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UU FaithAction NJ Justice For All Gala Ad Journal

UU FaithAction NJ coordinates grassroots social justice advocacy with our member congregations, individual UUs, and allies across the state of New Jersey. We work to establish a just and compassionate public policy that is consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles and purposes.

THANK YOU!

Our 2023 Gala was made possible by the collaboration of many dedicated individuals!

THANK YOU to our Gala Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Meera Rao and Shannon McCloskey Allain.

THANK YOU to our Gala Planning Committee members: Ted Fetter, Rohn Hein, Phil Lubitz, Marty Rothfelder and Emily Parker.

THANK YOU to the *Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton* for all your support throughout the planning process and today.

THANK YOU to our coalition partners, for your presence today and for your ongoing work.

THANK YOU to our set-up and clean-up volunteers, and thank you to our tech-volunteer-extraordinaire Kevin Trayner.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought a dessert for us to share and enjoy.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought a donation for *The Jewish Center's Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee* to share with our neighbors.

THANK YOU—thank you for the gift of your presence!



GALA PROGRAM



12:00

**Arrival & Appetizers
in Robinson Lounge**

12:50

Chalice Lighting
Rev. Bill Neely

12:55

Welcome
Mia Morse, Rev. Charles Loflin

1:05

Buffet

2:00

Keynote: Amy Torres
Introduced by Ted Fetter

2:25

Louise Sandburg
Introduced by Michele Ochsner

2:40

Generosity
Shannon McCloskey Allain,
Marty Rothfelder

2:45

Thank You
Rev. Charles Loflin

3:00

Benediction
Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

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KEYNOTE

AMY TORRES

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Amy Torres (they/she) serves as the Executive Director of the *New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice* (NJAIIJ). In this position, Torres leads member organizations and staff to direct policy and organizational priorities.

Amy Torres
Executive Director, NJAIJ



Prior to NJAIJ, Torres served for over seven years in immigrants' rights and policy advocacy in New York City, with a focus on Asian American and Pacific Islander empowerment. Torres brings to leadership depths of experience in coalition-building, civic engagement, and grassroots organizing.

Firmly rooted in Torres's identity is their experience as a second generation Filipinx American and the core belief that human rights and liberties should not be subject to change because of something as arbitrary as birthplace, border, or paperwork.

FEATURED SPEAKER

LOUISE SANDBURG

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Louise Sandburg (she/her) is the granddaughter of refugees who fled the Cossacks outside Kiev. She grew up in San Diego and has lived in Princeton for almost 30 years. Sandburg was an adult ESL teacher in Thailand, Guatemala and the U.S. for 20 years before working for *Lutheran Social Ministries* refugee resettlement services in Trenton.

Louise Sandburg

Steering Committee, TJC/IRRC

In 2015, in response to the Syrian refugee crisis, members from *The Jewish Center*, *Princeton United Methodist Church*, and *Princeton Friends Meeting* established **The Jewish Center's Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee** (TJC/IRRC).

The Jewish Center's Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee supports recently arrived refugees as they establish their new lives in the Princeton community. Led by a steering committee experienced in refugee resettlement, dedicated volunteers include social workers, teachers, lawyers, and activists.

TJC/IRRC collaborates with Interfaith-RISE and depends on members of *Princeton Alliance Church*, *UU Congregation of Princeton*, *Masjid Baitul Hadi*, *Nassau Presbyterian Church*, *Center for Jewish Life*, *Trinity Church*, *All Saints' Church of Princeton*, *Islamic Center of Central Jersey*, *Christ Church Congregation*, *Har Sinai Temple*, *Muslim Center of Greater Princeton*, *Beth El Synagogue*, *Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo*, *Congregation Beth Chaim*, *Tzu Chi*, *First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury*, and *Prince of Peace*.

