

# Unitarian Society of Hartford



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## Unitarian Society of Hartford

**Building Community Since 1830**

**Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister**

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or email/call for an appointment.

**September 15th, 2021**



**September 19th, 2021, 10:30am**

**"Forgiveness – Yom Kippur"**

The theme for our service this coming Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the subject of forgiveness in honor of the Jewish High Holy Day of Yom Kippur, and also in recognition that our world and our community have been affected by so much pain and strife these past several years.

**Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister**

**Carol Simpson, Worship Associate**

**Rayla Mattson, Religious Education**

**Sam Moffett, Director Music Ministries**

**Buffie, Zoom Master & Coffee Hour Host**

**Marilyn Stockton & Ginny Hedrick, Greeters.**

**Larry Lunden, Usher**

**Kathy Ferguson, Chancel Art**

**10:30am Inhouse Worship Service**

**Also join us in ZOOM [HERE](#).  
Closed captions are available.  
Meeting ID: 952 8306 7113  
Passcode: 014277**

**11:30am - Fellowship Time will be immediately following services in the memorial Garden (weather permitting).  
For those that are on Zoom, please stay on Zoom to chat with any remaining members.**

**You can also watch the Sunday service  
at <https://vimeo.com/unitariansocietyhartford> or on the USH Facebook page.**



**For the 9/15/21 USH ENews**

*A Message from the Minister*

Dear members and friends of USH,

I would like to share some things with you that may be of interest, and also to ask for your help and suggestions concerning a couple of things.

Firstly, however, I want to say how wonderful it was to be with all of you who were able to attend last Sunday's service either in-person or by Zoom. You all made me feel connected to the congregation as your minister and I am deeply grateful. Many people worked hard to make the service a success, and their efforts made a huge difference. Between those who were there in person and those who were there via Zoom, approximately 100 people were in attendance. Thank you, sincerely from my heart.

The theme for our service this coming Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the subject of forgiveness in honor of the Jewish High Holy Day of Yom Kippur, and also in recognition that our world and our community have been affected by so much pain and strife these past several years. Carol Simpson will be our Worship Associate on Sunday, Sam Moffett will lead us in some hymns that are familiar and unfamiliar, and Rayla Mattston and I will lead a Time For all Ages before our young people leave for their Sunday activities. Please join us if you can in-person if you don't mind wearing a mask or via Zoom.

This is in many ways an exciting time for the congregation. There is much going on, and we need your help for some specific projects that will require a commitment for a few weeks only.

The first project that needs volunteers is our annual church auction, which your Board would like to take place on the second weekend of November. As a long-standing tradition of the congregation, our annual auction has an abundance of materials that will eliminate the need to reinvent the wheel in order to put together the event. Jon Covault has a wealth of information and will be pleased to provide guidance to the auction volunteer(s).

The second project is a congregation-wide "Secret Santa" partnership with a school in one of the poorer neighborhoods of Hartford County. The names of a group of pupils of the school will be put into a hat, and a random drawing by our congregation will assign each pupil to a member-volunteer of the congregation, who will be given a copy of the child's Christmas wish list. The idea is that closer to the Christmas holiday a "USH Santa" will deliver the gifts we have collected to the children. I can fill interested volunteers in on the specific details of the project. We have already identified a potential school that would welcome your gifts during the holiday season. This project will call for a substantial number of our members and friends to donate gifts, and several of our members to handle the logistics. And, of course, we will need to have someone to be Santa. Please contact Rayla or me if you would like to help organize this very rewarding project.

More immediately, with Halloween fast approaching, please also consider helping USH to organize a "Trunk or Treat" event in the USH parking lot to take place on the last weekend of October. We would welcome your ideas and suggestions regarding a theme, the best day of the weekend to hold the event, and any other assistance or advice you would like to offer. I am also asking for a couple of volunteers to help organize the event. I think it will be a much-needed opportunity for our community to have some enjoyable time together as we hopefully emerge more fully from the pandemic.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone, 973 951 9904, or email me at [revterryush@gmail.com](mailto:revterryush@gmail.com), if you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding these projects, and especially if you would like to volunteer to help out for a project of finite duration.

