

Thursday at General Assembly

Moral march July 13th

Jim Key (paraphrased): To often we use covenant as a way to describe how to handle difficult people instead of in terms of the promises we give to one another. What if we replaced the words membership book in institutions with covenants in our community. What could happen if we used more words of justice, love, and peace in our churches- how would that transform our power to transform the world?

Ruth- Beyond Bridging

Nina West- expected to participate by Unitarian Universalism experience as a youth

Youth community-warm safe nest

Loving Authentic Inclusive

Dr Miguel

Go deeper to understanding. justice making, accountability,

For some the hope of multicultural is more about political correctness than Beloved Community . we have to acknowledge the privileges of class and white supremacy

Repackaging white supremacy as color blindness serves to make us a more segregated society.

We need to replace individual conversations about racism with fights against social structures of society

Our diversity is not made complete by watering down our differences-

Why do the UUs cross the road:

San Diego Congregation

Multicultural liturgical calendar

Our communities are more than the people who worship with us

Listening to stories

People already fighting for justice understand the need to respond to all injustices

Boston Area

Witness to others even if you can't be the one to chant

What do we risk if we do NOT go outside our comfort zone? We must leave our comfort zone for the learning zone

Comfort zone

Danger zone.      Learning zone

Appalachia

We need to be intentional about leading others so we can move forward

We must make visible the invisible

Racism is about Economic Power

How do we do resistance differently

It's not about going to rally. What are the different platforms we are building

Virginia

Sometimes you're not ready and go anyway, because you love

Sometimes you have to show up with your body when you don't know what to do

Yacking white people are not appropriate

Birmingham Bridge

To do this work we will need to give up things that are important to us

Types of racism

Interpersonal institutional internalized ideological

Tip of iceberg

The really big issue is here in ideology and institutional

Stories

God is every where

Sophia's Guest

Worship worthy story- leaves room for imagination, doesn't try to explain everything, rhythm and lend themselves to script free telling, contains an image or metaphor that can thread itself into other moments of worship, common narrative, congregational short hand, contains a sense of wonder or surprise, triggers our campfire gene.

Avoid: too many characters, too much dialogue, "he said" "she replied " puns, making the story all about you. (You aren't the hero of the story)

A Good Telling- Kristin Maier- really good

Story of Ester

Don't tell anyone you're a Jew → eventually her coming out about her faith saves the lives of her people.