Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta

Mission

To change lives

Description

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA) is one of the largest Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States, with roots in Atlanta going back more than 120 years. We are a community of faith that encourages and supports the individual spiritual quests of its members, who share a respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person and a commitment to social justice. UUCA’s members and contributing friends hail from all corners of the Atlanta area and represent many diverse backgrounds.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

We offer the opportunity to do ministry in a liberal theological setting that is spirit and justice-centered. We are building a multiracial, multicultural, multigenerational faith community that changes lives.

Site Details

Outreach

Social Justice Action Groups at UUCA

Promise The Children: Promise the Children (PTC) is a community of activists for children within UUCA. PTC provides a unifying voice for our faith community to speak and act on behalf of children. We advocate for a public agenda that ensures the well-being of all of Georgia’s children. And we put our faith into action through direct service, working with organizations that serve children in need. We are committed to a world where children are safe, healthy, educated, employable, and connected to their family and community. Visit our website by clicking here.

Ens and Outs: Environmental activities, environmental advocacy and outdoor activities. Regular activities include a weekly hike. For more info, contact Bill Goolsby at bill.goolsby@gmail.com or 404-775-8478 or join the email list.

Interweave: Interweave - A community of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersexed and queer (LGBTQIQ) persons and allies within UUCA. As a Welcoming Congregation, UUCA includes LGBTQIQ persons fully in the life of the congregation. Interweave UUCA is a chapter of Interweave Continental and also sponsors a monthly PFLAG meeting at UUCA. To join the Interweave UUCA email list or for more info, contact Joetta Prost at jprost@uuca.org.

Peace Network: A team of UUCA members and friends working for global peace. Regular activities include Third Thursday Cinema. For more info, contact Sven Lovegren at solovegren@yahoo.com or 404-634-7750.

Fiesta de Libros. A mobile library program and volunteer book-read each Saturday at Plaza Fiesta on
Buford Highway. A training for new volunteers is held the first Saturday of every month. Visit fiestadelibros.com or contact Laura Murvartian at Laura_Murvartian@bellsouth.net.

Racial & Ethnic Concerns: A group working to increase racial and ethnic diversity in our congregation and denomination, and working together for racial and economic justice with others in our congregation, community, nation, and world. Contact Barbara Burnham at barbburn2@aol.com, or Laura Murvartian at Laura_Murvartian@bellsouth.net.

Reproductive Justice. Supports and supports and promotes the reproductive justice framework as defined by the right to have children, not to have children, and to parent the children we have in safe and healthy environments. Contact: Devery Howerton at devhowerton@comcast.net.

Dining For Women. UUCA is home to two chapters of this national organization, where women come together for a potluck meal while raising funds for a different global women's charity each month. Contact: Mary Crawley at mcrawley@wans.net.

Give Away the Plate

Through this exciting and generous ministry, we give away our Sunday morning offering once a month to select non-profit groups and a variety of denominational causes. We’re not expecting any recognition or reward. It’s just one way to acknowledge our gratitude and give to our community.

The total given through UUCA’s Give Away the Plate ministry as of November 3, 2013 is $350,521.35 and is shared between 182 non-profit groups. We are indeed a grateful and generous congregation. Please look for the Give Away the Plate table in the Social Hall before and after Sunday services where the recipient of that morning’s plate will have a chance to meet, greet and educate UUCA folks. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
UUCA is a multi-staff institution with a policy-based governance style. A Candler student will be able to experience what it is like to function effectively within this context.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
As a large congregation, UUCA has a Sunday worship experience that is second to none. A Candler student will learn what goes in to creating a Sunday worship experience like this. A Candler student can learn how to craft and perform top notch sermons.

Mission and Outreach:
UUCA has an extensive network of outreach programs. A Candler student can participate in an existing program or develop their own initiative.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
UUCA's Lay Ministry provides pastoral care for our large congregation. A Candler student can participate in the program and find ways to develop it (and in this way experience what it is like to introduce change into a congregational program).
Religious Education:
UUCA's religious education program is moving towards a lifelong learning and growth model, in which the focus is the spiritual growth and development of all people, from cradle to grave. A Candler student can participate in this evolution and help make it happen.

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<th>Denomination</th>
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<td>Location Type</td>
<td>Urban</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>Around 400 each Sunday</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Sunday worship services are at 9:30am and 11:15am.</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>We are a large congregation with activities and events going on every day of the week.</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>3 miles? Not far away.</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Yes, our facility is accessible. Ramps and lifts are available, as well as hearing devices.</td>
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<td>Accessible via public transportation?</td>
<td>Not easily.</td>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>Woman serve UUCA in the capacity of pastors, worship leaders, presidents of the Board, and in all other ways. There are no limits to women's leadership at UUCA.</td>
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