**Again, thank you.**

**In peace and love, Rev. Terry Cummings**

### **RE News You Can Use: Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education**



#### **HELLO USH FAMILY!!**

This Sunday marks the beginning of our RE program for the 2021-2022 program year. This year we will be looking more into how we go about living into our faith in our everyday lives. This first four weeks we are looking at our

***1st Principle: The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person.*** On the surface it seems so simple to respect ourselves and others. However, the last few years have shown me that it's not always easy to show respect and hold everyone's dignity with respect and worth. Especially during those times when we truly disagree with someone or when they have caused us or a loved one harm. During those times we asked ourselves how can we still value and uplift this person when they are causing so much harm?

This first week, I would like to encourage you to think and reflect on what our first principle means to you and how you

feel this would look in your daily life, especially in those times when you yourself are not being treated with worth and dignity.

Our book for this month is by Eileen Spinelli. It's more of a Valentine's Day book but it is a story many of you may remember from one of our Share The Love services and looks at showing love and compassion and care for someone else; Even when it's difficult. This month's book is Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch. I hope you enjoy it and I hope you and your family will join me on this journey. Much love.

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianSocietyOfHartford>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

September 26th - There will be a TFAA followed by a one room discussion. We will also have a chat for parents and caregivers with the DRE and our interim minister in the Chapel at noon. We hope to see you there.

**Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education**



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 I only check my email on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## USH Community & Business

**Please take note that the next Board meeting will be on **October 12th** at 6:30pm via **Zoom****

### Updates from the Board

#### **Here's what you should know about coming to USH:**

We continue to follow CDC guidance; right now, that guidance is for everyone to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Bring and wear your mask; if you forget, we have a supply and will give you one. The sanctuary is large enough to accommodate comfortably all who are likely to come. We can spread out, maintaining reasonable distance from each other. It's likely that alternate pews will be cordoned off to facilitate separation.

We will continue to livestream the service on multiple platforms... you will be able to participate, even if you cannot be here in person! The capacity to feature virtual participation has been one of the (few) ongoing benefits of the pandemic.

The building has been maintained at high standards, and is in great shape. Recommended cleaning protocols have been followed scrupulously. The space is well-ventilated.

We expect many will be hesitant to return, possibly for a very long time — *and that's perfectly fine!* Stay home, and join us on Vimeo, Facebook, or Zoom (including coffee hour). However, you choose to be here, you are welcome.

Our Ingathering coffee hour in the Memorial Garden was so enthusiastically received, we're planning to continue outside fellowship if the weather's decent. We can mingle at discreet distances and spread out a little more.

***Please take note: services start at 10:30!*** If you happen to arrive at 10, that simply offers more time to visit, or meditate, or perhaps help out.

Whenever, and however, you come, we'll be so happy to see you!

**NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AT THE  
UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF HARTFORD:  
*Artwork from The Artist's Way Program***

The Artist's Way, active at the Unitarian Society of Hartford since 2004, has become one of the most enduring programs in the congregation, encouraging participants to find, and honor, their inner artist, and to turn away the discouragement of the inner critic.

Now, for the first time ever in our hallway gallery, the participants in the Artist's Way program present an exhibit of their artwork, ranging from oil and watercolor to collage and fiber. We invite congregants and guests to visit and enjoy the art.

We will hold a Covid-safe reception on Sunday, September 19, after the service, in the memorial garden, during coffee hour. This will enable congregants and visitors to meet the artists.

Much of the work is for sale, and 25% of all sales will go to the Unitarian Society of Hartford.

***Art for a Good Cause***



**Book Table at Coffee Hour  
needs new books!!!**

Due to flooding and damp conditions in the storage room this summer, most of the old books had to be discarded. We are going to revive the popular book table at coffee hour and we need your books to start us off! PLEASE, look through your collection and only donate

books that you REALLY liked and want to share with others in the community. Fiction, non fiction, nature, spiritual, mysteries, books for kids, young adults, art—anything that excited you that

you want to pass on.

Books can be left in the office, labeled for donation. Don and Susan Hope will lead the effort this year, with some others who have already volunteered to help. **If you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Susan at [susanhope51@gmail.com](mailto:susanhope51@gmail.com) or 860 463 6407.**

# The Inquirer Series

An Introductory Program for Newcomers and Friends  
And Interested Members

*The purpose of the Inquirer Series is to welcome newcomers into the Unitarian Society of Hartford community. The goals of the Inquirer Series are as follows:*

- Make our church values and culture transparent and known to newcomers so that you may make an informed decision about membership in our church.
- Introduce newcomers to church ministers and lay leaders.
- Establish a “safe space” for newcomers to learn more about Unitarian Society of Hartford in the form of a regularly scheduled small group designed for their needs.

