

For WN 9/21/17

SJA (Social Justice Allies) UPDATE

Alert!

SJA will meet this Sunday, Sept. 24, following the service (about 11:30). We changed our usual 3rd Sunday date to accommodate the Building Expansion Town Hall. Beacon members, friends and visitors are welcome to meet with us this Sunday to learn of our current activities and plans. Snacks provided.

UUJAZ (UU Justice AZ) Issue and Action Day

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 – 4:30

Early-bird registration rate ends this Fri., Sept. 22!

To register, go to uujaz.org, then Events

*Please let me know if you want to go. I'll work on carpooling arrangements.
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Join UUs from around the state to gain insight and take action. The day will include a panel of speakers offering updates on the state of UUJAZ's five issue areas, workshops on key issues, and the opportunity to connect with other UUs active in social justice across Arizona.

The five focus issue areas for this year are Economic Justice, Racial Justice, Water, Immigration, and Education. Hear in-depth updates from expert speakers and take advantage of the

question-and-answer time to find out more about what you're most passionate about. Get a sneak peek at what we might see from the Arizona Legislature in 2018, connect with other UUs who are interested in your focus issue area, and dig deeper in issue workshops.



Lunch at Issue and Action Day will be catered, with options available for any dietary restrictions or preference. If you would prefer to save money and bring your own lunch to Issue and Action Day, you're welcome to do so! Select the "Bring Your Own Lunch" when you register. Some scholarships are available -- email lisa@uujaz.org to find out more.

Home hospitality in Surprise is available upon request (email alison@uujaz.org).

Issue and Action Day 2017 Agenda

9am- Check-In

9:30am- Opening Worship: Raising Resilient Resistance

10am- Intersectional Organizing Workshop

10:30am- Featured speakers

12:45pm- Lunch

1:45pm- What to Expect at the AZ Legislature in 2018

2:15pm- How Arizona UUs are Responding

2:45pm- Workshops

4:00pm- Closing Reflection

Event Location: UUC Surprise, 17540 Ave of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85378

UUJAZ is also hosting a series of webinars for Arizona UUs, designed to encourage, support, and strengthen us for justice work. Register for the next webinar below! Connect from wherever you are to strengthen your justice muscles with UUJAZ!

Justice Strength Training 2: Sanctuary Beyond Buildings September 24, 2017, 4pm

Curious about how to best support vulnerable communities? Want to know more about standing with immigrant communities beyond residential Sanctuary? This webinar on expanding Sanctuary work will feature guest presenter Amy Beth Willis, a Tucson-based organizer with the [National Sanctuary Movement](#).

Ms. Willis will share how Sanctuary work has shifted today from its 1980s roots, and help us all gain a better understanding of how our congregations can ally with vulnerable communities under the 45th President. Ms. Willis is able to speak into this space of great anxiety for people across the state with her experience as an ally and accomplice to communities seeking Sanctuary—safety—in all its forms.

Sign up with others from your congregation and community, so you can plan together how to build relationships and join in the struggle with people at risk. Bring your questions about Sanctuary and sense of discovery to this presentation and time of discussion!

[Click here to register for "Sanctuary Beyond Buildings"](#)

and to receive instructions for your online participation on Zoom.

Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Saturday morning, September 30th at Buffalo Park.

Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (rated 90% by Charity Navigator) Flagstaff's 2-mile walk begins at 10:15, with registration 9 – 10:00 that day.

In alignment with Beacon's September theme of Beauty, this is one way to connect with the inner beauty of others, especially those suffering from depression and/or taking their own lives. We can be allies, either by sharing the September 30 walk side-by-side, or on the same path, or by making a financial contribution.

For more information, go to:

<https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=4940>

OR: google Out of the Darkness Walk, then scroll down to find the Flagstaff Walk.

One of Beacon's public stances, approved in 2016, is to "support local efforts toward non-violence." Many of us have been touched in some way by the factors that contribute to this awful outcome that impacts entire communities.

*Questions about any of these events? Contact me at 380-6502 or rozrich41@gmail.com.
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