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Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty

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Minister's Column

This month I'm headed to New Orleans for the UUA General Assembly. I've never been to New Orleans, although I drove through Louisiana once while moving from Texas to Rhode Island. While dragging a car behind a moving van was not the right time, in my husband's opinion, to try to go into the city.

New Orleans has been in the news a lot this month, because they are taking down some prominent Confederate statues there. As someone with a Southern heritage, I know how complex this is, and have heard the arguments against doing something like this all my life. But it's the right thing for New Orleans. As their mayor explained, the statues are a product of the Cult of the Lost Cause. Mayor Landrieu stated, "The historic record is clear: the Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, and P.G.T. Beauregard statues were not erected just to honor these men, but as part of the movement which became known as The Cult of the Lost Cause. This 'cult' had one goal — through monuments and through other means — to rewrite history to hide the truth, which is that the Confederacy was on the wrong side of humanity."

I had heard the arguments of the "Cult of the Lost Cause" all my life, but this speech really affected me. What the statues coming down made me think about are what are the ways in which attempts to rewrite history are

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am "Embodiment"

June 4 - "International Flower Communion" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

This year is the 95th anniversary of the founding of the Unitarian Church in Prague, where the flower communion was created. We'll celebrate with them as we share our flower communion together. Bring a flower representing yourself and add it to the bouquet of humanity.

June 11 - " What's Going On?" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Changes in our denomination are happening quickly these days. As Rev. Cindy prepares to leave for General Assembly, she'll catch us up on the changes in our faith and the issues in front of us.

June 18 - "The Jackson

Non-discrimination Ordinance"

Presenter: Jackson City Councilman,
Derek Dobies

June 25 - "Global Warming and

The Nature of Science"

Presenter: Victor MarshallLay Leader: Tom Pepper

Calendar

Board Meeting ~ Is Not Meeting in June 1 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm 4 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am 5 Mon. Art of Living Meditation Classes ~ 7:00-8:30 pm Membership Meeting ~ TBA Outreach Committee ~ Jackson District Library 3:00 pm 8 Thurs. 11 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service 11 Sunday Art of Living Meditation Classes ~ 7:00-8:30 pm 12 Mon. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am 13 Tue. RE Meeting ~ 6:30 pm @ Carnegie Library 13 Tue. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm 15 Thurs. ~~~~ Service ~ Jackson City Councilman, Derek Dobies ~ 11:00 am 18 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due 18 Sunday 19 Mon. Art of Living Meditation Classes ~ 7:00-8:30 pm 21 Wed. White Tara Healing Meditations ~ 7:00-8:30 pm ~~~~ Service ~ Presenter: Victor Marshall ~ 11:00 am 25 Sunday 26 Mon. Art of Living Meditation Classes ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

MEETINGS AND EVENTS: AT OR AFFILIATED WITH U.U. CHURCH OF EAST LIBERTY

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all around us, unrecognized? What are the stories we tell ourselves in order to make our own institutions and organizations look better than they are? In what ways are churches complicit in this?

Last month we did work on understanding "white supremacy." This work isn't done — there are still numerous ways we view whiteness as normative and anything else as "other," and ways that white supremacy affects even liberal religious institutions. As this is Pride month, we might think about the ways heteronormativity affects us, as well.

Our work at better understanding our heritage and shaping ourselves to live our future in better alignment continues, just as it does in New Orleans. Our General Assembly there will be engaging in how we do that as an entire denomination. I invite you to view pieces of it online. The schedule of what is available online is: Wednesday, June 21 Welcoming Celebration and General Session I, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Thursday, June 22 Morning Worship, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM, General Session II, 9:45 AM -1:15 PM, Service of the Living Tradition, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM, Friday, June 23, Morning Worship, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM -General Session III 9:45 AM - 1:15 PM, Presidential Candidates Forum 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM, Saturday, June 24, Morning Worship 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM - General Session IV 9:45 AM - 1:15 PM, Synergy Bridging Worship 6:00 PM -7:15 PM - Ware Lecture 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM, Sunday, June 25, Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - General Session V and Closing 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

The URL for viewing should be UUA.org/ga/2017. Hope you'll join me in NOLA virtually! Namaste, Rev. Cindy

JXN Community Forums

The JXN Community Forum takes the summer off. Although our congregation will no longer be a co-sponsor of the Forum, it will continue at the Carnegie Branch Library. It will start up again in September and we will keep you informed about topics.

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