

May 2023 Chicago Area UU Council News



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Celebrate Earth Week 2023!

Join us for a film screening!

Interfaith Power & Light
A Religious Response to Global Warming

Film Screening: Current Revolution - Sat, May 6 @ 9:30am

Please join the Green Sanctuary Committee of Countryside Church UU and Interfaith Power & Light for a screen showing and post-movie conversation about CURRENT REVOLUTION and a series of other short films from the American Resilience Project.

The films explore the transition from fossil fuels to renewables with a focus on national security, economic prosperity, and environmental justice. These films show how the nation can embrace smart policies and investments that support grid modernization through distributed renewable energy generation, and ensure that the transition is just and sustainable.

Location: Countryside Church UU, 1025 N Smith St., Palatine, IL



CAUUC Annual Meeting Notice

The Chicago Area UU Council will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 7pm via Zoom.

- Election of Board of Directors
- Approval of Budget
- Open Q&A

Find out more here:

uuchicagoarea.org/annual-meeting

2023 UUA Presidential Forums



Meet Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

The 2nd of 4 UUA Presidential Forums took place on Saturday, April 29th at Unitarian Church of Evanston. These forums provide an opportunity to get know our presidential candidate, Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt through questions and conversation. If you missed the in-person or online event, you can still watch a recording on YouTube.

The format for the forum was as follows:

- 30 minutes of prepared questions on the topics of theology and religious professional
- 30 minutes for open Q&A with attendees
- 30 minutes: Rev. Sofia asks questions of the audience



At the forum at UC Evanston

Rev. Jason Lydon, minister from Second Unitarian in Chicago, in discussion with Rev. Sofia about congregational challenges with developing lay leaders.

Future forum dates and topics:

- May 20th 3pm CT: Lay leadership development, Youth and young adult ministry
- June 3rd 1pm CT: UUA Board, UUA Governance

Watch the video recording on YouTube here: [UUA Presidential Forum Video 4/29/2023](#)

Register to attend a future forum here: [UUA Presidential Candidate Forums](#)

UUA Article II & CAUUC Winter Conference

The CAUUC winter conference held on January 28th was a great success with in-person and online participants hearing and discussing about the



proposed Article II that will be voted on at General Assembly.

If you'd like to see a recording of this event as a way of learning more about Article II as well as some relevant UU history, you can find a link to the video here or [CAUUC's Conference Workshop Archive](#)

Other resources: [Article II Study Commission Report](#) (PDF 26 pages)

Article II Amendment Discussion Workshops - open to all UUs:

1. Thursday, May 11 @ 6pmCT: Register [here](#)
2. Thursday, May 18 @ 6pmCT: Register [here](#)
3. Sunday, May 21 @ 3pmCT: Register [here](#)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chicago Area UU Council Events

MAY 8 - CAUUC Board Meeting (Zoom)

JUN 7 - [Annual Meeting \(Zoom\)](#)

UUA Events

MAY 11: [Article II Amendment Discussion](#)

MAY 18: [Article II Amendment Discussion](#)

MAY 20: [Presidential Forum](#)

MAY 21: [Article II Amendment Discussion](#)

JUN 3: [Presidential Forum](#)

JUN 21-25: [General Assembly](#)

MidAmerica Region

[Events Calendar](#)

UU Action Network of Illinois (UUANI)

[Action of the Week](#)

UU Prison Ministry of Illinois (UUPMI)

Volunteer Opportunities - We need your help!

Is volunteer work part of your spiritual practice? CAUUC has multiple roles we are looking to fill. Please contact us with any [questions](#).

Congregational Liaison - join our monthly Zoom meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9pm. Zoom link is in the [CAUUC calendar](#).

CAUUC Board Member/Officer - Board members are the backbone of CAUUC. Board members assess the needs of our local congregations in pursuit of our mission of growing UUism and strengthening congregations and then select topics and organize our annual conferences.

Reporter/Writer/Photographer/PR - We also need people to help with photos and stories that are news worthy for inclusion in our mailers and social media communications.

Conference Volunteers - As we come together for in-person gatherings, we have needs for volunteers to help with hospitality, music and worship, and more.

Are you interested or have questions? Please contact us: cauuc@uuchicagoarea.org.

How has CAUUC helped you? Please tell us!

We would love to hear from you about what you value most about CAUUC whether it's related to our workshops, opportunities to bring UUs together in community for discussions, or something else. Please let us know what you like and what we can do to serve you and your congregation in useful ways.

Please email us: [CAUUC Email](mailto:cauuc@uuchicagoarea.org)



CAUUC Mission Statement

The mission of the Chicago Area Unitarian Universalist Council is to support its member congregations by working together to achieve a common goal of promoting Unitarian Universalist principles in the greater Chicago area by:

- Increasing the visibility of the UU community to the greater Chicago community;
- Promoting advocacy of social justice;
- Strengthening our congregations through sharing of programs, particularly for leadership development; and
- Entering into appropriate coalitions with other faith traditions which share our core values.

CAUUC web site: uuchicagoarea.org

Donations

If you are able to make a donation to support conference events and other work of CAUUC, it's easy and appreciated!

We're happy to accept donations in any amount using Zelle (send to cauuc@uuchicagoarea.org) or you can mail a check to:
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