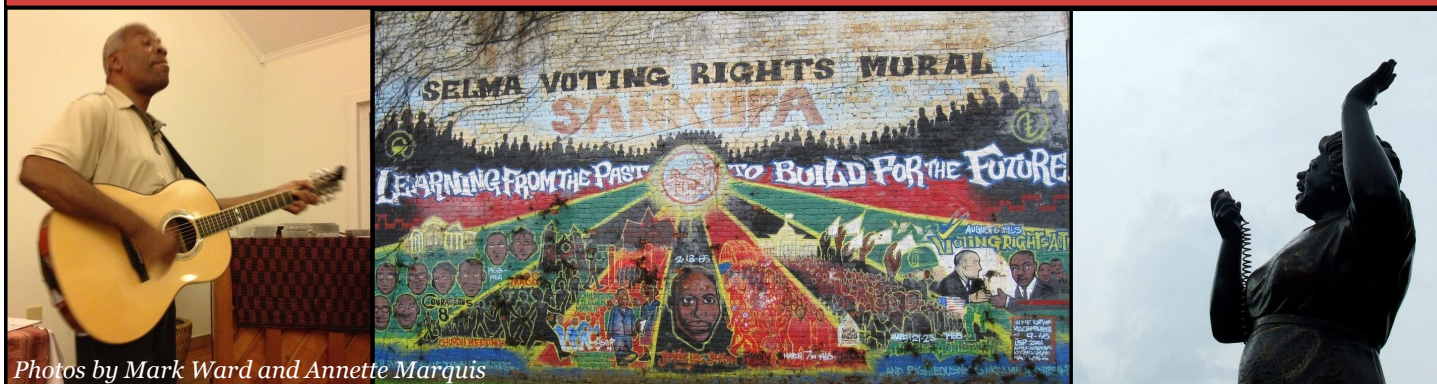


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HIGHLIGHTS FROM MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES REGARDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC CONCERNS



Photos by Mark Ward and Annette Marquis

Living Legacy Pilgrimage:

On October 6, 2012, forty-four people gathered in Birmingham, Alabama, to embark on a spiritual journey led by the **Rev. Gordon Gibson** and his wife **Judy Gibson**. This week-long civil rights pilgrimage is a voyage through Mississippi and Alabama to meet Movement veterans and learn first hand of their courage and determination. It seeks to ensure that the stories of the Civil Rights Movement will not be forgotten when the veterans of the Movement are no longer with us.

The Living Legacy Project, and its primary venture, the Living Legacy Pilgrimage, grew out of Gordon and Judy Gibson's passion for sharing the Civil Rights Movement story. Four years ago, **Rev. Hope Johnson**, **Janice Marie Johnson**, and **Annette Marquis** recognized the importance of both capturing this story—and our Unitarian Universalist role in it—and of the lessons this story teaches us about the work that still needs to be done. They formed a partnership with Gordon and Judy, establishing the Living Legacy Project. **Rev. James Hobart**, singer/songwriter **Reggie Harris**, **Donna Sequeira**, and **Peter Kandis** have since joined as part of the faculty/staff.



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Living Legacy Pilgrims in Selma, Ala.

This year, participants of the Pilgrimage met with distinguished teachers such as:

- Mrs. Saphira Shuttlesworth, wife of the late Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, the fiery preacher who led the Birmingham civil rights movement;
- Morris Dees, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center;
- Hollis Watkins, civil rights activist, singer, and founder of Southern Echo, a grass-roots organization in Mississippi;
- And many other leaders, “foot-soldiers,” and their loved ones who, through their direct action and sacrifice, brought justice to so many.

Participants walked in the footsteps of the Civil Rights Movement, visiting the monuments and sites that bear witness to the tragedy and triumph of the brave souls who worked tirelessly for justice. Each step of the way, they explored together how they might bring these rich lessons alive in today's struggle for justice.

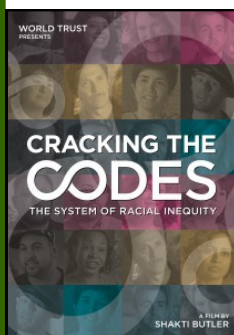
The [Living Legacy Pilgrimage](#) is a transformational experience that deepens the well of commitment to continue the work at home and in the world. To take part in the next pilgrimage, which will take place from September 21-28, 2013, add your name to the [mailing list](#). Registration will open on November 1st. To see a beautiful travelogue of the journey in photographs, visit the Living Legacy Pilgrimage [Facebook Page](#).

Exciting New Resource:

We are pleased to announce a brand-new addition to our [Video Loan Library](#)—*Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality*. From Shakti Butler, the director of *Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible* and *The Way Home: Women Talk About Race in America*, this new film invites viewers to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequity. *Cracking the Codes* includes moving stories from racial justice leaders including Amer Ahmed, Michael Benitez, Barbie-Daniel DeCarlo, Joy DeGruy, Ericka Huggins, Humaira Jackson, Yuko Kodama, Peggy McIntosh,

Rinku Sen, Tilman Smith, and Tim Wise.

We anticipate a great deal of interest in this film—to add your congregation’s name to our waiting list, or to request other engaging offerings from our [Video Loan Library](#), email akapitan@uua.org!



Diversity of Ministry Initiative:

Heartfelt congratulations to **Pastor Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe**, who joined the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Montgomery** as Interim Minister in September 2012. Sunshine served the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson** as their Spiritual Development Director from 2002-2004, and graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA in 2010. Later that same year, zhe completed a ministerial internship at **West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church** in Cleveland, OH. Zhe is a member of Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), Transgender Religious Professional Unitarian Universalists Together (TRUUsT), and the Unitarian Universalist Minister’s Association (UUMA). We wish Sunshine and the UU Fellowship of Montgomery a fruitful, wonderful ministry together!



New Landing Page:

Have you visited our website lately? We’ve been working on overhauling our uua.org web presence to make it more user-friendly, straightforward, and true to the work we’re doing with leaders and communities across the Unitarian Universalist Association. A few of our newest offerings include: a list of [entry points and UU programs](#) for engaging in multicultural ministry; the brand-new UUA [study guide](#) for *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, the UUA’s 2012-2013 Common Read; background on the [Doctrine of Discovery](#) resolution from Justice General Assembly and how to take action; and information about the [Multicultural Leadership Institute](#).

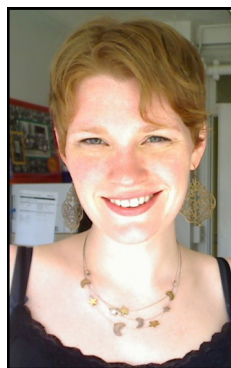
Visit our Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministries website at www.uua.org/multiculturalism, and let us know what you think!

Dream with us. Strategize with us. Build community with us. Support us...Join us in this holy work.

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