



RSVP 6/9

## For the Buried and the Unearthed: A UU Vigil for Gaza

**Sunday, June 9**

8:00 p.m. ET • 7:00 p.m. CT • 6:00 p.m. MT • 5:00 p.m. PT

RSVP: [Online](#) by Zoom

45-minute program

Friend, gather in response to Rafah, in solidarity, on Sunday, June 9th, for a vigil hosted by DRUUMM (the Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministry), Church of Larger Fellowship (CLF), and the UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME).

Organizers deeply honor the worth and dignity of all Palestinians and all Israelis.

- This vigil, *open to all*, is to honor the spiritual work toward ending the violence. The event will center the voices of those most affected and organizers ask attendees to hold this with intention.
- Organizers aim to be present with one another and deepen attention for the crises in Gaza as Unitarian Universalists, and are mindful of the deep and complex roots in the minds and hearts of Westerners.
- The event will call for a permanent ceasefire and end to the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza, a release of all hostages/prisoners, humanitarian aid, and an accountability process that is not rooted in revenge.

Friend, join DRUUMM, CLF, and UUJME in fellowship to grieve, rage, learn, and find solace together.



# Endorse the AIW Solidarity with Palestinians



[uupalestineaction.org](http://uupalestineaction.org)

Dear friend,

In response to the horrific situation of Palestinians in Gaza from the US-backed Israeli war, a coalition of Unitarian Universalists has come together to propose an Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) for the UUA General Assembly that will convene from June 20-23.

This AIW is rooted in the spirit of love and a demand for immediate and ongoing justice for the Palestinians. We seek a world where our Palestinian and Israeli Jewish kin are safe and can thrive. Ongoing war, apartheid, settler colonialism, and occupation are not the way to that future. Until all are free, none are free.

The coalition includes UU lay leaders and members, religious professionals, and groups, including Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), UUs for a Just Economic Community, Unitarian Universalist Peace Ministry Network, Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East, and more.

The coalition leaders made it a practice and priority to center the concerns and opinions of

Unitarian Universalists who are BIPOC and of impacted heritages including Palestinians, Muslims, SWANA (Southwest Asian and North African), and Jews. We honor their ongoing wisdom and leadership in response to the current crisis.

The proposers of this AIW are Rev. DL Helfer, a UU minister with Jewish Voice for Peace-Rhode Island, Black Lives of UU Executive Director Lena Gardner, DRUUMM co-founder the Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, and DRUUMM Public Worship Preacher 2003 the Rev. Katie Romano Griffin.

### **Read the AIW**

As the fruit of a broad coalition, this AIW brings to life a moral witness and calls to action for Unitarian Universalists that move us to a new level of awareness and commitment, and that can build power in the global movement for ending the war and addressing the decades-long injustices that were present before.

Will you add your name as a public endorser, and ask other UUs in your circle to do the same?

### **Endorse the AIW**

Endorsing this AIW means expressing your commitment to a world where all people are free, without exception.

Please join the growing UU community that is ready to take solidarity actions that support an end to oppression of the Palestinian people.

To address the need for related information, UUJME has partnered with others to create learning spaces in the form of webinars on related topics: congregational conflict, antisemitism, and multifaith solidarity perspectives. Please scroll down to find the details and promote within your UU circles.

**RSVP for related webinars at [https://www.uujme.org/uujme\\_calendar](https://www.uujme.org/uujme_calendar).**

### **Learning Space RSVP**

With faith in solidarity as a spiritual practice,

Dana Fisher Ashrawi  
UUJME President