**Advance registration required!** These four one-hour sessions will be offered on Sunday’s following the USH service from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in the Library. Light refreshments will be offered. There is no fee, but advance registration is strongly recommended for the Wednesday prior to each session. Sessions will be canceled if insufficient enrollment. Requests for virtual participation must be made in advance. To register contact Buffie Pinnie at [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com). The schedule and theme of each session is as follows:

**Sunday, October 3: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**



## **Welcome, Introductions and About Unitarian Universalism**

- Host: Laurie Kelliher
- Unitarian Universalism History, Principles and Sources: Laurie Kelliher
- Questions and Answers with the Minister: Rev. Terry Cummings

**Sunday, October 10: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Worship and Spirituality**

- Host: Peter Meny
- Worship and the Liturgical Year: Sue Smolski
- Adult Spiritual Programs: Peter Meny

**Sunday, October 17: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **Adult Programs and Community Partnerships**

- Host: Dianne Daniels
- Adult Programs: Dianne Daniels
- Social Justice and GHIAA: Dana Donovan

## **Education and Faith Development for All**

**Sunday, October 24: 11:45 – 12:45 p.m.**

- Host: Rev. Terry Cummings
- Lifelong Learning in USH: Terry Cummings
- Faith Development for Children and Youth: Rayla Mattson
- On becoming a Member: Rev. Terry Cummings

**Back-Up Date: Sunday, October 31**



**USH BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS**  
**2021-2022**

Oct 14 Giovanni's Room-  
James Baldwin  
Nov 11 She's Not There- A  
Life in Two Genders- Jennifer  
Finney Boulan  
Dec 9 The Signal Flame-

Andrew Krivak

Jan 13. Mansfield Park- Jane Austin

Feb 10- A Promised Land- Barack Obama

March 10- Finding Higher Ground: An Adaption in the Age of  
Warming- Amy Seidel

Apr 14- First Friends:The Powerful Unsung (and Unelected)

People Who Shaped Our Presidents- Gary Ginsberg

May 12- The Extended Mind:Thinking Outside Your Brain-Anne  
Murphy Paul

June 9- The Hellfire Club- Jay Tapper

July 14- Hamnet- Maggie O'Farrell

Aug 11- The Vanishing Half- Brit Bennett

**ALL MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS AT 2:30 pm**

We voted for 40 separate books. These were the best liked. Now go read all those other fascinating books which intrigued you. Our next meeting—in person- will be at 2:30pm on Thursday September 9 at our home. 58 Hitchcock Lane Avon. We will discuss our summer and books we read and liked.



**Please join us in congratulating our very own Marye Gail Harrison on the publication of her new book "*Emerging Views*".**

Buffie has two copies in her office, and you can simply call (860-233-9807) or email her to take out a copy

here: [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com)

**Unitarian Society of Hartford is on Vimeo**

**We are asking for volunteers: Live streaming video team needs volunteers. We will teach you how to operate our live streaming equipment so that you join in rotation to produce our Sunday service. Please email jon Covault - [jncovault@hotmail.com](mailto:jncovault@hotmail.com).**

**Many Thanks, Staff at USH**



## **Sunday Welcome Volunteers**

At USH, we will be returning to in-our-sanctuary worship, and Fellowship Hall-based "Coffee Hour". To do that, we need those Welcome Volunteers who previously were so instrumental in greeting members, friends, and visitors, to help them feel at home here.

Buffie has developed a SignUpGenius "invite"; where you can easily select dates which work for you. You can be a greeter, an usher, or a welcome table volunteer. The link is below; if you have questions, let Buffie know and the answer will be revealed to you.

