



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve

Dismantling Injustice with V.O.I.C.E.

If you heard our guest minister, Paula Cole Jones, speak recently or have read the work of legal advocate Bryan Stevenson, you know that to remove the weight of injustice from people of color (or indeed anyone with less privilege) we all need to get proximate and get uncomfortable.

Our VOICE (Virginians Organized for Community Engagement) core team at UUCA wants you to know that both our agenda and our organizing methods present powerful opportunities to get closer to northern Virginia neighbors whose race, ethnicity, income, or creed may be different from our own. We work side by side for greater justice. Right now we are looking for energetic souls to work with us on—

- Pressing our legislature to reform the abnormally low felony threshold, which contributes to the over-representation of African Americans and Latinos in our state prisons,
- Seeking out more solutions to the affordable housing crisis, which is disproportionately forcing people of color and immigrants to pull up their roots and relocate,
- Making all public schools in the region more welcoming to immigrants and to children from non-Christian families, and
- Ensuring dedicated funding for Metro rail and bus, so that the cuts to bus routes that primarily serve people of limited means are remedied and those routes even expanded, and so the system remains a major source of true middle-class jobs for its primarily African American Metro workforce.

Curious? Inspired? Ready to roll up your sleeves? Then look for David McTaggart, Pat Findikoglu,* Marc DeFrancis, Kate Trygstad,** Robert Buckman,*** Jacomina deRegt, Bill Walls, or Burke Kappler—at church any Sunday. Or come join us at our next monthly VOICE core meeting, Tuesday Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., in the Welcome Room.

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