

# One Island Family June 24, 2020 Weekly E-letter

Please send announcements to [office@oneislandfamily.org](mailto:office@oneislandfamily.org)+

View this newsletter online at <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/currenteletter.pdf>

Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

All One Island Family activities and events at the Fellowship Hall can be viewed at the following link: [calendar](#)

Like us on Facebook "One Island Family Official"

**Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 11 a.m. our next One Island Family zoom gathering will feature:  
Jim Smith "Thomas Jefferson"**

**"Look for the Zoom email link to this service on Friday, June 26th!"**

## **"TAKING A TURN FOR ONE ISLAND FAMILY"**

Please call Marilyn Smith to take a turn! You are invited to:

- a) Tell about a Unitarian Universalist whom you admire. This could be a person living or deceased. Research that person and share 10-15 minutes highlighting what they did or how they made the world a better place.
- b) Tell us about the first UU service or event you attended, and what brought you back again. This time of sharing will help us get to know each other!

**We'd like to share with you this USA Today obituary notice about Bob Richardson:**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/books/2020/06/21/robert-d-richardson-prize-winning-historian-author-dies-age-86/3233521001/>

<https://mailchi.mp/kwls.org/elizabeth-bishops-home-and-ours-640310?e=d7cd7096ed>

**As you know, the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly is happening this week June 24-28, 2020 ([generalassembly@uua.org](mailto:generalassembly@uua.org))**

## **NEWS from the UU Southern Region Programming Highlights:**

General Assembly (GA) offers many programming options over the five days of GA. *Here are links to the grids that are available for your planning (all events are virtual and will be held online):*

[EAST COAST](#) (Eastern and Central Time Zones)

[WEST COAST](#) (Mountain and Pacific Time Zones)

- **GA 2020 Orientation** – Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. central/5:30 p.m. eastern
- **Welcoming Celebration** – Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. central/7:30 p.m. eastern
- **Service of the Living Tradition** – Thursday, 5:00 p.m. central/6:00 p.m. eastern
- **Synergy Bridging Worship** – Friday, 5:00 central/6:00 p.m. eastern
- **Ware Lecture by Naomi Klein** – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. central/6:00 p.m. eastern

- **Sunday Morning Worship** – 9:00 a.m. central/10:00 a.m. eastern (and again at 12:00 p.m. central/1:00 p.m. eastern)
  - Each Sunday morning service followed by coffee hour

See <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights> for additional information about these events.

## Plan Ahead for the Best GA Experience

Many of you attended our **Southern Region pre-General Assembly webinar**. If you weren't able to attend and would like to view the recording you'll find it here (75 minutes): <https://bit.ly/2wS21VX>

Learn more from the UUA Board of Trustees' in a recording of the **What to Expect at General Assembly 2020** webinar [here](#)

**For more information about Virtual GA and what you can attend with and without registration?** You'll find some helpful information here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site>

The GA **Participation Portal** is expected to open to GA Registrants between June 19-22. Watch for email from [generalassembly@uua.org](mailto:generalassembly@uua.org) inviting you to access the portal.

Consider attending the **GA Orientation session**, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. central/5:30 p.m. eastern

Learn about the **2020 Featured Speaker Series** here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/featured-speakers>

Join **UU the Vote** for a series of events and actions at GA 2020: <https://www.uuthevote.org/generalassembly/>

For information about the **GA 2020 virtual exhibit hall** click here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/exhibit>

The **GA 2020 Program Guide** is available online here: [uua.org/ga/programbook](https://www.uua.org/ga/programbook)

The **GA mobile app** (for iOS and Android) is great for information on the go: complete schedules, speaker information, maps, exhibitor information, and connections to fellow attendees. Learn more here: <https://dl.doubledutch.me/download.aspx?appId=2f66f032-eab3-4441-8a6f-37f9dc0a2840&region=us>

A **one-page summary schedule** grid is available here:

[East Coast Grid](#) (Eastern and Central Time Zones)

[West Coast Grid](#) (Mountain and Pacific Time Zones)

The **Final Agenda** for business to be conducted at GA 2020 is available here:

[https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020\\_final\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_final_agenda.pdf)

**If you are a delegate**, your congregation should have already received information about voting credentials. Learn more here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations>

Learn more about **UUA governance and committee positions to be filled and the candidates** here: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections>

Information about **Children's programming**: <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/childrens-programs>

Information about **Youth programming**: <https://www.uua.org/youth/events/ga>

Information about **Young Adult programming**: <https://www.uua.org/young-adults/events/ga>

A number of **communication forums** are available for online discussions about other topics: <https://www.uua.org/ga/forum>



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**VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY | JUNE 24–28, 2020**





# WELCOME TO VIRTUAL GA

Welcome to the first-ever 100% virtual General Assembly! We are gathering to get Rooted, Inspired, and Ready to live our Unitarian Universalist values more boldly.