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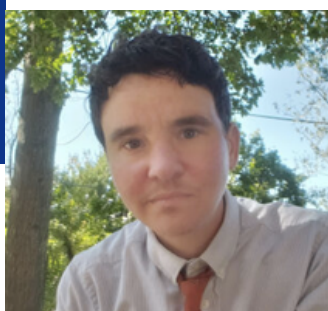
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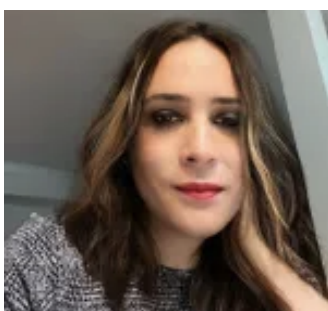
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njimmigrantjustice.org

American Friends Service Committee

afsc.org/programs/new-jersey-immigrant-rights

First Friends of New Jersey & New York

firstfriendsnjny.org

**The Jewish Center | Interfaith Refugee
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princetonrefugee.org

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for UU FaithAction
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**All of us at
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and our partners
give thanks for your
work on behalf of all
New Jerseyans.**

Justice for All!



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Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit



**Deep gratitude to UU Faith Action
from the Social Justice Team at UU Church in Cherry Hill**

**We are grateful for the leadership and commitment
shared by our sister congregations in New Jersey**

With special appreciation for UUCCH members:

Susan Druckenbrod - UUFANJ Board Member 2022-2024

Mahdi Ibn-Ziyad – UUFANJ Board Member 2020-2022

Rohn Hein and Mahdi Ibn-Ziyad - Reparations Task Force Creation

Sharon Hardy and Walt Nadolny - Environmental Justice Advocate

Jennifer Lauby - Criminal Justice Advocate

Helen Ewan - Gun Violence Prevention Advocate

Cheryl Dunican-Hein - Immigration Justice Advocate

THANK YOU FOR YOU DEDICATED EFFORTS

UUCCH Social Justice Initiatives

Social Justice Steering Committee
Committee for Racial & Economic
Equity (CREE)
Community Outreach Work
(COW)

Environmental Group
Immigration Support
Reimagining Public Safety (RPS)
Reparations
UU the Vote





THANK YOU

to the **Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Princeton** for sharing
your space, your resources, your time
and your many talents to make our gala
a success!

Sincerely,
The Gala Planning Team

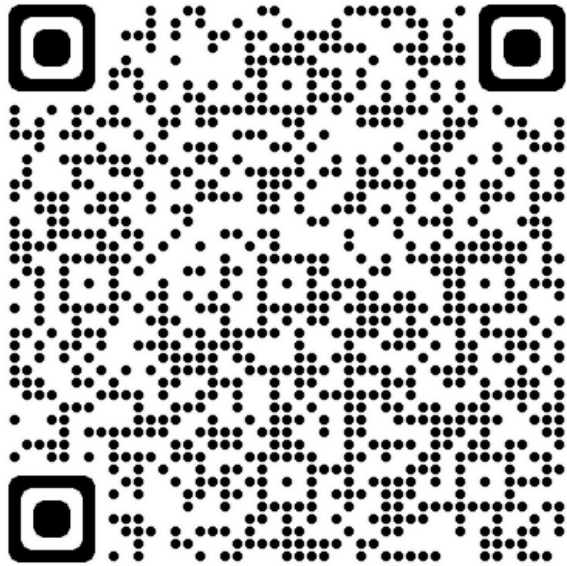
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**UU FaithAction NJ thanks
our anonymous long-time
donor and friend for their
ongoing support ever
since our inception.**

**Wayne and Catherine Greenfeder
support UU FaithAction NJ
and *Justice for All!***

**“——
| Deconstructing Hatred
| is the way to
| Peace and Justice
——”**

“IN BRIEF; Immigration Files Emerge From Asbestos Quarantine”



1. There are only 2 articles written about this.
2. This inability access went on for years.
3. Out of the 400,000 files there is to date *NO FOIA* inquiry.
4. There are individuals whose cases were thrown off track, and *no provisions* were made to put individuals back on track that might have missed deadlines.
5. My sister and I, are 2 of them.



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from all your friends at
Murray Grove

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Proud to support UU
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Justice for All Gala!

The Allain Family



Ongoing Salute to
Reparations Task Force

Dr. and Ms. Ibn-Ziyad,
Cherry Hill



Mental Health Justice
is Social Justice.

The Mental Health Task Force,
UU Congregation at Montclair

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