



Track 1	Adults
Track 2	Multigenerational (all ages)
Track 3	Youth (ages 12 and older)
Track 4	Children (ages 6-11)

# Workshop Descriptions

## Morning Session

### **1A: Faith, meet Politics. Politics, Faith. (Meck Groot and Rev. Deborah Holder )**

*Congregationally-based justice ministry reconciles two yearnings within our congregations: the hope for social change and the desire for spiritual integrity. This workshop will share spiritual leadership tools and practices participants can engage within their congregations to build the Beloved Community.*

Meck Groot serves as Program & Justice Ministries Coordinator for the Clara Barton & Mass Bay Districts.

Rev. Deborah Holder serves as Minister of Beloved Community Formation for the Mountain Desert District

**1B: Active Hope (Barbara Ford)** *Hope is something we do, rather than something we have. By clarifying our intentions about who we wish to be in this troubled world, we create a sense of purpose which holds us and helps us feel connected to each other and the earth. Through dialogue, ritual, and song we will explore new ways to think and feel about our role in the healing of our world.*

Barbara is an activist, artist, singer, and facilitator, offering workshops through GAIA Workshops-Growing Awareness Into Action. Her workshops explore the convergence of activism, spirit, and creativity. She is the former president of the national UU Ministry for Earth, and offers workshops to UU congregations across the country. Barbara lives in an ecovillage in Portland, Oregon.

**1C: Taste of Harvest the Power (NNED Leadership Vision Team)** *Understanding leadership as a spiritual practice. Heard about Harvest the Power? Come experience a taste of HtP. This morsel will be focused on leadership in a Social Justice context.*

**1F: Gathered Here (Rev. Karen Brammer)** *"Gathered Here" is a process happening all over the country. It is about hearing each other talk about our faith. What we say together will be heard by our Unitarian Universalist leadership! Share what you think is best about our Unitarian Universalist faith and what you think we can become if we put our minds and hearts together. Our Unitarian Universalist leadership will use the results of these workshops and interviews to guide their work on our behalf. Our UU leadership has said they hope this process will help us "unleash the power of our faith as a force for good in the world". Come help make that true.*

Karen serves as the Smaller Congregation and Justice Specialist for the Northern New England District.

## Afternoon Session

**2A: Intercultural Competence: A New Way to Think About Diversity (Rev. Erica Baron)** *Is counting the numerical diversity in our pews the only way to evaluate our ability to handle human difference? What if we could focus instead on becoming interculturally competent, as individuals and congregations? This workshop will explore a model for evaluating and developing our capacity to bridge diversity.*

Erica serves as the minister at the UU Fellowship of Bennington, VT as well as the UU Church of Rutland, VT.

**2C: Gathering of Harvest the Power Graduates (NNED Leadership Vision Team)**

*Graduates gather for refresher*

*course, and an opportunity to share successes, challenges, and next steps.*

**2D: The 1 and the 99 (Rev. Mark Glovin)** *Unitarian Universalism has a conflicted history around issues of class. Utilizing a discussion format, this workshop will use the lens of history illustrated in Mark Harris' book "Class" to illuminate our current struggles. We'll look at our ambivalent history, the widening gap of economic inequality in the USA and at our place in the occupy movement. Do we have a place in that movement? Are we the 1 or the 99? Or both? Can we offer the safe container of covenanted community to bring us all together to learn and love and grow together? Can we, together, answer our call to create a more fair loving and just world?*

Mark serves as the minister at the First Universalist Church of Rockland, ME.

**2F: Drumming and Spirituality with Matt Meyer**

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