A lot has changed in the past few months. Many people have been working hard around the clock to create this online experience. We hope that you will find a meaningful community in this new way of gathering.

You will find many familiar things like worship services, governance general sessions, identity spaces, and workshops, but there are lots of new things too—like child engagement, virtual gathering spaces (in lieu of hallways), and even a special learning “stage” in the exhibit area.

We invite you to join us for special orientation sessions or visit the General Assembly Planning Committee space to learn more about getting the most out of this way of gathering or to let us know how it is going.

Regardless of how we gather, we are Unitarian Universalists committed to love, compassion, and justice. We invite you to be gentle with yourselves and one another as together we get “Rooted, Inspired, and Ready” to create a more just and inclusive world where all are welcome.

Yours in faith,

## The GA Planning Committee

*Debra Gray Boyd, Chair*

*Cecelia Hayes*

*Jolanda Walter*

*Thomas Earthman*

*Chelsea Surfus*

*India Harris*

*Rev. María Uitti-McCabe*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRACTICES FOR FOSTERING MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE AND COMMUNITY

During General Assembly, we gather to build relationships, which requires a commitment to remaining present to issues of power when feeling challenged. A Covenant alone can never be perfect nor lead to perfect behavior; community requires practice. This week you are invited to take these practices to heart and to speak from your truth while acknowledging your privilege.

- **Honor multiple truths** - Your viewpoint, opinions, and actions have intent and impact. In cross-cultural interactions, your INTENT may be to speak from your truth and not cause harm. However, if you are not also invested in the other person's truth then they can experience the IMPACT as harmful. This is particularly true when people with white privilege see their opinion as the universal experience. Which leads to...
- **Consider your social location** - Each of us holds multiple identities with respect to race, class, ability, gender, sexuality, age, and more. Depending on where we are and who we are with, sometimes we are in a position of power and privilege, sometimes we are disempowered

or marginalized, and often there's a mix. Recognize your power and notice the power dynamics around you. Practice using your privilege to create more space for those on the margins.

- **Practice care toward yourself and those you engage with** - With thousands of UUs gathered, the one universal truth is: You are going to have difficult conversations this week! Practice care. If you're in a position of privilege, practice letting go of assumptions, taking your cue from the other person/s, sitting with your discomfort, and/or pausing to consider how to process the conversation. If you have one or more marginalized identities, you may want to assess how much spiritual energy you have to give to the conversation, end a conversation by asking the other person to check in with an accountability partner, and/or seek out care for yourself. Either way, consider finding your people for accountability and/or support (find the Right Relationship Team if you need help).

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# SUMMARY SCHEDULE ET/CT

EDT	CDT	Wednesday 6/24	Thursday 6/25	Friday 6/26	Saturday 6/27	Sunday 6/28
9:00 AM	8:00 AM		Morning Worship <small>(Available On-Demand)</small>	Morning Worship <small>(Available On-Demand)</small>	Morning Worship <small>(Available On-Demand)</small>	
9:30 AM	8:30 AM					
10:00 AM	9:00 AM		Workshops	Workshops	Workshops	Sunday Morning Worship East
10:30 AM	9:30 AM					
11:00 AM	10:00 AM					Coffee Hour
11:30 AM	10:30 AM					
12:00 PM	11:00 AM		Featured Speaker	Featured Speaker	Featured Speaker	Featured Speaker
12:30 PM	11:30 AM					
1:00 PM	12:00 PM					Sunday Morning Worship West
1:30 PM	12:30 PM		General Session 2	General Session 4	General Session 5	
2:00 PM	1:00 PM					Coffee Hour
2:30 PM	1:30 PM					
3:00 PM	2:00 PM	Organizing Your Congregation to #UUTheVote				Workshops
3:30 PM	2:30 PM					
4:00 PM	3:00 PM		General Session 3 (COIC Report)	COIC Workshops	General Session 6	
4:30 PM	3:30 PM					
5:00 PM	4:00 PM					
5:30 PM	4:30 PM	Orientation	Report	Report		
6:00 PM	5:00 PM					
6:30 PM	5:30 PM		Service of the Living Tradition	Synergy Bridging Worship		Ware Lecture
7:00 PM	6:00 PM					
7:30 PM	6:30 PM	Welcoming Celebration	Reflections	Reflections		Reflections
8:00 PM	7:00 PM					
8:30 PM	7:30 PM					
9:00 PM	8:00 PM	General Session 1	Featured Speaker	Featured Speaker		Featured Speaker
9:30 PM	8:30 PM					
10:00 PM	9:00 PM			UU Fun Night		