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THE ALL SOULS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The All Souls Historical Society

“A freedom that reveres the past but trusts the dawning future more...”

From hymn #145, As Tranquil Streams, words by Marion Franklin Ham, 1867–1956

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PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...

Hi, I'm Lois Coleman, the new president of the All Souls Historical Society, taking over from Christina Bellamy, whose term has ended. We also have a new vice president, Dan O'Neill.



Lois Coleman



Dan O'Neill

We're really excited to dive into our history and uncover new stories through gathering oral histories from members of our congregation, to reorganize our art and artifacts post-renovation, to send more church archives to Meadville-Lombard, and to increase our involvement with the [UUU Studies Network](#) (the erstwhile UU History and Heritage Society).

We hope you'll join us in this adventure and contribute your own passion and talents. If you're not already a member, you can learn more about the Historical Society on our website at allsoulsnychistory.org.

We are particularly looking for more volunteers for our Oral History Project. Contact us at archives@allsoulsnyc.org if you would like to help collect, honor, and celebrate the rich intangible memories of our past by interviewing members of the All Souls community. Training will be provided, and you can do as many or as few interviews as you want.

In this issue of the newsletter, we'll delve into the rich history of social justice work carried out by the members and staff of All Souls in the last few decades.



ALL SOULS' LGBTQIA+ WORK

—Rob Caldwell

Since as far back as the 1980s, when the All Souls AIDS Task Force provided support for both men and women living with HIV/AIDS, All Souls has worked hard to welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and other gender-/sexual-non-conforming (LGBTQIA+) people. This article will provide an overview of how that commitment has been implemented and has grown since those early days of the AIDS crisis.



When the Unitarian Universalist Association's Welcoming Congregation program was first developed in 1989 for recognizing churches that engage in intentional LGBTQIA+ welcoming ministry, that strive for radical inclusion, and that create spaces that honor LGBTQIA+ people, All Souls was one of the first congregations to earn that designation. Over the intervening years, All Souls has participated several times in the annual NYC Pride March which commemorates the June 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn—an inflection point in the movement for equal rights for LGBTQIA+ people.

The All Souls worship calendar, and more recently, our internet and social media outlets, also prominently acknowledge days of observance important to the LGBTQIA+ community including not just Pride in June, but milestones and events such as National Coming Out Day; International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia; Transgender Day of Remembrance; and World AIDS Day.

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During the Covid lockdown and pandemic, as part of the Friendship Circles program of small groups from All Souls meeting together regularly via Zoom, a Circle specifically for the LGBTQIA+ community at All Souls was formed. This group continues to meet on Zoom biweekly and occasionally in-person to share a short reading, check in on how everyone is doing, and discuss timely concerns.

In 2015, the UUA's Welcoming Congregation designation program was revised to be an annual process through which congregations can demonstrate and document their commitment to ongoing efforts to reach out to, support, and stand with the LGBTQIA+ community. For the church year 2021–2022, All Souls received its first of what we hope will be many annual recognitions for renewing our commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation.

A team at All Souls (the Rev. Audette Fulbright, Bill Bechman, Rob Caldwell, Lauren Dohr, and Michael Remaley) has recently started meeting and is developing plans to continue the tradition of ministry to LGBTQIA+ people and their allies at All Souls. Said Rev. Fulbright, "The fundamental human right to love whom we love, and to express the fullness of our humanity in our gender expression and sexual identity may have made strides over the years, but remains under threat in the United States. As a Principle of our Unitarian Universalist faith, we Side with Love and work to make our sanctuary at All Souls a genuinely inclusive and welcoming space, and to encourage the voices and leadership of our queer/ LGBTQIA+ members and beloveds. This is foundational work for our congregation, and it continues today as it has in many years of All Souls' history."



HANAN WATSON: A LEADER AT ALL SOULS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

—Mary Dugan

Joining All Souls in 2002, Hanan Watson jumped right in to organize the Peace and Justice Task Force. She was assisted by Lawrene Groobert in bringing structure to its meetings, and adding films and speakers. The U.S. invasion of Iraq in March 2003, sparked broad protests including All Souls activists in marches on the Upper East Side near the United Nations. Hanan invited Congressman Jerry Nadler and a representative of the ACLU to speak not only about

the Iraq War but also about problems they saw with the proposed Patriot Act. Hanan and Lawrene posted flyers around the neighborhood about the meeting with Congressman Nadler. Imagine their surprise when 250 people arrived for the program! They searched for more chairs, and had a very successful evening.



Hanan, a Palestinian born in Jerusalem, coordinated with Community Church and First Unitarian, Brooklyn to organize meetings with other speakers of note, including an International Palestine Solidarity Group. After the publicity went out, All Souls received a threat of violence for holding this meeting. Both Galen Guengerich, the Senior Minister, and then-Church Administrator Annie Gorycki declared that the meeting would be held despite the threat. At the start of the meeting, a police officer arrived; he stood at the door during the program, which was not disrupted. Galen and Annie did not know who had alerted the police precinct.