**See Sign Up Genius Link [HERE](#). Please contact Buffie at [hartforduusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartforduusociety@gmail.com) for any assistance or additional questions.**

## **Programs for Adults and Families**



### **Spirituality for UUs**

This is the foundational course in the UUSpiritLife series. UUism is a religion without a creed so it can leave some people wondering how to develop their innate spirituality. This program includes many experiential opportunities to discover what types of spiritual activities resonate with you as we chart a path to a deeper and more personal spirituality. This is

a rigorous course with homework after each session and will require a couple of hours of non-class time per week. One of last year's participants said, "Judy and Rick create a warm, enjoyable

**class that also goes deep.” The class will be on zoom, open to members of all three area congregations, facilitated by Rick Tsukada and Judy Robbins. 12 weekly sessions on Tuesday mornings 10-noon, Sept 7-Nov 23, 2021. For registration or more information: [judyrobb2@gmail.com](mailto:judyrobb2@gmail.com).**

### **Your Former Catholicism Can Expand Your UUism**

Ex-Catholic? This course will explore aspects of the Catholic experience that speak to your current Unitarian Universalism, including rituals and rites, reconciliation, original sin, prayer, spiritual practices, and much more. 8 Zoom sessions on alternate Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm. Oct 14, 28; Nov 11; Dec 9, 23; Jan 6, 20; and Feb 3. See more at [UUSpiritlife.org](http://UUSpiritlife.org) in the programs tab.

Facilitated by Rev. Joy Christi Przeworski and Judy Robbins. For more information or to register, contact Judy Robbins at [judyrobb2@gmail.com](mailto:judyrobb2@gmail.com)

### **Adult Programs:**

**The USH Book Club:** Meets **monthly**, on the **2nd Thursday**, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, via Zoom. All adults in the USH community are welcome. Please contact Ginny Allen at [fiddlenurse1@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlenurse1@gmail.com) if you'd like more information or if you want to join. An email with Zoom link will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

**20's/30's Group:** If you would like to join, please email Tara Cote at [tcote11@gmail.com](mailto:tcote11@gmail.com).

### **Disability Support Group:**

This group meets on line the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. The zoom link is sent a few days prior to the meeting. In this group participants discuss the challenges of physical disability (chronic illness, chronic pain, impaired senses, impaired mobility) and emotional pain (loss, mental illness) and the stresses of caretaking a loved one. What is said in the group stays in the group.

Email **Gloria Bent** for more information at [bentgloria@gmail.com](mailto:bentgloria@gmail.com) or call at **860 904-7768**.

## Social Justice

### **GHIAA: CORE TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Thank you for your interest in GHIAA Leadership Training. Leadership trainings will resume to in person trainings starting in September. However, we will make case by case accommodations for people who need to participate remotely via live stream.

#### **Training Sessions (Day/Time):**

Five Tuesdays - September 21, 2021 through October 19, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

or

Five Thursdays - September 23, 2021 through October 21, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Trainers: Cori Mackey, Pat Speer, Rev. AJ Johnson

Where: TBD

**Questions about registration? send an email to [ghiaa@clict.org](mailto:ghiaa@clict.org)**

**to register contact Dana Donovan and go to their [registration](#) page.**

## Caring Network

**From the USH Caring Network:** Please inform the Caring Network of needs, or volunteer your services. If you know of any member experiencing some difficulty, please contact **Janice Newton** or any member of the Caring Network so we can provide some assistance. A wide range of community services is also available to those in need by calling the Community Info Line at 211.



## Meeting House Presents



Unitarian Society of Hartford <https://www.ushartford.com>

50 Bloomfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06105



<https://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents>

**Hello friends and music lovers. We are very excited that Abbie Gardner is coming to the Meeting House this Friday live and in person to kick off the new season of live music!**

- We continue to follow CDC guidance; right now, that guidance is for everyone to wear a mask indoors.
- Please bring proof of vaccination.
- Bring and wear your mask; if you forget, we have a supply and will give you one. The sanctuary is large enough to comfortably accommodate all who are likely to come. We can spread out, maintaining reasonable distance from each other.
- Seating is every-other pew to facilitate separation.

Meeting House Presents 2021-22 Season

Concerts are the third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. at the

Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

**Sept. 17, 2021**

**Abbie Gardner**

**Oct. 15, 2021**

**Scott Cook**

**Nov. 19, 2021**

**Vance Gilbert**

**Dec. 17, 2021**

**Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor**

**Apr. 22, 2022**

**Mad Agnes (4th Friday)**

**May 20, 2022**

**Seán Heely**

Tickets are available in advance from [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) and at the door for \$20.

Season tickets are available for \$100 for all six concerts and can be purchased at the door or after church services.

