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# UU FaithAction NJ **Justice For All** Gala Ad Journal

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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

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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**  
Marty Rothfelder

2:45

**Thank You  
& Benediction**  
Rev. Charles Loflin

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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* (NJAIJ). 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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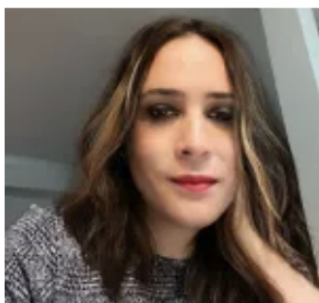
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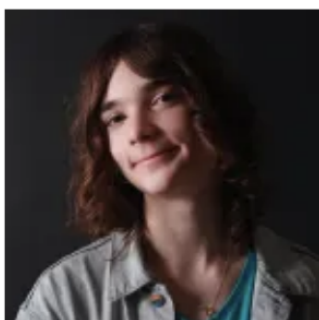
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**New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice**  
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[afsc.org/programs/new-jersey-immigrant-rights](http://afsc.org/programs/new-jersey-immigrant-rights)

**First Friends of New Jersey & New York**  
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**The Jewish Center | Interfaith Refugee  
Resettlement Committee (Princeton)**  
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**Interfaith-RISE (Highland Park)**  
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**Faith in New Jersey**  
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**What an amazing year  
for UU FaithAction  
NJ!**

**All of us at  
Beacon in Summit  
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 YOUR 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

visit: [uuprinceton.org](http://uuprinceton.org)





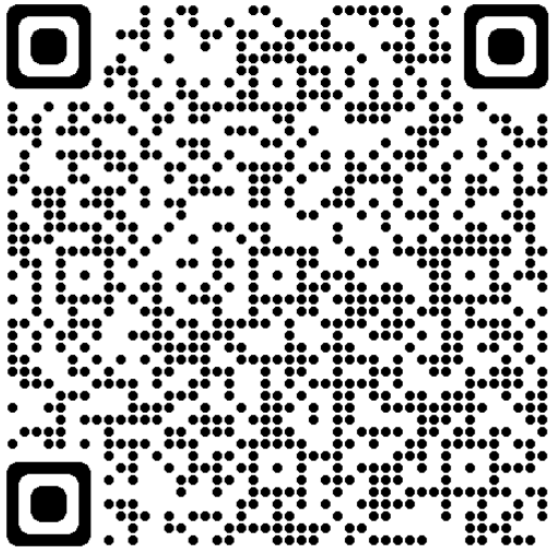
UU FaithAction NJ thanks  
our anonymous long-time  
donor and friend for their  
ongoing support ever  
since our inception.



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

**“——  
| Deconstructing Hatred  
| is the way to  
Peace and Justice |  
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## “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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Greetings in the shared  
spirit of Love and Inclusion



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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