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Sept. 12th National Moral Day of Action & 2016 Elections

Dear Friends,

UUs are part of organizing all around the country to ensure that we move forward in this pivotal moment for our nation and raise our voices for justice, compassion, and the vision and embodiment of Beloved Community.



and activists will come together to rally and to deliver to our elected leaders and candidates the [Higher Ground Moral Declaration](#). Please sign it if you have not already and join and spread the word for the Sept. 12th National Moral Day of Action.

On **Monday, September 12th**, UU congregations and UU State Action Networks will be joining the [National Higher Ground Moral Day of Action](#) in over 25 state capitals. UUA President Rev. Peter Morales will be participating in the Boston action. Faith leaders from diverse traditions, people impacted by poverty, racism, and injustice, advocates,

You'll see many UUs including Rev. Morales in this inspiring short promotional video – [watch now!](#)

Many of the events will be livestreamed and posted on [Facebook](#).

The Revival: Time for a Revolution of Values is continuing as well and UUs have been part of all of them. See www.moralrevival.org for when The Revival with Rev. William Barber, Rev. James Forbes, Sister Simone Campbell, Rev. Traci Blackmon and others is coming to a city near you.

Rev. Barber's book *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement* has been selected as this year's UUA Common Read. You can order through the UUA's [inSpirit Bookstore](#) and get a discount on multiple copies too. (A Group Discussion Guide will be available on October 1st

at www.uua.org/re/adults/read.)

Voting Rights & Mobilizing for the 2016 Elections

The 2016 election season will include the first presidential election in 50 years without the protections the Supreme Court gutted from the Voting Rights Act. While victories have been won in some states, there are still 20 states with more restrictions than in 2012. A powerful way to counter voter suppression is to hold voter registration drives reaching out to historically disenfranchised people and to help Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV).

Resources, suggestions for partner groups, and \$500 grants are available to help congregations engage in registering people to vote & GOTV efforts. Wear your Love shirts, proclaim your values, and strengthen and build new partnerships! Visit our **Voting Rights [webpage](#)** for more information and send us your stories about your congregation's work. Consider partnering in your state and across state lines. All Souls Unitarian in Washington, DC will be sending 150 volunteers to Raleigh, NC to help with their voter registration drive in October. UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region are partnering with groups in Virginia to register voters with special attention to registering formerly incarcerated people. Does your congregation want to host a partnership? Contact me and we'll help you get connected.

In faith and solidarity,



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