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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It is a joy and a gift to join the UU College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) team as Director of Justice Education for the UUSC! I want to honor the commitment of the UUCSJ beloveds who have tended to the web of relationships – inspiring, equipping, and sustaining spiritually grounded activism – through a long pandemic season, most of it without a director on the team. Thank you, dear ones!

Because the interdependent web of all existence is so much more than a metaphor, I celebrate that all of us are already connected – and we may have already shared life experiences together (especially if you are a part of the Unitarian Universalist world)....

...From the land of the Coasat Salish people, an island hope of the Suquamish, the "people of the clear salt water," I send my love and care to y'all on our global journey towards collective liberation

Rev. Deanna Vandiver (she/they)  
Director of Justice Education, UU Service Committee

To read Rev. Deanna's full message, visit <https://tinyurl.com/RevDeanna>



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About us

# UU College of Social Justice

Experiential learning  
for spiritually grounded  
activism



*UUCSJ offers immersion learning opportunities with partner organizations in the U.S. and abroad, with the goal to help folks imagine new ways to make a difference*

Our offerings include options for high school youth, young adults, and religious professionals, as well as opportunities open to all adults.

UUCSJ is a collaboration between the UUA and the UU Service Committee.

For more information, visit our website, or email [info@uucsj.org](mailto:info@uucsj.org)



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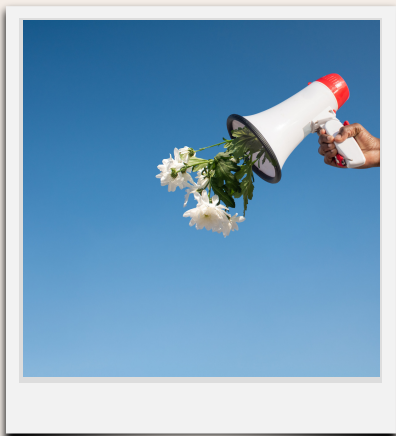
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# Program Updates

*Did you know we've continued our programming throughout the pandemic?*



When travel restrictions went into place, we transitioned to online justice education programming, including *Community Action Circles*, *Being a Good Relative*, *Congregational Workshops*, and *GROW*.

See our full list of current workshops at [uucsj.org/workshops](https://uucsj.org/workshops)

We're also partnering with UTheVote to award funding to young organizers and activist leaders. [Click here](#) to learn more!





# Sowing Seeds

Join UUCSJ, the UUA, and youth ages 14 to 18 for a four-day experiential workshop to deepen our justice work as young UUs. During the workshop, we'll travel throughout Pittsburgh, learning about its social movement landscape, and explore the themes of change, resilience, and organizing through creative arts and practices. Participants will leave with new collaborators and hope about what UUs can accomplish together.



[Click here](#) to find more information and to register. Registration closes when 20 youth sign up, or June 30, 2022.





- **BorderLinks** (Tucson, AZ) continues to offer several engaging online workshops to groups wanting to deepen their knowledge in immigration justice and has recently restarted their in-person delegations! [Click here](#) to learn more. *Please note that these delegations run directly through BorderLinks.*
- Check out the **Side With Love Action Center** for ways to take action for climate justice, decriminalization, electoral justice, and LGBTQIA+ and gender justice!
- **Create Climate Justice, June 2022: Climate Resilience, Disaster Response, and Community Care**
- Visit the **Immigration Accompaniment Skill-Share & Directory**



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY



We're looking forward to seeing you at General Assembly this year! Our very own Abby Crum and Rev. Deanna Vandiver will be in Portland for GA. You can find them at the following places and events – stop by and say HELLO!

- UUSC Booth at the Exhibit Hall
- LREDA Professional Day: The Basics of Collaborative Leadership for Collective Liberation, June 22, 10AM Pacific
- Speaking Justice in the Language of Our Faith, Convention Center Portland Ballroom 254-255, June 25 1:45 PM



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