**Abbie Gardner – Friday, September 17, 2021**

listen: [you-belong-to-me sung by Abbie Gardner](#)

video: <https://youtu.be/7ccuxKT5wMo>



50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: <https://abbiegardner.brownpapertickets.com>  
[www.abbiegardner.com](http://www.abbiegardner.com)  
[@abbiegmusic](https://www.instagram.com/abbiegmusic) instagram  
[www.facebook.com/abbiegardnermusic](https://www.facebook.com/abbiegardnermusic)

**Scott Cook** – October 15, 2021 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

tickets: <https://scottcook.bpt.me>

listen: [https://youtu.be/6R0W\\_QbGhr8](https://youtu.be/6R0W_QbGhr8)



**Vance Gilbert** – November 19, 2021 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: <https://vancegilbert.bpt.me>

[Vance Gilbert's website](http://vancegilbert.com)

Listen: <https://vimeo.com/377104057>

**Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor** – December 17, 2021

50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Websites: <https://reggieharrismusic.com/>

<https://www.patwictor.com/>

Tickets: <https://reggieharris.bpt.me>

listen: <https://youtu.be/aiYrnt2V3ao>

**Save the dates for spring 2022 concerts. Tickets will be available next year.  
Mad Agnes – April 22, 2022 50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.**



Mad Agnes is Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders. Each member arrived at the trio from a staggering list of solo accomplishments, including songwriting competitions, recordings, and the ability to sleep on any surface.



[One Wild Dove](#) video

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**Seán Heely duo with bouzouki player Beth Patterson– May 20, 2022  
50 Bloomfield Ave. at 7:30 p.m.**

website <https://www.seanheely.com/>

video: <https://youtu.be/087oijDW8IM>

**Laura and Paul Cipriano  
Meeting House Presents, Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT**  
<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/music/meetinghousepresents/>

## News in the Larger Community

### **DRUUMM Regional Caucuses 2021**

Saturday, September 18th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eastern Free for Members. \$15 USD for BIPOC friends. **Register at**

<https://druumm.wildapricot.org/event-4447188> Our theme is *Unitarian Universalist's Promise for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color* and this information along with other upcoming events including an Indigenous/Native Caucus and Latinx Caucus are posted on [www.druumm.org](http://www.druumm.org).

#### About the caucuses:

Over the last 25 years, DRUUMM members have expressed profound commitments to Unitarian Universalism, both its tradition and its promise. Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, a former DRUUMM President said, "Unitarian Universalism is who I am and it's in my bones." Within our community we have heard story after story of BIPOC UUs contending with the faith that we chose to center in our lives - theologies that offer sacred attention to multiple truths, expanding consciousness, centering the margins and revealing unseen beauty. We also have had to look at what it is now, and "let it go".

For many of us, while Unitarian Universalism resonates deeply, commitment to it can cause painful dissonance because it often requires moving away from a community that affirms our racial identity. But we have been called to this faith, and BIPOC UU are often acutely aware of the tension and question of belonging. Many of us are not going anywhere, and BIPOC UUs are increasingly in congregational leadership and becoming religious professionals at every level of our faith. What is the promise of Unitarian Universalism for BIPOC? What does the future of Unitarian Universalism look like?

The Regional Caucuses will happen simultaneously on Saturday, September 18th. Members will gather via our virtual Zoom room and caucuses will meet in breakout rooms with facilitators. Our agenda will center on relationship building, sharing your story, and checking in. We'll be focusing our discussion on the ways we are sustained and uplifted as Unitarian Universalists. This is a BIPOC-only program. Allies for Racial Equity will be hosting a concurrent caucus for White anti-racist allies, see [www.uuare.org](http://www.uuare.org).

**Highlighting Latinos with Disabilities in Honor of Hispanic Heritage Month beginning Sept 15th - "Respect Ability". See more information [HERE](#)**



A Special **ONE BIG EVENT** Announcement  
We are continuing to monitor the evolving situation with COVID-19 and the Delta variant in terms of impact to **One Big Event** scheduled for November 13, 2021. We were so very hopeful and excited about being back together in person for **One Big Event** this year.

Circumstances are such that it looks more and more that we will not be able to do an in person event. Disappointment does not begin to capture how we feel about this probable reality.  
We will let you all know soon about how we will proceed for this year.

Thank you all for your interest and support of the **Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective** through your support of One Big Event.

Linda Estabrook, Executive Director  
E. John McGarvey, Event Chair



## Benjamin Dix

Hello everyone,  
 Hope you all are well,  
 So far it seems my Carnegie Hall Benefit Concert is still being held. Saturday, 10/16/2021 @ 2 PM. Weill Recital Hall @ Carnegie Hall (No intermission per the guidelines, so simple 90 min and then the reception!)

