



Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

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*To everyone that has the courage, the power,
the ability to co-create what we want and need
while rooting in what we can't lose and who we are,
You are the visionary • You are the hope
You are our ancestors dreams
– Elandria Williams*

Elandria Williams Leadership Circle

Elandria Williams (1979–2020) was known for leadership both in the Unitarian Universalist community and the wider community. In the UU world, E is best known for serving as a co-moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association (Sept. 2017–June 2020). In addition, Elandria coordinated the General Assembly Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), was a consultant to the UUA Young Adult Office, was a founding member of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) Organizing Collective, and served on the Board and the Anti-Racism Transformation Team for E's district. Elandria was also a member of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, TN, which is where E grew up.

In the greater community, E was involved with the Highlander Research and Education Center, co-editor of Beautiful Solutions, and executive director of PeoplesHub. E was an advocate for collaborative justice and collective liberation. Elandria's passions included racial justice along with gender justice. E was particularly devoted to centering youth and young adults in the UU faith. E was also passionate about ableism, advocating for equal inclusion for all.

But, more than anything, it was E's expressive love and passion that made the most impression. There was an energy and vibrancy along with an ability to create personal connections, that imbued Elandria's spirit. Elandria was an incomparable leader, joyous presence, and indomitable force in our Unitarian Universalist community and beyond.

The UUWF Elandria Williams Leadership Circle has been created in E's name as a way for local women's groups, congregations, and individuals to honor women and femme-identifying folk aged 35 and younger who have been leaders in their congregations and communities, particularly in the areas of promoting justice. This honor serves as a gateway to being a part of a special community of women who will learn together, support each other, and continue to lead the movement for collective liberation.

Who Is Eligible

A congregation, a covenantal community, an individual, or a women's group can honor a UU woman or femme-identifying person who is 35 or younger, and whose life and work you wish to recognize, by recommending their induction into the Elandria Williams Leadership Circle.

The Elandria Williams Leadership Circle is a covenantal community comprised of those we understand to be carrying out E's legacy in the world. This recognition of leadership will serve to acknowledge and support younger folx who are active and engaged in creating change.

How We Honor Young Leaders

By being invited into the Elandria Williams Leadership Circle, the honoree will become part of a special community of women supported by the UUWF. The UUWF will connect the Elandria Williams Leaders to each other through gatherings, workshops, special projects, communications, and other ideas that the community itself identifies. The UUWF will invite this community of young leaders to co-create with us ways for the UUWF to realize our mission—to build covenantal relationships among Unitarian Universalist women that equip us all to be better co-conspirators and allies in the movement for collective liberation.

The Circle is inspired by our long-standing Clara Barton Sisterhood, which honors Unitarian Universalist women leaders age 80 or older. The Elandria Williams Leadership Circle aims to honor young UU woman and femme-identifying leaders and nourish connections among them for decades. They will receive public recognition on the UUWF website and at annual gatherings.

Your Elandria Williams Leader will be awarded a certificate suitable for framing and a letter recognizing their accomplishments.

How to Submit a Nomination

Provide as much of the information listed on the next page as possible. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

Mail to

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Elandria Williams Leadership Circle

Please either complete this form, or provide this information within your recommendation packet.

Name of Honoree _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Group/congregation/individual supporting this honor _____

City _____ State _____

Individual contact person if we have questions _____

Phone/email of contact person _____

The honor is to be presented on (date): _____

Name and mailing address where you would like the letter sent:

Please provide two or three recommendations, each including a personal reflection on why this person is being honored. We are interested in hearing about leadership skills or opportunities this person has displayed. You may wish to include information about their service to their current and/or previous church(es), district or denominational activities, professional and/or community service, political or social commitments, awards they may have received, or other unique experiences they may have had.

You may want to speak to ways that they:

- Are a leader within the UU Faith
- Develop covenantal relationships and connections
- Identify as female or femme-identifying
- Display leadership in justice areas such as: ableism; disability justice and access; racial justice; the status of women and femme-identifying people; or other issues.

The information you provide will be used to personalize the letter accompanying the certificate.

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