Hanan continued to lead the Peace and Justice Task Force until 2006, when her husband, John, unexpectedly died. The group has since been ably led by Susan Cushman, then Linda Rousseau, Mary Geissman and Cadell Hornbuckle.



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REFLECTIONS ON MY SOCIAL OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY WORK AT ALL SOULS

EXCERPTS FROM AN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW
OF THE REV. JAN CARLSSON-BULL, CONDUCTED
BY JANE LEVENSON, APRIL 28, 2003

(The full interview is at tinyurl.com/jan-carlsson-bull-oral-history)

JANE: At All Souls, [the late nineties] was a time of transition and there were discussions about the kinds of roles that our ministers would take...

JAN: Absolutely... All Souls was looking for someone to really lead their outreach and advocacy efforts, with more of an emphasis on that point, I would say—on outreach—and with some periodic preaching and some counseling. Well, my background was perfect, because I had been kind of all over the map, but all the while, building partnerships, facilitating, interacting. I had my doctorate in Psychology. I had my M.Div. I was drawing on emphasis on social justice issues, but with a very strong psychology and spirituality focus. And so, bingo! Here I was...



Jan on the front steps of All Souls

I was one of those rare birds—actually not such rare birds—at Union, who had an M.Div. without ordination because when I got my M.Div., I was technically Jewish. I was just a bird out of water so many times—or a fish out of water so many times that the water was my natural venue. And the water, I believe, is the ministry, and kind of the widespread community context for how a ministry unfolds. And so, I was hired with the understanding that I would jump through the hoops necessary to be ordained...

And I kind of got to know people. ...

JANE: I sat down next to you by the stairs...

JAN: That's right! I think you were the first, one of the first people, I met...

I really spent that first year getting to know people—getting the lay of the land. I certainly had ideas

about what I wanted to see happen here, like Journey Toward Wholeness anti-racism work. All Souls—it's no surprise—had a strong reputation of being a rich, white church on the Upper East Side. And I think that was somewhat deserved, but at the same time, there was a strong desire to be more than that. And there was significant outreach going on before me, but not so much advocacy, not so much political noodling.

But, the soup kitchens, the AIDS Task Force, a Social Concerns Committee, and these were going on with tremendous success and very strong commitment from many parishioners. And of course, as soon as I got to know at greater depth many of the congregants, I realized that there was a different kind of diversity here. Not everyone was living off their millions from Wall Street or whatever. Some people were kind of hanging by their teeth on the cliff. There were a few people of color.

And I relished opportunities to preach. And I would have loved to have preached more. And I still feel that way. But I think, given the structure, that won't happen. I cannot stay here and expect to preach frequently. So, while I'm here, I do as much as I can to make a positive difference. And I do value the work that I have been able to do only, only because there has been such an incredible commitment and outpouring of energy and thoughtfulness and mindfulness and openness on the part of so many congregants of this congregation.

We have now a thriving Journey Toward Wholeness and anti-racism group. And when I look around at a Board meeting, and know that most of the Board members have taken at least one round of anti-racism training, that's great. Because we talk a lot about how our congregations can be mostly white and anti-racist, and can be multi-cultural and be quite racist. So, it's not how many colors we have in our Crayola Box, it is the consciousness and the mindfulness and the attitudes we take into the Board Room, into the streets, into the subways, into our relationships. Nuances of racism are pervasive in our city, like the still-ongoing practice of real-estate redlining, where there is an implicit, a publicly implicit and privately explicit policy of racism—and redlining, now, [two years after 9/11,] extended to



Jan preaching at GA 2009

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Jan speaking to the press in 2017 at her church, UU Meriden, where they had given sanctuary to Indonesian immigrants

anybody who even looks like an Arab-American. And the more one gets into racism in terms of color issues, the more I think we become attuned to how the oppressions are linked: whether it's homophobia, whether it's issues of disabilities—physical, mental disabilities, whether it's gender issues, which are still alive and well, no matter what it is, it's with us.

About four years ago, for example, Alex Lesman, a twenty-something guy came in with great seriousness to my office and asked me about the possibility of having a table for a petition in Coffee Hour about the death penalty. And I said, "Well, sure." And I talked with Forrest



Alex Lesman

and he said: "What about if you could form a so-called critical mass of members to form a taskforce against the death penalty?" Great. Alex did it—persevered. Surely and deliberately just grew this and grew this. Alex is now at Brooklyn Law School with a strong emphasis on public advocacy, already doing a lot of anti-death-penalty work there. And Arthur Hopkirk is our new Chair. And now, we have members of the Task Force To End the Death Penalty who ring bells every time there is an execution—who ring bells right outside of our sanctuary. And that's a testament. It's part of an international program. Fourth Universalist does it. I think Community does it...

These are my passions: ending the death penalty—I think it is unconscionable. I think it is a completely barbarian practice in this country—and I have some strong feelings about the previous war in Iraq... So, I tend to speak out about this and I spoke out against the war in Iraq...

