



UNITED DAYS

# Spirit & Struggle

Acting toward a Shareable World

May 9–10 • United Campus & Online

## Workshop Information

Thursday, May 9, 1:15 PM

[Workshop by Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis & Rev. Dr. Gary Green](#)

### **Deeply Rooted Leadership for Tumultuous Times**

When the turbulent winds of partisanship, division, and fear blow around us, we need deep roots to draw from as we speak words of justice and offer compassionate healing. In this workshop, we'll look at ways to strengthen our own spiritual connections in creative, thoughtful, and even playful ways, and consider how we can help others develop these essential skills. We'll talk about how spiritual practice can be a guiding and sustaining force for our justice work in ways that liberate us and others.

[Workshop by Ricardo Perez & Dr. Jennifer Awes Freeman](#)

### **The “Art” of Organizing**

The arts invite us to see things in new ways. In this time of increasing polarization, how might the arts help us think outside of the box as we seek to build both connections and understanding? This workshop will invite participants to reflect on new means and also create art in community as a way of understanding and responding to those divisions. No art experience is necessary!

[Workshop by Rev. Frenchye Magee](#)

### **Tools of the Trade: Gifts from the Shareable World**

Sacred texts are the formative building blocks for ministry in the Abrahamic traditions. Texts, however, don't emerge *ex nihilo*; they come from cultures, conversations, and, at their most authentic place, from the collective, collaborative heart of communities. This aspect of their creation makes them sacred over generations. Through an interactive, experiential

conversation, we will consider the primary sacred texts of our common lives and the cultures that birthed them as an entryway into exploring the compassionate listening and radical imagination required for 21st-century ministry. Together, we'll examine tools of the trade for shaping new visions of justice and peace.

Thursday, May 9, 2:45 PM

[Workshop by Rev. T. Michael Rock & Rev. Dr. Andrew Packman](#)

**Spiritual Formation: A New Vision, the Foundation of Formation**

In this workshop, we will return to the essential role of spiritual renewal in supporting the work of faith leaders. The focus of this workshop is two-fold: participants will learn how spiritual formation is integrated into the curriculum at United, and participants will also have the opportunity to engage in practices that further support their work as leaders, especially in times of conflict and division.

[Workshop by Dr. Munjed Murad & Rev. Dr. Jessica Chapman Lape](#)

**Deepening Our Roots and Engaging Our Differences**

Many of the divisions we see today relate to long-held differences about religious, philosophical, cosmological, and ideological beliefs. What wisdom might our various traditions provide us as we seek ways to engage religious diversity? In this workshop, participants will explore new ways to enter interreligious dialogue with reflexivity, care, and understanding.

[Workshop by Dr. Amy Levad and Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen](#)

**Uprising Theology: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church after the Murder of George Floyd**

During the uprising after George Floyd's murder, Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood—with the Minneapolis 3rd Police Precinct at its center—became a hub of protest. A half block from the precinct, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church reopened its doors during the protests. It became an ad hoc medic station for protesters, an emergency pantry for neighbors, and a COVID testing site for the Twin Cities. The Church also began to tend a perpetual flame for MIGIZI, a nearby nonprofit that supports American Indian youth, after its building was destroyed by fire during the riots. In this session, learn more about the story of Holy Trinity's leaders, members, volunteers, and neighbors as they transformed their sanctuary into a sanctuary.