

# THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITARIAN



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## **Calendar at a Glance**

**May 7**

Phyllis Magnus  
"Voices From the Past"  
Thinkers who influenced our  
philosophy/theology.

**May 14**

Elaine Holmlund/Virginia Slater  
"Mother's Day Musings"

**May 21**

Members of the LGBTQ Community  
"Coming into an Acceptance of Oneself"

**May 28**

AUUC Worship Committee  
"Unconscious Racism"

**June 4**

Russ DeFonce  
"Communication and Disagreement"

## **Event Calendar**

**May 7**

Board of Trustees Meeting following service.



A huge thank you to all the cooks, set up and clean up crew who helped with the Social Justice Workshop luncheon and Sunday service refreshments April 22 and 23.

## AUUC President's Message

This May issue of the Communitarian reflects the multitude of issues and concerns that affect us personally, nationally and globally individually and as Unitarian Universalists as we strive to put into practice our principles. These are but a few of the many actions that members of AUUC are personally engaged in locally and regionally, additionally: climate justice, economic inequality, health. Dick Gilbert offers a way to evaluate policies and legislation:

- Does it support individual worth and dignity?
- Is it compassionate? Does it meet the test of love?
- Does it respect the interdependent web of all existence?
- Is it just?

Keep up the good works but be compassionate to yourselves as well. Take time for your own renewal; enjoy the Spring.

Phyllis



### Medical Aid in Dying Lobby Day in Albany, Tuesday, May 9

AUUC is an organizational sponsor of this legislation which in this new legislative session must start over with the NY assembly Health Committee. Please let Phyllis Magnus know ASAP if you are able to accompany her to Albany [magnus@roadrunner.com](mailto:magnus@roadrunner.com) Training materials are available to prepare you for speaking with legislators. If you have not sent postcards to your legislators, cards are available at AUUC.

### Giving Life the Shape of Justice Workshop

On April 22nd, AUUC hosted Unitarian Universalist participants from Canton, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake and Saratoga Springs in addressing questions concerning social justice from the personal to congregational, including: What do I want to change through my UU justice work? How do I want to be changed? How should the congregation mobilize for social justice? Should the church speak out? Do our UU communities have a unique mission? Strategic planning sessions engaged participants from each of the congregations in coming up with a plan for a social justice program. The presenter, Richard Gilbert, is a retired Unitarian Universalist Minister and President of Interfaith Impact NY, a progressive religious advocacy group, "your partner in Albany helping to keep your progressive moral values visible when New York State laws and policies are made". [www.interfaithimpactnys.org](http://www.interfaithimpactnys.org)



## Immigration Navigator Training

9:00AM to 5:30PM on June 17, 2017 at the UU Church of Canton, 3 1/2 East Main St

This one-day Immigration Navigator training is ideal for those volunteers who are interested in building their capacity to support immigrants through the complex immigration legal system and defend their rights in this harsh political climate. Please use this link for a full description of the workshop and registration form <https://goo.gl/forms/RGhSL8d6azO7I3x22>.

Registration is due by June 10.

There is also a 3-hour strategic planning session in the afternoon on Friday, June 16. For those traveling from out of the area and need a place to stay, state that on the registration form or contact Relani at 315-744-0651.

## UUA Central East Regional Staff Announcement

The Unitarian Universalist Association is in the midst of a tumultuous time. UUA President Peter Morales, Chief Operating Officer Harlan Limpert and Congregational Life Director Scott Tayler have resigned in the midst of controversy over UUA hiring practices. Since then the UUA Board has appointed three Co-Interim Presidents - the Rev. Sofia Betancourt, the Rev. William G. Sinkford, and Leon Spencer. Rev. Sarah Lammert is serving as acting Chief Operating Officer. We recommend the UU World as an excellent source of coverage, including a [compilation of statements](#) from a wide variety of UU groups and individuals. As part of these changes, the UUA has endorsed the White Supremacy Teach-in put forward by BLUU (Black Lives UU) [BLUU website](#).

The existence of broccoli does not, in any way, affect the taste of chocolate.

—John Green, [The Fault in Our Stars](#)

It's hard to know when to respond to the seductiveness of the world and when to respond to its challenge. If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem. But I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day. - E.B. White

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**We the member congregations of the Unitarian  
Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and  
promote**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.*
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to  
spiritual growth in our congregations.*
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*
- The right of conscience and the use of democratic  
process within our congregations and in society at  
large.*
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and  
justice for all.*
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of  
which we are a part.*



**From the "Church of the open mind, loving heart, and helping hand" to**

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