

Access = Every Person's Issue!



Accessibility Task Force

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene Community

ATF meets every 4th Sunday.

Email ATF to receive ATF's newsletter:

Access@UUEugene.org

“We gather together to share our stories, not because disabled people are particularly special, but because the ‘normality’ of our lives is not always a part of the narratives we hear.”

- Jones D. Hollister (they/them)



Jones relaunched the Accessibility Task Force and was the ATF Chair until 2020.

Thank you, Jones!

- ATF held a survey about accessibility, with 69 respondents. (A summary is available.)
 - ATF educated about *Hearing Loop* availability.
 - We loved seeing the new Sanctuary ramp! Thanks!
 - ATF held a memorial for Ivory, who died homeless of exposure only four blocks from our Church.
 - ATF raised awareness about disability issues, including working with *EqUUal Access* leaders.
 - ATF continues to work with our Minister and leaders to improve access at our Church!
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Michael Young, ATF member:

In 1986 I became involved in the Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Santa Monica (UUCCSM), California as a Cub Scout. I worked on a scouting medal. My family stayed involved.



I actually joined as a member at 18 in 1992, not just on the family membership. I like to join things. I felt like I belonged, as I do here.

It was really nice for me [to return to Church in person] because I'd only been there as a visitor three years ago. It made me happy.

ATF reminds me of social action at UUCCSM. That was our Disability Support Group (DSG) there which I co-chaired with a lot of help.

My email address is public: yown.home@gmail.com.

Lightly edited by Michael's father, Steve Young.

“We need a united voice, because Access and Inclusion are just the beginning – they are entry points into a much-needed interconnected approach to justice-making.”

- Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu (she/her)

From sermon *Visible Invisible*, August 15, 2021.

Email ATF for link to the full sermon!



Rev. Jen with Accessibility Task Force Chair David Oaks (he/him, left) & former Co-Chair Kitty Carlisle (she/her)

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