#### THE UUWF NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2023

<u>Upcoming UUWF</u> <u>Events</u>

UUWF Monthly Community Gatherings via Zoom

APRIL 20TH 4:30PM PT/5:30PM MT / 6:30PM CT/ 7:30PM ET

Join our next <u>UUWF Book</u> <u>Club</u> May 7th! More details below

UU WOMEN'S FEDERATION SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

The UU Women's Social Justice Book Club allows entry into our priority issues and supports individuals looking to build on being better allies and coconspirators. We're reading some of the latest award winning books as we interpret how they can be tools for social justice.

This month we will be reading:

#### LIKE A MOTHER

By Angela Garbes



# JOIN OUR COVENANT

We, the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, build relationships and community among UU women and genderexpansive people for the purpose of mutually supporting, uplifting, and inspiring action in the movement for collective liberation. This covenant means that we will:

- Hold ourselves and one another in wonder, humility, and mutual accountability;
- Seek the greater good with curiosity, vulnerability, and joy;
- Commit to accessible, anti-oppressive, anti-racist, pro-earth, and spiritually grounding practices; #
- Disrupt the characteristics of white supremacist patriarchy, and communicate with bravery and honesty; #
- Own the impact of our actions, regardless of intention, and seek to repair or heal missteps or harm we have caused; and#
- Work for collective liberation with an assumption of abundance and an ethos of mutual support.

We pledge to engage proactively in justice work with one another; to prioritize action and impact; to use our hands, hearts, and minds in service of justice for all, grounded in anti-racism; to embrace gender expansiveness and recognize Join our next discussion on MAY 7TH 4:30PM-6PST via Zoom **\*TIME CHANGE\*** 



the unique oppressions that trans women and genderexpansive people experience; and to continuously build capacity, trust, and interdependence.

# JOIN MIGHTY NETWORKS NOW

The Women's Federation has a thriving online space for you to connect, learn, and grow with UU women across the country. On our Mighty Network, building in collaboration with you, UUWF will moderate topics and polls, post articles, and lead discussions on the issues you care about the most.

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### CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

#### Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Deadline May 1st

"Ministry is what we do together – clergy and the laity. It flows from a religious conviction that invites people to become more of themselves, more whole, as we give witness to a vision of a world transformed by our care." – *Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, January 2005* 

The Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship provides direct financial support to aspirants or candidates to the Unitarian Universalist ministry, or candidates in the UUA's religious education or music leadership programs, who identify as women of color, Latina, or Hispanic.

Toapply, or for more information, <u>visitour</u> <u>website</u>. Application deadline isMay 1st.

# JOYS AND SORROWS

We strongly believe that, 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. <u>Submit</u> <u>your news here</u>.

## WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP PANEL

Hi Friend! You may have already heard, the UU Women's Federation has been gearing up to do some incredible things in honor of our 60th anniversary. We are excited to announce our first campaign surrounding one of our four priority issue areas: Women and Work. So far, this Women and Work campaign has highlighted activism around pay equity and equal pay days with a fancy toolkit and infographic, you can find in your email or our <u>website</u>! Next, as part of this ongoing priority issue campaign we will be hosting a women and leadership panel.

### PLAN TO JOIN US ON APRIL 20th. Register <u>Now</u>

Monitor our socials @uuwomensfed for curated content specific to extending conversations around women and work related issues. This is just the beginning of our year-long plan to spotlight each of our four priority issue areas three months at a time: women and work, women and health, women and poverty, and women against violence. Join us so you are up to date on all the exciting things to come!



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### MONTHLY COMMUNITY GATHERING

### YOU'RE INVITED!

Every month we invite our community to come together to connect, share wisdom, and explore a topic. Last month our topic was centered around the launch of our campaign priority issues and hearing from our members on community engagement opportunities!

This month join us for women and leadership panel as a part of our ongoing women and work campaign! In addition, we will be having a MightyNetworks: How To tutorial 30 minutes before this month's community gathering using the same zoom link. We hope to see you there!

ZOOM LINK

Support of Resolution A/77/L.58 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and Human Rights:

The UU Women's Federation has signed on to a letter to John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change, in support of Resolution A/77/L.58 -- International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and Human Rights. A PDF copy, including all signers, can be found <u>on our website</u>.

"As religious organizations and people of faith, we are writing to ask you to support Resolution A/77/L.58 in the United Nations General Assembly initiated by Vanuatu and other states, requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on climate change and human rights. Supporting this resolution would demonstrate US commitment and global leadership in addressing the profound implications of climate change. It will also offer a powerful testimony to the connections we share with the earth and our global human family; connections we are called to honor by every sacred tradition.

We celebrate the concrete steps the US has taken toward achieving ambitious climate mitigation and adaptation goals, including:

- net-zero by 2050
- actively encouraging other governments to pursue ambitious climate action in their climate policies
- U.S. leadership on the establishment of the Loss & Damage Fund
- leading numerous multilateral climate initiatives, such as the Global Methane Pledge."

# DONATE TO UUWF

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Building covenental 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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