

UU the VOTE



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Dear Harry,

When I reach Providence this year for General Assembly, it will be my 28th year of helping UUs organize to live out our values visibly and collaboratively as part of movements for justice. This year, I think the shared learning and strategizing that we can do at General Assembly 2020 will be some of the most crucial of our lifetimes.

I'll be joining other UU the Vote and Organizing Strategy Team members and our partners at GA 2020 in offering a wide range of [trainings, workshops, and other opportunities](#) to learn, organize, and feed your spirits so that you can #VoteLove and #DefeatHate.

I hope you can join me and share this invitation with others in your congregation and bring a team along. We are hosting a pre-GA Networking and Training event on Wednesday afternoon before General Assembly programming officially begins--plan your travel accordingly!

[Pre-GA Training: Organizing Your Congregation to #UUTheVote](#)

The UU the Vote National Team and the Coalition of UU State Action Networks are co-sponsoring a training to get us all ready for the summer and fall electoral cycles and to strengthen organizing in our congregations. We'll be offering training on organizing your congregation, electoral organizing in your community, building partnerships, and getting out the vote. We'll strategize together and offer opportunities for teams to meet others in their regions and states and for cross-state collaboration among UUs.

As you make your GA travel arrangements, please plan to join us for lunch and training with your team. Whether you're passionate about immigration, racial justice, LGBTQ equity, or climate, all our justice issues are at stake in 2020. In this all-hands-on-deck moment, we invite congregational leaders and activists of all varieties to learn how to organize our congregations to move in solidarity with movements for justice working to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate.

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Optional Networking Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Training for Congregational Leaders & Activists

[RSVP to join](#). If you're coming as part of a congregational team, each attendee from a congregation or UU organization should register individually for the networking luncheon and/or workshop. And if you're on your own and bringing GA learning back to your congregation please come. A small suggested donation for the lunch will be determined.

UU the Vote Workshop Track

We've built a track of three workshops to get you and your congregation connected with UU the Vote and equipped to do this crucial work. This track provides an overview of UU the Vote and helps provide the strong spiritual foundation, most current organizing strategy, and intersectional lens to help us to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate in 2020 and beyond. It includes a session on combating voter suppression.

Friday 6/26 at 3PM - 4:15PM: **Prophetic, not Partisan: An Overview of #UUtheVote**

UUs across the country are engaged in prophetic 2020 electoral organizing, fighting for our values in partnership with movements for justice. Come hear what #UUtheVote is all about as leaders from congregations of all sizes, settings, and demographics offer strategies and tactics for organizing our communities to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate.

Saturday 6/27 at 1:15PM - 2:30PM: **#UUtheVote & Movement-Building: 2020 Wins toward Long-Term Strategies**

UUs are being called to be powerful, prophetic partners to multifaith and grassroots organizations in the 2020 election cycle. Movement leaders will share how UUs can partner to get real wins in 2020, while building shared power for the long haul.

Saturday 6/27 at 3:00PM - 4:15PM: **#UUtheVote: Protecting Democracy & Combating Voter Suppression**

Voter suppression is a serious threat to our efforts in the 2020 elections to expand our democracy and shape a world in which all people are free and flourishing. Fair Fight organizers offer concrete skills for mobilizing disenfranchised communities, monitoring elections, countering voter intimidation, and more.

Organizing Strategy Team Networking Room & Booth

We'll have a networking room at GA this year in the Dunk Media Room for a variety of electoral and justice organizing events and activities throughout GA. We'll be screening the documentary *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*; we'll have phone banking set up; we'll be

networking for our justice organizing campaigns with UU justice groups and others; we'll host some 'off the grid' strategy sessions, coaching sessions and more. A schedule will be available at our UU the Vote Booth along with opportunities to get information and coaching from our UU the Vote Team.

Volunteer with UU the Vote at General Assembly!

Are you interested in being part of a team at General Assembly to build UU the Vote? We need volunteers to staff the booth, support activities in the networking room, and reach people during registration and program breaks. [Please fill out our volunteer form](#) and we'll be in touch in late May with details.

Wishing you all peace of mind and resilience as we pace ourselves through the primary season. We have much to sustain ourselves from the holy seasons of Lent, Easter, Ramadan and Passover, our UU celebration of all these traditions, and the coming of spring.

General Assembly will be here before we know it but in the meantime, we have time and we'll be ready.

In faith & solidarity,

Susan Leslie
UU the Vote National Team

P.S. Did you miss the "how to get started" workshops yesterday and still have questions? Join any of our [weekly office hours](#) Tuesdays at 8pm Eastern.