

One Island Family June 12, 2019 Weekly E-letter

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

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Summer Gatherings

LOOKING AHEAD:

Effective June we go on summer schedule and invite your suggestions!

This (off) season we plan to meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Sundays each month. As we have in years past, we hope to meet both on and off site, so keep an eye out for the monthly newsletter and join in the fellowship fun when you are here;-) **JUNE plans** include:

JUNE 23: Join us for a potluck picnic at Ft. Zachary Taylor at 11 AM! We will gather at the northernmost part of the park. (That's looking toward the ocean to the left of the concession stand.) All paper goods, ice and beverages provided. Please bring a finger food, picnic variety, to share. For more info, rides, etc. leave a message on the church phone and we will call you back! **305-296-4369**

The June Meeting of the OIF Board of Directors has been canceled. Next meeting will be July 16.

UU visitors- We have been contacted by JD Stillwater and Ann Stillwater, UU's from Harrisburg, PA who will be visiting Key West June 19-21st. Although we could not accept their offer to do a Sunday program for us this month, they would like to meet other UU's, perhaps for lunch while they are in town. JD Stillwater has a website (SevenCandles.org) discussing the interfaith promise of science. (Sounds fascinating!!) Ann Stillwater is a school nurse and a certified yoga instructor specializing in guided meditation and grounding. Anyone interested in meeting them over lunch, or maybe Happy Hour on June 20th, please text Marilyn Smith (305) 304-3592.

General Assembly is a time to reconnect in faith and community

Dear friends,

I'm looking forward to being with you at General Assembly this year in beautiful Spokane, WA. From June 19 - 23, we'll hear from amazing speakers like poet Richard Blanco, author Robin DiAngelo, the Rev. Marta I Valentín and other Unitarian Universalist leaders. We'll rally to end jail expansion in the region and learn how to combat white supremacy culture from the lens of different congregational leadership roles. This month's newsletter features key resources to help you get the most out of this year's General Assembly, whether you come to Spokane or participate virtually from your own community.

In faith,
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
UUA President

In keeping with our One Island Family celebration of Pride, here is a creation by Melissa Gibson that we read for opening words during our Summer Gathering on June 9th, along with a poem by [Elizabeth Ketcham](#).



"MAY WE LIVE THE SPIRIT OF PRIDE"

By [Elizabeth Ketcham](#)

With gratitude for the freedom to be our true authentic selves,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With the courage that comes from challenging fear,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With sorrow for those who could not be here with us today, and in honor of those who died of AIDS or
who lost their lives,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With grief for those whose pain was unbearable and who left us too soon,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

Looking ahead to the justice still withheld, may we live the Spirit of Pride

With the confidence that a sense of community banishes isolation and loneliness, may we live the
Spirit of Pride.

With the rainbow flag flying high, a sense of beloved community among us, and the joy that comes
from making new connections,
may we live the Spirit of Pride.

For our Summer Gathering on June 9th Kat Holland, our guest visitor from the River of Grass UU Congregation in Davie, FL, shared with us that she and many other UU's will be attending this event highlighted by the UU Justice Florida:

Homestead Child Detention Center National Week of Action Supporter,

Shut Down the Homestead Child Detention Center



Once again Florida is ground zero for an important movement in our country. We have an opportunity to [close the Homestead Detention](#) Center (30 miles from Miami) and deal a serious blow to the whole system of migrant child detention. This is a critical juncture where we have the opportunity and, if we succeed, we could create real momentum for migrant justice and get closer to liberation for all. The **UUA, UUSC, Side with Love, Love Resists, UUs for Social Justice and UU Justice Florida** have teamed up together and joined the **Shut Down Homestead Child Detention Center National Week of Action** June 9-16 being coordinated by the **American Friends Service Committee** and led by **Florida Immigrant Coalition** and other on-the-ground migrant rights organizations.

The Homestead facility is run by Caliburn, a for-profit corporation, that is warehousing over 2,000 migrant youth, aged 13-17, in prison conditions. Most of the youth have family in the U.S. eager to receive them but when family members and sponsors come forward, the Department of Homeland Security insists on seeking out and detaining undocumented family members through fingerprint and papers requests. Furthermore, there are smaller agencies that have open beds that would enable these youth to live in humane conditions and get schooling but DHS refuses to release them.

Here's what we need you to do:

[Sign & Share the Petition](#) to Close Down the Homestead Child Detention Center. Our coalition's goal is to get to 100,000 signatures and deliver them to the Health and Human Services Department which has the power to shut Homestead down. We will also deliver the petition to Members of Congress.

Help children write letters to Congress. Download the [letter-writing toolkit](#) for children. This can be a family, congregational or organizational activity.

[Sign up here](#) and join with members of sponsoring organizations in Homestead, Florida for the June 16th Action on Father's Day at Homestead Detention Center! Everette Thompson, UUA Side with Love Campaign Manager, and Rev. Kathleen McTigue, UUSC & Love Resists, will be participating on June 15 & 16. There will be folk from UU Justice Florida, UU congregations and other participating organizations.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Immigrant Action Take action to help the immigrants in our country. Attend the next Keys Immigrant Coalition (KIC) Meeting: Because of all the actions this month KIC will NOT have our 4th Monday in May meeting. Our next KIC Meeting will be the 4th Monday in June--June 24th 5:30 pm at the Klaus Murphy Center (next to St. Mary's on Truman).

Tuesday, 5:30pm - All are welcome to join the sangha in mindfulness meditation, sitting and walking, in the tradition of Vietnamese teacher Thich Nhat Hanh.