



dba International Women's Convocation (IWC)

***We are a global partnership of Unitarians *
Universalists who work for women's empowerment
through U*U connections around the world.***

**Join the International Women's Convocation's Intergenerational Shared Leadership Program titled "Young U*U Women Leaders Engaged for Social Change in Their Communities and the Global Arena!"
February 2022 to March 2023**

This program, funded in part by the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program and the European Unitarian Universalists, provides inspiration and tools for young adult Unitarians and/or Unitarian Universalists (U*Us) to spark commitment to social justice, activism, and change in their communities and the world. The interactive, intergenerational shared leadership program will build and strengthen connections of young adult U*U women leaders, locally and globally, and contribute to strengthening U*U community life.

The virtual program will include about twenty (20) participants aged 18 to 35, chosen by national U*U women's associations and the International Women's Convocation's (IWC) network. A leadership team of two (2) will coordinate virtual meetups, workshops, and events with speakers.

Why Join this Young Adult Network Program?

We propose to welcome participants into an environment where they can feel at home, share and dialogue about their ideas and questions, and offer service and leadership. The year-long virtual space offers you the opportunity to:

- Chat and connect with other young adult U*U women worldwide; Share your voice and visions; Draw inspiration from peers and support one another
- Learn about the United Nations (UN), IWC, global women's rights, and other organizations engaged in women's rights
- Be exposed to positive examples of female participation and community leadership through networking and mentorship
- Develop a sense of understanding of issues and cultural differences and deepen understanding of intersectional inequities impacting women around the world
- Practice leadership in young adult and intergenerational settings
- Spark inspiration for commitment to social justice, activism, and change
- Explore ideas to foster change and positively impact the issues that you care about.

What Are Our Expectations?

The virtual program on Zoom is planned to run from February 2022 through March 2023, on Saturdays. During this time, participants are expected to:

- **Participate in bi-weekly participant-only meetups** (to connect, chat, share ideas, network, draw inspiration from peers etc.)
- **Participate in several workshops to:**
 - Learn about global women's rights, UN, the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), IWC, and other organizations engaged in women's rights
 - Learn and dialogue about feminist leadership and climate action
 - Learn and dialogue about gender, equity, intersectionality, opportunities and challenges facing young women today
 - Learn and practice leadership skills and project management skills (planning, budgeting, time management, implementation)

Outside of this virtual space, participants are invited to:

- **Participate in the [66th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2022 \(CSW66\)](#) and the [67th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2023 \(CSW67\)](#), if virtual.**

[The UN Commission on the Status of Women](#) is the main global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment. Member states, women's rights organizations, as well as UN entities gather to discuss the progress and gaps in implementing the [1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the blueprint for gender equality](#).

CSW66 (March 2022) will be held mostly virtually, and participants are expected to attend some of the proceedings to listen, learn about a spectrum of issues impacting women, and broaden their perspective. In March 2023, we anticipate the formation of a Young U*U Gender Equality Advocates Group, as an IWC delegation, to participate in CSW67 (if virtual) and present their own program at the Youth Forum and/or as a Parallel event, as the group determine (Priority theme at CSW67 in 2023: *"Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls."*)

As a culmination of the program, participants are expected to:

- **As a group, create a project that can be a resource for U*U congregations and communities** (project focus: see CSW67 priority theme above).
- **As a group, create an educational or inspirational resource on video or other media** capturing views, ideas, challenges, and learnings during the program.
- **Take the learnings back to their communities and start creating local networks of young U*U advocates** to amplify the global U*U women's movement and get involved in the work that IWC does.