Please see attached invitation.

If you go on line-you can purchase a ticket and the tickets can be mailed to you so then you do not have to go to the box office.

(It looks like proof of vaccination is required to attend). Click here for the link to see me and to buy a ticket:

<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2021/10/16/Benjamin-Dix-Piano-0200PM>

Whether I see you or not, it is great that you have always supported me and the performing arts.

Figures the year I make it to Carnegie Hall, we have to follow the COVID concert rules and then I also just got a District level Administrator/Director job (at least only have September to have to practice and work all day long so not too bad, and then 2 weeks in October)

Stay healthy everyone,  
 Ben





### **It Starts With Faith: Organizing School 2021**

The Organizing Strategy Team supports faith-aligned groups to empower leaders, provide training, political education and spiritual sustenance to show up to end oppression and build thriving communities.

This year's Organizing School

for Teams was developed in response to volunteers, State Action Networks, and congregations' desire to deepen organizing skills, develop broader networks of folx doing faith-based organizing, and join in the work of our Side With Love campaign. Complete application by July 30th [HERE](#). We are excited to support 20-30 cohorts for this year's organizing school. This program is designed for teams that are currently engaged in social justice work. We are encouraging congregational social justice teams to apply as a cohort. Priority will be given to teams who are based in AZ, FL, GA, KY, MN, NC, PA, TX, and WI. You may apply as an individual. If admitted you will be placed in cohorts based on geographic location. All sessions are recorded and applicants regardless of acceptance into as a cohort, will have access to recorded sessions.

Cohorts will receive up to 10 hours of 1-1 organizing support following the completion of 80% of all sessions.

### **Sessions will take place on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm ET/3:30-5:30pm PT between Aug. 25 and Nov 3.**

Session 1: Orientation

Session 2: Faithful Social Justice: Telling your story

Session 3: Finding Your Role: Building power in faith organizing

Session 4: Building Organizing Infrastructure: Leadership Development and Identification

Session 5: Facing Conflict: Covenant & Transformation

Session 6: Building for a liberated future: Campaigns and program design

Session 7: Partnerships in a pandemic and recovery

Session 8: Growing your impact: Tools for evaluation and growth

Session 9: Meet the Moment: Tactics for Mobilizing Supporters and Contesting Power

**Join us to build power towards a world that affirms the worth and dignity of all.**

**In faith and solidarity,**

**Nicole Pressley**

**Field and Programs Director**

**UUA Organizing Strategy Teams**

## News from the USH Board of Directors

### Your 2020-2021 USH Board

**Rob Spector: President**  
**Eve Pech: President-Elect**  
**Bob Hewey: Treasurer**  
**Sarah Harmon McKenzie: Secretary**  
**Peter Meny: Spiritual Life Council Chair**  
**Jon Covault: Administration Council Chair**  
**Dana Donovan: Social Justice Council Chair**  
**Tina Davies: Community Within Council Chair**  
**Rev. Terry Cummings, Interim Minister (ex-officio)**

The latest financial reports for **FY 2021-2022** have been posted, click [HERE](#) to view.

The Board Meeting minutes for **July 2021** have been posted. To view the USH Directory, Reports, meeting minutes and other church business information online, click [HERE](#). Contact Buffie Pinney at [hartfordusociety@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordusociety@gmail.com) for the username and password.

**Missed Last Week's Enews? Click Below:**

<http://www.ushartford.com/nourishing-spirit/newsletters/>

See Articles and News for USH and the Surrounding Area you may have missed or find a link to the USH Facebook Page [HERE](#).

Please consult our Online Calendar regularly for all upcoming events coordinated by the

Unitarian Society of Hartford: [www.ushartford.com/events/](http://www.ushartford.com/events/)

To submit a Calendar Request (also for an online USH Zoom Room gathering) click [HERE](#).

To read the USH Blog click [HERE](#).

**E-News Contributors please take note: The deadline for USH E-News submissions is *Tuesday at 12 Noon*. Please include the dates that your submission should be included in the 'Subject' field.**

### **USH Staff:**

<http://www.ushartford.com/about-us/staff/>

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Dianne Daniels, Intern Minister (half time, through December 2021, & not in July or

August)

[USHInternDD@gmail.com](mailto:USHInternDD@gmail.com) | 860-233-9897 ext. 109

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education and Rentals Manager  
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