#### **Upcoming UUWF Events**

Women's Federation is turning 60! Keep an eye out for upcoming events this fall!

UUWF Meet and Greet- October 25th and 26th

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Nationwide Women's March-October 8th

Find a local march near you! https://www.womensmarch.com

### **Upcoming UUA Events**

Taproot: A National BIPOC Gathering-October 13th

BIPoC Leaders rooted in the Unitarian
Universalist congregations are invited to take part
in this monthly, virtual gathering as we explore
these pillars in creating means by which to
ground ourselves in resilient communities of
care.

#### Basebuilding Phonebank October 12th and 26th

Organizing takes relationships & conversations -join us to talk with our people! We'll train you to
make calls to UUs and recruit them to Action
Center activities.

#### We Recommend...

#### FAITH CHOICE OHIO

elevating the moral power of faith communities to expand abortion access and to advance reproductive health, rights, and justice through education, advocacy, and counseling,

#### FAITH CHOICE OHIO TRAININGS

Religion and Repro Moral Messaging Self Managed Abortion in Good Faith Values Clarification ...and more!

Visit Good Faith button for more information!



#### The Evolution of the UU Women's Federation

We are commemorating our HERstories, our achievements, and the ambitions of the UUWF.

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation has always upheld and extended the tenets of Unitarian Universalism as we've safeguarded the sensitivity, vision, and pioneering spirit of women in our faith community.

Our archrival footprints document our desire to serve the social and spiritual needs of people through fellowship, group expression, and programs of education, service, and action. We strive to create an appreciation for the joy of life and an understanding of its deeper meaning. It has always been our wish to join wholeheartedly with people everywhere in striving for universal human dignity, freedom, and peace. With that, we have historically been the voice for women as an affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

With our 60th anniversary nearing, the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation will be taking this time to commemorate the HERstories of our past, the achievements of the present, and our ambitions for the future. In efforts to diversify and expand the reach of the UUWF, this anniversary offers us an opportunity to build a more dynamic and inclusive membership base.

We are excited to elevate our history while also centering and sharing the diverse stories and experiences of UU women and femmes, trans and cis, young and the not-as-young. We understand that we can learn from each other no matter where we are on our activist journeys.

One of the ways that we are choosing to embody more inclusive practices is by no longer requiring payment. We continue to deeply appreciate those who are able to share their financial resources, and we also recognize that people contribute in many ways beyond money.

We welcome you to pay as you can. Just as importantly, we hope you join us in building covenantal relationships among Unitarian Universalist women that equip us all to be better co-conspirators and allies in the movement for collective liberation.

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THE UUWF NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

## SPOTLIGHTING...

Each month we will be spotlighting the amazing members in our community!

#### Zoe Johnston (she/her)

Philadelphia, Central East Region

#### Q. Are you a part of any UU organizations?

A. Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth -- Communications Associate and Network Coordinator of UU Young Adults for Climate Justice

## Q. What justice issues do you focus on in your personal or professional

A. Currently, I focus on climate justice in my professional life. I work at UU Ministry for Earth, specifically as the Network Coordinator for UU Young Adults for Climate Justice. My job is to support, resource, and empower other young adults as they engage in climate justice work. I feel really called to climate justice at this moment in time. Every aspect of justice work is connected, we are people with intersectional identities facing intersectional issues. But climate justice feels like a place where those intersections are made incredibly visible: the impact of climate change on Black, brown, and poor communities; the work of Indigenous water protectors and land defenders around land back; the increasing number of climate displaced refugees; and corporate responsibility for ongoing fossil fuels. So while I'm mainly focusing on what I can do around climate justice, I know that my work is having an impact in every other aspect of our fight for liberation.

#### Q. Where do you see your role in collective liberation?

A. I see myself as a dreamer, a caretaker, and a planner. I think that imagination has to be at the core of collective liberation, dreaming what our new world looks like. I try to bring that vision into all of my relationships. The questions I frequently ask myself are, how can I act in ways that embody community care? What does it look like to tend to each other? Beyond that core belief of dreaming and caretaking, I bring my skills of planning and organization to collective liberation

#### Q. What spiritual practices keep you grounded?

A. I keep a gratitude journal. Every night, I write all the things that I was grateful for that day. It helps me become more attuned to the small joys in life and remember how wonderful it is just to witness this beautiful world. I also really love to sing! I'll sing by myself often, but my favorite is singing with others on Sunday mornings.



### HAPPY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

Check out the great work these organizations are doing and see how you can join in on the fight for reproductive freedom!

#### National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice

At the Latina Institute, we amplify Latina/x voices to change the narratives that seek to tear down the inherent power that resides in our communities https://www.latinainstitute.org

#### Voto Latino

Voto Latino is a grassroots political organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters. In our 17-year history, we've been at the forefront of political, cultural, digital trends for organizing and activating Latinxs

https://votolatino.org/issues/reproductive-justice/

#### COLOR Latina

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) is a communityrooted organization that works to enable Latinx individuals and their families to lead safe, healthy and selfdetermined lives https://www.colorlatina.org

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## **JOYS AND SORROWS**

"After church shopping all summer, I'm happy to have a new congregation to call my home church. Although I won't be in town to participate in the new member ceremony, I feel so blessed to have a community that fits my spiritual and activist needs." -Antoinette, Los Angeles, First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles

We strongly believe when a sorrow is shared, it is lessened and when a joy is shared, it is multiplied! Joys and Sorrows is a community space where we welcome anyone reading this to share their good news, big moments, outreach for support, or request for prayers. We invite you to be open in conversation with the UUWF as we are all in community together, building covenantal relationships on our journey to collective liberation.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION

## WELCOME GATHERING

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30p PT/7:30p MT Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30p CT/7:30p ET

The Women's Federation is growing, and we invite you to join our October "Meet & Greet." Not only will you get to know our excellent staff, we will also provide updates to our programming and services. We'll have an open discussion centering on our priority issues, as well as break out room conversations with other UU women, allies, and co-conspirators. We'll be hosting two, back-to-back dates to join at a time most convent for you. You can use the link below to register for either date.

https://uuwf.org/events

# JOIN NOW

We are excited to relaunch MIGHTY NETWORKS

The Women's Federation is regrowing an online space for you to connect, learn, and grow with UU women across the country.

Built in collaboration with you, UUWF will moderate topics and polls, post articles, and lead discussions on the issues you care about the most.

You can join our community now by clicking the JOIN NOW button below.

#### Did you know?

UU the Vote announces initiative that will focus on 12 battleground states for the 2022 election cycle. Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin

UU the Vote is a nonpartisan civic engagement initiative focused on strengthening democracy and organizing for justice, accountability, and healing. Visit the UUtheVote.org for more information!

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