

Saturday, October 25, 2008  
8:00 am - 8:30 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joseph Priestley District  
Racial Justice Conference



First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia  
2125 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia, PA  
215-563-3980  
[www.philauu.org](http://www.philauu.org)

**\$35.00 per Adult (Includes Lunch, Dinner, & Concert)**

**Youth/Young Adult Rate: \$17.00**

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Full Fair Share Congregations receive 20% discount of \$7.00 per registrant off adult fee.

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*Early registration deadline is October 20th. After that date a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed. No further registrations will be taken after October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

The 2008 General Assembly was excited and energized when Van Jones, who has founded a number of non-profits in California credited with reducing youth violence and incarceration, challenged those present to get ready for an upcoming opportunity to govern by understanding the opportunity that the developing "green" economy presents for involving, training and employing youth who are currently marginalized. His Ware Lecture will be the centerpiece of this conference. It will be shown as the keynote address and responded to by a distinguished panel led by the Rev. John Gilmore. Workshops and worships will explore and build on these ideas.

## WEEKEND WORKSHOP: TRANSFORMING OUR WHITENESS

Unitarian Universalists are eager to follow the vision of the resolution passed at the General Assembly in Phoenix in 1997 that we become an anti-racist multicultural religious community. Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) has urged white Unitarian Universalists to develop effective ways to bring other white Unitarian Universalists into this important work. Allies for Racial Equity is offering this program entitled “Transforming Our Whiteness” for white members of Unitarian Universalist congregations and organizations.

**This program will be held at the First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia on Friday, October 24 as a prelude to the Joseph Priestley District Anti-racism Conference.**

There will be an ingathering at 9:30 a.m., the program will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

**There is a separate registration fee for this workshop. The cost is \$25.00 per participant.**

### GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM:

We intend to deepen our understanding of white identity and our own personal racial identity journey. We will be using the DVD: “Making Whiteness Visible:” to reflect on how we as whites first learn about racial difference, and how racism impacts us as White People.

We will also reflect on the historical relationship between Unitarian Universalism and the culture of white superiority in the United States. Topics to be discussed include: Pilgrims and Puritans. Abolition. The call to Selma. Empowerment Controversy. Twenty years of silence. Reengagement at Calgary General Assembly. Journey toward Wholeness Resolution. Anti-racism work done since the passage of the resolution.

One of the dilemmas we face as whites is how to feel good about our racial identity – our whiteness – in a culture of white supremacy. The challenge here is to develop a positive white identity that will empower us to work for change. We will discuss being a good ally to People of Color, working to end racism in white controlled institutions, and nurturing a positive white racial identity in our children.

WEEKEND WORKSHOP:  
TRANSFORMING OUR WHITENESS (cont.)

PROGRAM LEADERS:

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and The Rev. Bill Gardiner are the leaders of the program. They serve as co-chairs of the Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equity Education Committee. They also lead transforming whiteness workshops for congregations and community organizations.

Melissa Carvill-Ziemer serves as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, in Kent, OH. Melissa graduated with a B.A. in Women's Studies from Smith College in 1995 and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2005.

In her ministry, Melissa has been actively involved in learning about race, racism and white privilege and has worked with community, workplace, church and school based anti-racism organizations.

Bill Gardiner currently works as an anti-racism consultant for the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is also a member of the Board of Crossroads, which does anti-racism organizing and training.

Bill was the Director for Anti-racism and Social Justice Empowerment Programs in the Department for Faith in Action at the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston, Massachusetts from 1990 till 2004.

Before working at the UUA, Bill served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Washington DC, Nashville, Tennessee, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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## Agenda

- 8:00 – 9:00 - Registration and settling in
- 9:00 – 9:30 – Opening Worship
- 9:30 – 11:15 – Ware Lecture Video and panel response
- 11:15 – 11:30 – Stretch break
- 11:30 – 12:00 - JTW Framework
- 12:00 – 1:00– Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 – Workshop I
- 2:30 – 2:45 – Break
- 2:45 – 4:15 – Workshop II
- 4:30 – 5:00 – Lessons from the “Wall”
- 5:00 – 6:00 - Caucuses
- 6:00 – 7:30 Dinner
- 7:30 – 8:30 - 2008 Racial Justice Sermon & Soulful Sundown

## Conference Workshops (subject to change)

### Workshop I – 1:00 – 2:30

1. **Continuing the conversation** - morning Panel members
2. **Affordable Housing** – Gary Mummert; Jerry Konohia
3. **Sharing UU Sexuality Education With the Broader Community** – Stephen Colgan, and Ben Barrow.
4. **Sacred Dance** – Kimya Jackson
5. **Spoken Word** – Rev. Nate, Christopher Sims, etc.
6. **Advancing the Journey Toward Wholeness** – Paula Cole Jones

### Workshop II – 2:45 – 4:15

1. **Standing up, Speaking out for racial justice** – Robert Anu
2. **UU Legislative action** – Metro DC, Washington Office, fledgling PA initiative
3. **Using video creatively for racial justice** – young adult and youth leadership
4. **Urban Greening Projects: Opportunities for local micro investing?** – Phila resources - Phila Horticultural, etc.
5. **Advancing the Journey Toward Wholeness** – Paula Cole Jones

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Alliances for Racial Justice  
1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church of Philadelphia - October 25, 2008  
**(Please print clearly.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation (*full name*) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Leadership Role in Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs / Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will not be provided, however, there are many attractions for children in the area and group outings could be organized by cooperating parents.

**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS (Choose one in each period)**

I

II

	Continuing Conversation		Standing Up, Speaking Out
	Affordable Housing		UU Legislative Action
	Sharing UU Sexuality Education		Video for Racial Justice
	Sacred Dance		Urban Greening Projects
	Spoken Word		Advancing the Journey Toward Wholeness
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Will you be attending the Transforming Our Whiteness Workshop on Friday, October 24, 2008?

Yes

No

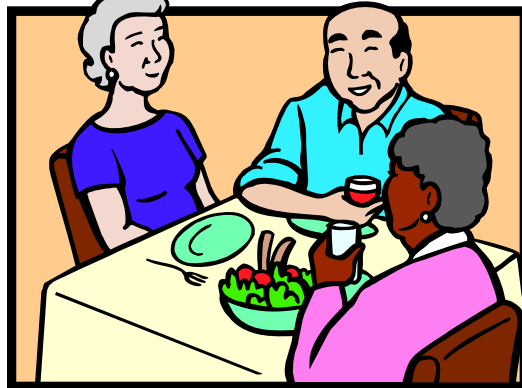
Has your congregation participated in any anti-racism anti-oppression programs?

*Examples:* Jubilee I or II, Welcoming Congregation, a JUUST Change Consultancy, Beyond Categorical Thinking I or II, a Soulwork or other book or film program, ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity), or other?

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- ✓ Checks should be made payable to “JPD of the UUA”
- ✓ Please mail registration form and check to:  
JPD of the UUA, 100 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1008, Wilmington, DE 19801
- ✓ Registrations will be accepted via fax, 302-778-4590, or email: [office@jpduua.org](mailto:office@jpduua.org), but prepayment by mail is preferred.
- ✓ Not sure if your congregation is Full Fair Share? Please check the JPD website for a full list at [www.jpduua.org](http://www.jpduua.org) or call the JPD office at 302-778-4564 or 800-351-6637 (toll free).



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