

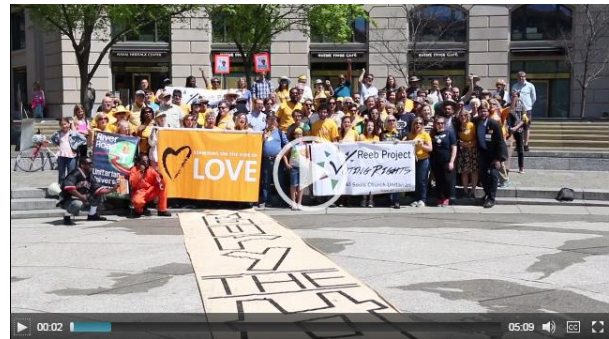


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May 2016: Voting Rights, Backlash & 2016 Elections—Join Our June 1st Webinar & More!

Dear Friends,

Democracy is Awakening! Hundreds of UUs participated in the April 2016 Democracy Spring events to launch a new democracy movement--from the kick off rally on April 2nd at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, to the march on Washington, to the major April 16-18 Democracy Awakening weekend, and engaging in a week of civil disobedience in sit-ins at the Capitol. You can watch it [here](#) (5 mins).



We were there to stand up for voting rights and to get big money out of politics so that we can move forward on racial, climate, economic, migrant and LGBTQ justice. We know that we cannot build to our vision of Beloved Community without a strong movement for democracy.

We also know that there is a strong reactionary backlash that has risen during this electoral season that threatens not only forward motion, but the progress we have already made. We must speak up faithfully for our values in the current national debates and mobilize for Elections 2016. This will be the first Presidential election without the protections of the voting rights act and it is imperative that we make sure that historically disenfranchised voters – people of color, people with disabilities, of low-income, immigrants, women, and students – and others, are able to vote. Let's get organized, build our movement, and make our voices heard!

Join us for a Voting Rights & Mobilizing for the 2016 Elections Webinar - June 1, 2016 7:00 pm ET (4:00 pm PT).

Susan Leslie, UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness Director, UUs for Social Justice (UUSJ) and UU congregational leaders will share strategies and resources--including [UU Funding Program](#) \$750 grants -- for mobilizing during this electoral season.

We need to keep building the movement for change, while taking on the fierce backlash that has risen up.

We'll be talking about faithfully strengthening democracy, registering voters, Getting out the Vote, protecting voting rights, election protection, speaking out on our values, joining interfaith community Town Hall tours, developing community and congregational partnerships and more!

RSVP and get Video/Call-In Info [Here](#).

Organizing on the Side of Love!

And that's not all! On June 1st, the Standing on the Side of Love Campaign is launching an eight week on-line course on community organizing: **Organizing on the Side of Love** with our new Campaign Director and veteran organizer Caitlin Breedlove.

Each week, starting June 1st, you can download a 30-minute pre-recorded session. We'll also be reading *This Is An Uprising* (Engler, Mark & Paul Engler: Nation Books, 2016), watching some short videos, and engage in three interactive sessions this summer. It is time to get fortified and organized. Learn more and register [here](#).

Our Multicultural Growth & Witness Staff Team mission is to empower Unitarian Universalist congregations and community leaders to minister effectively in our multicultural world.

Please join us!

In faith,



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