



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve

Share the Plate for April 15, 2018: Service Never Sleeps

Starting this Sunday, April 15 through Saturday, April 21, midnight, all funds donated to Share the Plate will go to UUCA's social justice partner, **Service Never Sleeps**.

As part of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington's (UUCA) Live the Pledge commitment to work to end racism – UUCA is partnering with Service Never Sleeps. SNS is a nonprofit in Arlington dedicated to their signature workshop called "Allyship."

Allyship is about moving people to a new paradigm of thinking about privilege and marginalized communities. Allyship promotes the idea that we can be bridge-builders who work together and support each other toward the common purpose of ensuring equality, equity, and inclusion for everyone.

The workshop teaches about the causes of social injustice, how to be an effective ally for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others.

More than 100 people at UUCA have already attended this training. We have four more workshops on the calendar this spring. Signup at the table in Fellowship Hall or online - <https://goo.gl/forms/FzrSB9VhN2El2pFg1> . Your generous donations enable UUCA to continue offering these workshops and Allyship in Action groups.

Testimony from Kristen Keller, UUCA Member & Allyship Workshop Participant

"I have sensed in my heart, for some time, a yearning to grow myself while simultaneously delving into something that mattered. Something that would benefit others. Allyship was the answer. And SNS was and is the one that is not only educating and inspiring me, but our community and beyond, on this collective journey of shared humanity to end all social and racial injustices.

"SNS' Allyship workshop is truly transformative. It is educational. Thought provoking. In your face but gentle and respectful. Reflective. It not only makes you do the work, it INSPIRES you to work on yourself so you can continue to stand up and do what is right for others.

"In the past, I used to freeze in situations where someone was targeted or a racist joke was made. I felt I couldn't make a difference. I felt I didn't want to be involved. Silence and inaction are destructive. Silence and inaction risk lives. Silence and inaction are furthering one's complicit tendencies. I learned how to effectively and compassionately use the Allyship

workshop tools to build proximity with others that may or may not share my same views, so I can use my areas of privilege to engage in these conversations that hopefully begin to change one heart and one mind at a time toward a more socially and racially just world.

"SNS is moving mountains of racial justice one little rock at a time. I am honored to know them, learn from them, follow them, and continue this work!"