adaptation due to COVID-19. Since one of the cases involved access to contraception, it was particularly interesting that those judges who spoke the most were conservative men. Those who spoke the least were liberal women. Chief Justice Roberts interrupted or cut off judges eleven times. Every interrupted judge was appointed by Democratic presidents. Nine of them were female—even though they used less time than their colleagues. Conservative judges were not interrupted even once. Although judges are supposed to be neutral, bias appears to have some affect on their behavior.

Being interrupted, talked over, shut down, or penalized for speaking out is nearly a universal experience for women when they are outnumbered by men. The *New York Times* asked women to provide examples. "I can't even count the number of times I've witnessed a woman being interrupted and talked over by a man, only to hear him later repeat the same ideas she was trying to put forward," wrote one respondent. "I'd say I see this happen... two or three times a week? How often have you witnessed or experienced this in your professional or private life?"

Being angry is not well received. Another study, "Can an Angry Woman Get Ahead?" concluded that men who became angry were rewarded, but that angry women were seen as incompetent and unworthy of power in the workplace.

Many strategies are available and offered to women so they can reduce these interruptions. We can use assertive body language. We can lean in and make eye contact. If women outnumber men on boards, they are less likely to be talked over or interrupted. More women need to be in higher places. The *Harvard Business Review* reported that when Fortune-500 companies were ranked by the number of women directors on their boards, those in the highest quartile reported a 42 percent greater return on sales and a 53 percent higher return on equity than the rest. It can not only solve the problem, it can be very profitable for the companies involved.

At the very least, we can be sure that we're not talking too much. We have important and valuable things to say. It's advantageous for the powerful to listen to us. Let's speak up.

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Ellen Councill, Chair

This article reflects our stewardship of the earth and our commitment to the Seventh Principle.

A Clean Energy Future for Long Island

Clean renewable energy is on track for Long Island. Over 46,000 homeowners have solar panels on their roofs. This is four percent of the housing stock. According to Green Energy, PSEG Long Island knows solar installation means lower energy bills, and durable and reliable panels for home owners. Each year the tax credits vary, but they are still worthwhile.



In the business community, solar-powered-electricity systems are well-established at corporations like Walmart, Costco, Macy's, Apple, and Amazon. Our small businesses are slowly venturing into solar installations. But what has been neglected until recently is our investment into wind power, specifically offshore wind farms. This is changing as three offshore wind farms are being developed here. They offer the best opportunity to power more than one million homes, another way to help our environment "go green."

Off the coast of Montauk, wind farms South Fork and Sunrise Wind are being constructed under the direction of Denmark Farm developer Orsted. On the southeastern shore of Long Island is Empire Wind Farms, a project operated by Equinor, a Norway company. Both companies have proven records. These prime locations will help produce 1,700 megawatts of energy. It will cost New York State \$200 million since Governor Cuomo is trying to attain a wind power goal of 70 percent by 2035.

To maintain this wind power industry, we will need a teaching center for a workforce. In early 2020, a \$20 million offshore wind training institute was established. This institute will encompass two prominent schools: Farmingdale State College (FSC) and Stony Brook University. Classes will begin in 2021. Under the guidance of the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), it will include administration offices, classrooms, and laboratory areas appropriate for learning about wind energy. Previously implemented at FSC: programs on solar, geothermal energy, and natural gas. This campus is continuing to forge ahead.

Over a five- year period the ultimate goal at both Long Island colleges is to train 2,500 workers for the wind industry. This is the kind of environmental future we want. This initiative will help the state of New York use our university system and establish it in a leadership role. Long Island will then grow its economy and build a sustainable energy sector. This will benefit us as we move forward to a clean energy future.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

ONLINE/VIRTUAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see [UUCSR.org/events](https://uucsr.org/events) for additional details on all programs, INCLUDING DIRECT LINKS TO ACCESS.
See [LIACUU.org](https://liacuu.org) for other area congregations.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

Green Sanctuary Committee Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
The Call of This Moment: An Anti-Racism Workshop with Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM
The Call of This Moment: An Anti-Racism Workshop with Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, 7:00 PM
Virtual Choir Gathering, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
WG Book Series Zoom Session, 3:30 PM
LGBTQ+ ZOOM Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Facebook Live:, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

Caring Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 10:00 AM
First Sunday Small Group Ministry, 1:30 PM
Summer Solstice Celebration, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Annual Congregational Meeting, 1:00 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Medical Qigong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Pandemic Reopening Anxiety with Dr. Richard Carlton, MD, 4:15 PM
Shelter Rock Forum Zoom Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 11:00 AM
Together to End Solitary Confinement ZOOM, 6:30 PM
Veatch (VBOG) Meeting, 7:00 PM
Small Group Ministry Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM
Committee on Ministry - Zoom meeting, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

Virtual General Assembly, 9:00 AM
Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together, 11:00 AM

Wednesday Afternoon Conversations, 2:00 PM
Messages, 2:00 PM
Ukulele Practice, 6:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Small Group Ministry Second Wednesday PM Meeting, 7:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

Virtual General Assembly, 9:00 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

Virtual General Assembly, 9:00 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
LGBTQ+ ZOOM Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

Virtual General Assembly, 9:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

GA Sunday Worship, 10:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Medical Qigong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
YoFit Group Exercise for Seniors, 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together, 11:00 AM
Transcendentalist Conversations, 2:00 PM
Messages, 2:00 PM
Wednesday Afternoon Conversations, 2:00 PM
Racial Justice Task Force Virtual Meeting, 3:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Publicity and Promotions Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Virtual Choir Gathering, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

Independence Day Holiday
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM

Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Invisible Strings: An RE Summer Program for All Ages, 1:00 PM

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Bookstore Committee, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together, 11:00 AM
Wednesday Afternoon Conversations, 2:00 PM
Messages, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020

Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Soulful Sundown, 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Men's Group Zoom Meeting, 12:45 PM
Invisible Strings: An RE Summer Program for All Ages, 1:00 PM

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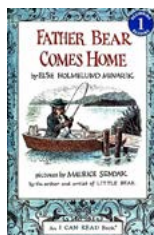
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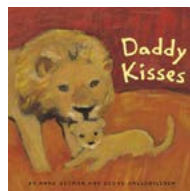
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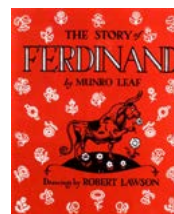
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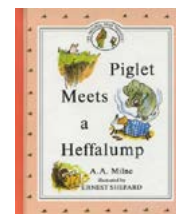
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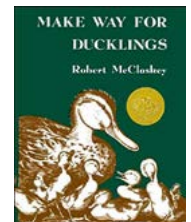
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