

# UUJEC @ General Assembly 2018

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# **UUJEC Annual Meeting**

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 – 1:30

Come to our Annual Meeting and join with other UUs putting our values into action.

❖ Hear from Keynote Speaker, Housing Justice Advocate Margaret J. May Former Executive Director of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council in Kansas City.



- Our Economic Justice Leadership Award will be presented, and we'll recognize and celebrate those advocating for justice within their communities.
- Learn how you can join us to challenge inequality, from local to global.

# Crowne Plaza Hotel Room: Salon C 1301 Wyandotte St.

Less than a 5-minute walk from the Convention!



Lunch will be available, donations welcome

### Table Talk: "Roots of Justice"

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> 11a.m. - 11:45a.m. GA Exhibit Hall Food Court

Discuss ways to highlight UU-type issues in upcoming elections in critical states and districts. Draw on historical context, especially dangers of growing plutocracy and conflict, derived from limits-to-growth like climate change and fossil fuel depletion. UUJEC contact Dick Burkhart, dick@democworks.org

# Poster Session: "Tools for Economic Justice"

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. GA Exhibit Hall (Hall E)

Come talk with UUJEC representatives about recent Congregational Study/Action Issues, our curricula on Healthcare and Housing Justice, our Economic Justice Award and your economic-justice work. We'll have materials on our programming and upcoming Web seminars for you to bring back to your community to stay connected to the wider UU world. UUJEC contact Sally Jane Gellert, SJGUU@aol.com

# Networking Session: "Finding Coalition Partners, Raising Visibility and Money"

Friday, June  $22^{nd}$  7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Room 3501 CD

Economic justice is the foundation for all justice and networking is part of the process. Working in coalition can help us break out of our proverbial silos and learn how the power of community makes us all stronger.

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### **Recommended GA Programs**

#### Thursday:

- \* 11-11:45. GA Exhibit Hall <u>Food Court</u>, UUJEC Table Talk "Roots of Justice"
- \* 12:15 1:30. GA <u>Exhibit Hall</u> (Hall E) UUJEC Poster Session: "Tools for Economic Justice"
- ❖ 1:30 Room 2215A Mini-Assembly on Social Witness Process Timeline. VOTE NO on Bylaw amendment #7
- ❖ 1:30 2:30. <u>Room 2102A</u> Implementing the Escalating Inequality Statement of Conscience.
- ❖ 3 5:30. Room <u>3501 AB</u> "Love Resists Criminalization"

#### Friday:

- 11:15 12:15. Room 3501 AB "Joining the Movement for a Living Wage"
- 11:15 to 12:15. Room 2102 A "Is Real Democracy Possible?" (on the "Corruption of Our Democracy" CSAI)
- ❖ 11:15 12:15. <u>Room 2501 B</u> "What Binds Us Together: Culture or Principles"
- 3:30-4:15. GA Exhibit Hall Food Court, UUSJ Table Talk "Advocating UU Values in the Nation's Capital"
- 7 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Room 3501 CD in the Convention Center. UUJEC Networking Session: "Finding Coalition Partners, Raising Visibility and Money"

#### **Saturday:**

- ❖ 11:30 to 1:30. <u>Crowne Plaza Hotel Salon C</u> UUJEC Annual Meeting.
- 1:30 to 2:30. Rooms 2101, 2102A, 2102B, "Mini-assemblies on Proposed Actions of Immediate Witness"
- ❖ 1:30 to 4. <u>Room 2501</u>, "The Call to Disobey: The Poor People's Campaign".
- 1:30 4. Room 2105 "Eye-To-Eye Partnership: Partnership and Action for Human Rights"

UUJEC Exhibit Booth Please stop by Booth 319 & sign up for our annual meeting, tell us about your justice work & renew your membership.

#### **UUJEC AIW's**

UUJEC requests your support for two Actions of Immediate Witness we are developing. For more info, please stop by our booth or email <a href="mailto:uujec@uujec.com">uujec@uujec.com</a>

### Join the Poor People's Campaign

Ask your congregation and interfaith contacts to participate in "The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival" a resurrection of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign of 1967-68, now led by Rev. William Barber. This movement seeks common ground among faith traditions in a politics rooted in the suffering of the "least among us" – the poor and downtrodden, across racial, ethnic, class, and social lines, specifically to overcome political scapegoating and tear up the economic exploitation built by the rich and powerful. Visit <a href="https://www.thepoorpeoplescampaign.org">www.thepoorpeoplescampaign.org</a> for details.

## Tax Breaks for the People, Not the Rich

Work with your congregation and allied justice organizations to fundamentally increase contributions to the common good from wealthy corporations and individuals by reversing the tax expenditures on the rich by the recent federal tax law. Then escalate your attack on predatory inequality— tax capital gains higher than earned income, stop tax evasion like offshoring, reduce regressive payroll taxes and taxes on essentials, tax depletion of non-renewable resources like carbon fuels, increase taxes on luxury goods and services, even a new safety net of dividends from citizen shares in key natural resources and mega-corporations.

The proposed UUA bylaw amendment #7 on the "Social Witness Process Timeline" leaves gaping holes in the "Action of Immediate Witness" process. We recommend a "No" vote until there has been an in-depth rethinking with broad public input and feedback.