

General Assembly 2019 Off-site Schedule (CDST)

Wednesday, June 19

9:00-10:00 PM **Welcoming Celebration**

GA officially begins with a joyful, worshipful opening celebration with inspirational music and speakers. The opening celebration sets the tone for the days ahead. The Opening Celebration will include a procession of banners from hundreds of UU congregations and organizations.

10:30-Midnight **emma's revolution in Concert**

Thursday, June 20

10:30-11:30 AM **Worship, Opening, Framing**

We will start Thursday with an inspirational worship that will frame the experience of GA 2019.

Noon-2:00 PM **Role Based Track Programming 1**

While opening and closing ceremonies will help us enter and exit as one body, our first and last thematic program blocks will provide for role-based conversations and trainings.

Side with Love: Our Call for this Moment!

UUs are called to #sidewithlove and align with frontline partners who center those impacted by injustice. We will utilize popular education methodologies to contextualize the current role of people of faith in this social, political and economic environment, provide organizing tools and opportunities to practice building power. Join us! *Everette Thompson, Charlene Sinclair, PhD, Brittini Gray, Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen*

Or The Future of Outreach

Storytelling. Digital communications. Strategy. Equity. Let's talk about the future of Outreach. Join the UUA's Outreach team and practice effective storytelling, discuss your outreach triumphs and challenges, and share practical strategies for engaging outreach, especially in digital spaces. *Anna Bethea, Marchaé Grair*

3:30-4:30 PM Mini-Assembly on SOC: Democracy Uncorrupted

The mini assembly is the opportunity to propose amendments to the draft Statement of Conscience and to discuss its content prior to the vote. *Dr. Susan Goekler, Rev. Dr. Meredith Garmon, Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers*

Or Liberal Religion Beyond Optimism

Skinner House - For generations, liberal pulpits have rung with grand sermons about progress "onward and upward forever," yet our people struggle to make sense of both their own suffering and enduring injustice all around us. What resilience lies beyond our historic optimism? How can that resilience guide us forward in authentic ways? *Nancy McDonald Ladd*

5:00-6:00 PM Business Mini-Assembly 1

Mini-Assemblies offer opportunities in small sessions for delegates to speak on issues, find out more about individual business items before voting, and propose amendments to the business item.

Or Story Slam! Our Complex Identities

Celebrate the religious kaleidoscope! Come tell the story of your complex, fluid, multiple religious or secular bonds or identity. Susan Katz Miller, author of *Being Both: Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family*, and *The Interfaith Family Journal*, will create space for exploration of our complexity.

6:30-7:30 PM Business Mini-Assembly 2

Or Sophia Fahs Lecture: Building a Community of Communities

Liberal Religious Educators Association - Whether we consider faith formation, growth, social justice and/or dismantling white supremacy, UUs could use an identity update. This presentation embraces who we are and challenges who we think we are. Seeing ourselves as a Community of Communities changes our future and it is key to the Beloved Community. *Paula Cole Jones*

9:00-10:30 PM **Service of the Living Tradition**

Service honors fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. Members of the public are welcome.

Friday, June 21

10:30-11:00 AM **Worshipful Start**

11:00-2:00 PM **General Session I**

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Co-Moderators Mr. Barb Greve and Elandria Williams preside over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is conducted.

3:30-6:00 PM **Theme Program and Conversations I**

We are creating new spaces for attendees to relate to one another, share about their journeys and engage in collective discernment about where our faith is calling us to be. We are creating an experience that demonstrates new possibilities and approaches.

Commission on Institutional Change

How does “The Power of We” deepen our faith as a source of liberation and transformation for all? Together we will build a common vocabulary, share perspectives on institutional and cultural barriers to diversity, equity and inclusion and share our stories as part of the Commission on Institutional Change’s work. *Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Cir L’Bert, JR., Mary Byron, Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte, Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore*

6:30-8:00 PM **Synergy Bridging Worship**

Transformative multigenerational worship. Come be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary musical performances.

9:30-10:30 PM **Ware Lecture featuring Richard Blanco**

Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. Born in Madrid to Cuban exile parents and raised in Miami, the negotiation of cultural identity characterizes his three collections of poetry. He has also authored the memoirs *For All of Us, One Today: An Inaugural Poet’s Journey* and *The Prince of Los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood*, winner of a Lambda Literary Award. His latest book, *Boundaries*, challenges the physical and psychological dividing lines that shadow the United States. A new book of poems, *How to Love a Country*, is from Beacon Press in April 2019. He has taught at Georgetown University, American University, and Wesleyan University. He serves as the first Education Ambassador for The Academy of American Poets.

Saturday, June 22

10:30-11:00 AM **Worshipful Start**

11:00-2:00 PM **Theme Program and Conversations II**

What does it mean to embody “The Power of We?” As a gathered assembly, and then in breakout sessions, we will tell stories of experiencing our collective power, identify our theological and spiritual roots, and name the core of our faith that unites us. Connect with Unitarian Universalists across generations through heart to heart conversations about spirituality and imagination. Take this experience home through a study guide you can share with your congregation or community.

3:30-4:30 PM Disrupting White Fragility in Unitarian Universalist Spaces

White Fragility author Dr. Robin DiAngelo shows how white people’s defensive responses to being racially challenged reinforce racial hierarchy. DiAngelo offers practices to help white UUs disrupt and reject learned racist patterns of behavior, challenging them to build racial stamina as part of dismantling white supremacy culture in our movement.

Or Centering Liberation through UU Theologies

Commission on Institutional Change - This workshop seeks to reflect on the liberatory potential of Unitarian Universalist theologies. It will consider how the findings of the Commission on Institutional Change can inform our commitment to theological perspectives that resist white supremacy culture, that hold us accountable to the ways we have harm each other, and points to what practices of hope. *Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte*

5:00-6:00 PM **Role Based Track Programming 2 (same as Thursday at Noon)**

6:30-7:30 PM **General Session II**

9:00-10:30 PM **Closing Ceremonies**

Sunday, June 23

Noon-1:30 PM **Sunday Morning Worship**

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. The public is welcome.