



# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH Spectacles AUGUST 2022

## International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples ~ August 9

### *The role of indigenous women in the preservation and transmission of traditional knowledge*

Indigenous women are the backbone of indigenous peoples' communities and play a crucial role in the preservation and transmission of traditional ancestral knowledge. They have an integral collective and community role as care-takers of natural resources and keepers of scientific knowledge. Many indigenous women are also taking the lead in the defense of indigenous peoples' lands and territories and advocating for indigenous peoples' collective rights worldwide.

However, despite the crucial role indigenous women play in their communities as breadwinners, caretakers, knowledge keepers, leaders and human rights defenders, they often suffer from intersecting levels of discrimination on the basis of gender, class, ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

Indigenous women particularly suffer high levels of poverty; low levels of education and illiteracy; limitations in the access to health, basic sanitation, credit and employment; limited participation in political life; and domestic and sexual violence. Besides, their right to self-determination, self-governance and control of

resources and ancestral lands have been violated over centuries.

Small but significant progress has been made by indigenous women in decision-making processes in some communities, achieving leadership in communal and national roles, and stood on the protest frontlines to defend their lands and the planet's decreasing biodiversity. The reality, however, remains that indigenous women are widely under-represented, disproportionately negatively affected by decisions made on their behalf, and are too frequently the victims of multiple expressions of discrimination and violence.

Source:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>

### 2022 Virtual Commemoration

9 August 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EDT

Join a virtual dialogue in which indigenous peoples, member states and UN agencies will share their knowledge and experience on the transmission of traditional ancestral knowledge in fields such as climate change and the protection of natural resources. Go to the link below for more information.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples-2022.html>



## Action for Indigenous Peoples Day

While New Hampshire has not yet passed a bill to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, there are several school districts, towns, universities/colleges, and cities in the state that made this change. These efforts continue to be informed by New Hampshire tribal organizations' continuous work, including the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People and the New Hampshire Commission for Native American Affairs. The grassroots organization, Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective (INHCC), has supported efforts to pass House Bill 221, also titled "Renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day," to abolish Columbus Day and acknowledge Indigenous Peoples' Day. In 2018, 2019, and 2020, despite growing support to pass HB 221, the state house failed to deliver a passing vote. Many continue to advocate for this effort in order to acknowledge the genocide and harm caused by settler colonialism starting with Christopher Columbus, and honor Indigenous peoples and their demands for acknowledgement and reparations.

Here is a [template](#) you can use to show your support for Indigenous Peoples' Day. Below is a link to contact your state representatives:

[New Hampshire State Representatives](#)

For more information:

<https://indigenousoh.com/2020/10/11/recognizing-indigenous-peoples-day-in-new-england/>

## 2022-23 Parish Committee Members:

Kim Donovan, Chair

Erin Metcalf, Clerk

Cindy Clarenbach, Treasurer

Lisa West

Gail Morrison



It's time for Franklin Footlight Theatre's latest extravaganza, *Something Rotten*. If you love Shakespeare, or if you love musicals, or if you'd love to see a show that makes fun of Shakespeare and/or musicals, this one's for you. And if you go, you'll get to see Vince playing a character whose name you should know (Hint: he's the lead in Merchant of Venice). Note that it is a little bawdy. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Details (and tickets) are available at <http://www.franklinoperahouse.org>. Don't miss it!





UUCF is looking for a nurturing, enthusiastic person to provide childcare during our Sunday services for approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours starting in September. \$25 per Sunday. Please contact Cindy at [hope@metrocast.net](mailto:hope@metrocast.net).



**Hannaford helps in AUGUST & so can you!** During the month of August, Franklin Bread and Roses Kitchen will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 952 Central Street, Franklin.



Donations are always welcome at the food pantry even when we are not having summer services. Feel free to take your donations to the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry during their hours of operation:  
 Tuesdays 9-11am  
 Wednesdays 5-7pm  
 Thursdays 9-11am

Thanks to each of you for your continued support,  
 Pat Sleeper

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send a check to:  
 Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry  
 2 Central Street  
 Franklin, NH 03235  
 Attention: Daisy Blaisdell



The Pantry welcomes excess garden produce. **Note:** Please do not leave fresh produce at the church. Take it directly to the food pantry when it is open on Tuesdays from 9-11, Wednesdays from 5-7 and Thursdays from 9-11.



UUCF voted to be a Level 2 Sanctuary Church in support of Manchester UU, which is a Level 1 Sanctuary Church.

Here are some of the ways you can continue to support the Sanctuary/Asylum network: We accept **Market Basket gift cards** and checks to help support Chris as his case slowly works through the courts. Gift cards must be bought in-store, but then can be mailed to UU Manchester c/o Asylum Committee at UU Manchester, 669 Union St. Manchester NH 03104. Or, the cards can be dropped off at church during our new church administrator's hours, M-F, 8am-12 noon. Her name is Amy. **Checks** can be sent to the above address. Designate Asylum in the memo line and if your

donation is for general support, specific support for legal fees, or specifically for food. We are a 501(C)3 organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, contact our church administrator, Amy (603-625-6854) or Liz Alcauskas (703-447-5701).

**Credit card** donations can be made by going to [uumanchester.org](http://uumanchester.org). 1. click on "Give" OR 2. Click on "Please Donate today" in the yellow ribbon on top of the page. In either case, the Planned Giving page will appear. 3. Scroll down to Donate and click on the DONATE button. 4. Be sure to find the "write a note" section and designate your donation is for the Asylum Fund. If you have any questions, call Liz at 703-447-7701. Thank you for your anticipated donation.

**Link to updated Directory:** It will bring you into the folder containing the directory. Double click on the filename Directory Update 2022.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19ctaNiZXqhb1afpmqfjN5vlx05mfsVSg?usp=sharing>



*Birthday*

*Pauline Chabot ~ 10<sup>th</sup>*



Pledges may be mailed to  
UUCF PO Box 562  
Franklin, NH 0323



We have a Facebook Page!  
<https://www.facebook.com/UUCFranklinNH/> Like Us! Then invite all your friends to Like Us, too!

Support UUCF through AmazonSmile



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0355278>

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin  
PO Box 562  
206 Central St.  
Franklin NH 03235  
(603) 934-2141  
[uucfranklin-nh.org](http://uucfranklin-nh.org)

Do you have news to share? Kindly email your submissions for UUCF's Spectacles to [hope@metrocast.net](mailto:hope@metrocast.net) by the 27th of each month.

***There's more ...***



## ***Greetings to and from UUCF and UUCD***

When Cindy visited her daughter, Laura, in Minnesota this July, she attended Sunday service at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth.



To view a video of their Green Sanctuary, visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgsGFrZO1Q&t=644s>



