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Enjoy reading a <u>thank you note</u> to UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick Gray from the AFL CIO. Then look at Rev. Susan Frederick Gray's endorsement of unions.

Imagine radical faith community. It's possible to build new alliances that involve Unitarian Universalists and the democratic organizations that represent low-wage workers and other marginalized groups. Join the mobilization in September.

"Labor in the Pulpit" activities are developing for Sunday, September 4^{th.} Organize a Sunday service that supports the working people who are working for social and economic justice. Ask working people to come forward to discuss their workplace experiences. Listen to reports about the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for adequate medical insurance, and the response to inflation and other economic problems. Young workers are concerned about the "gig economy" and their economic future. Older workers worry about pension plans and retirement. Listen to their concerns.

In July, a Unitarian Universalist toolkit will be sent to Unitarian Universalists, to help prepare for the Labor Day weekend. Resources that your congregation, cluster and region can use in September will be included. Unitarian Universalist hymns, readings and information about labor union organizing in today's world will be presented. In order to receive the toolkit, please email uujec@uujec.org

June 18th was the day for the national Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers Assembly and Moral March on Washington, DC. Religious organizations are working with Starbucks employees, Amazon workers, McDonalds restaurant workers, healthcare workers and teachers and with many others. These activities are inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr. and other people of faith who have marched for economic justice. We're especially concerned about low-wage workers and other groups that are often abused. Including immigrant and migrant workers, workers in BIPOC communities, workers with disabilities and LGBTQ workers. This isn't charity work. The goal is liberation and empowerment that affirms human rights and dignity.

Imagine a Labor Day weekend that honors today's working people. Meet the moment. Contact the Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community for additional information at uujec@uujec.org