Anyway, as to balancing social outreach and social justice advocacy. It's a delicate thing. And I believe strongly that they connect, and that if we really energize ourselves, and move into social outreach, social service—whether it's working at the Booker T. Washington Learning Center in East Harlem, or working with the Girl Scouts, being present to children who are dealing with AIDS—and if we are present with open-enough eyes and open-enough ears, we then realize that we must do something in the policy, that we cannot remain quiet, because the turmoils and the oppressions of our city and our country and our world don't have to be that way. It's all about political will.

JANE: In our church, in many ways, the people themselves do many things; in other ways, the ministers facilitate. You gave an example about the death penalty—how you helped Alex, just by pushing him, is that a major way that you do it?

JAN: When I pick up that someone has the kind of commitment and the people skills to be able to take on an issue, I really encourage them. The people skills are so important because not everybody's going to agree with you by any means. By Gosh, we're, you know, we're a bunch o' Unitarian-Universalists!... We learn respect. We learn pluralism. We learn a microcosm for what it is to live in this country, in this city. I sometimes think that the subway is the unconscious of New York City; ha!—the subterranean consciousness of our 'city psyche.' And I love it! I learn so much from the subway every day. I wouldn't give it up for the world.

And I've just learned so much from the members at All Souls—from you, from James Backmon and Carolyn Jackson and Alex Lesman and Arthur Hopkirk and Guy Quinlan, who heads the Nuclear Disarmament Task Force, and Mary-Ella Holst, who has been a very, very high-decibel voice on behalf of women's issues, and Marion Stano, who really kind of took the Women's Alliance into new terrain with a mindfulness about how women can really be a strong voice for change and consciousness at All Souls...



And in my soul of souls, I really feel that I am a Universalist. I am connected to all others and they are connected to me. And if we don't recognize it, it is our loss. And when we do, it's one of our greatest gifts. So, whoever hears this, we have a connection. I'm

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reading a biography of Emerson right now and have such a sense of affinity with some of the things he went through, his passion for living, his desire to make every day count—his almost desperation to make every day count. The volume of his work, of course, my God, you know, I could never match it. But he had his temperament and you have yours and I have mine.

So, why we're all connected: to be able to understand and get into what is uniquely us and to kind of discover while we are living, our own *raison d'être*—our own kind of highly particular reverence for life that is highly particular, in fact, and both universal at the same time. And the Unitarian Universalist part of me—the Unitarian is important, but, you know, give me a pantheon of gods and that's OK too.

Universalist is what is really, really at the core of my religious belief. And I guess on that note, I think of the mantra of Christmas being “Peace on Earth, Good will to all.” Is that a religious statement or a political statement? To which, I would say, “Yes.”

JANE: That's a fine answer. You've been marvelous and thank you very much!



THE PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE: INSPIRED BY TERRIFIC BOOKS

—Mary Dugan

The Peace and Justice Task Force organized book-reading groups that helped the members to understand better the racism underlying institutions such as prisons and courts. We read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, about the punitive law enforcement control of Black neighborhoods and the loss of generations of young Black men to prisons; *Democracy in Chains* by Nancy McLean, explaining how (anti-tax) libertarianism was first developed as an attempt to shut down public schools rather than desegregate them per 1950s court orders, showing the racism at its heart; and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, in which attorney Stevenson freed wrongfully convicted Black men from Alabama's Death Row.

Prioritizing racial justice, Linda Rousseau led an emphasis on incarcerated individuals suffering injustices in prison and jail, with programs by the Alliance of Families for Justice (AFJ), whose executive, Soffiah Elijah, spoke at All Souls on prison reform; Rehabilitation Through the Arts, an organization working in prisons, also addressed the group more than

once. In 2015, Linda, Cadell, Robert Dottin and others from All Souls joined the kick-off of the eighteen-day March from Harlem to Albany to pressure legislators about prison reform, talking with townspeople along the route about prisons in their own backyards and the maltreatment of incarcerated people.

Robert Dottin drove two members down to Montgomery, AL, to visit the key sites of the Equal Justice Initiative: The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Peace and Justice members also attended marches to demand action on the climate crisis and other justice concerns including immigration justice. During the 2018–2019 church year, an Immigration Team was formed, led by Melissa Borja, with its own All Souls banner, and held monthly events including letter writing, petition signing, promoting a cookbook written by a Syrian refugee, and speaker events. In 2019–2020 they went on various marches, and I attended a Moral Monday march in Charlotte, NC, organized by the Rev. Dr. William Barber, the leader of the new Poor People's Campaign.



THE ALL SOULS CHAPTER OF UJME

—Karen Steele

Deborah Taylor and Mary Geissman founded a chapter of UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UJME) in early 2012, and soon, with Mary's departure to fill roles elsewhere, they recruited me to co-chair with Deborah. UJME picked up some of the work started by the All Souls Peace and Justice Task Force. I had a family connection to Palestine, but was not well informed about its history. Our UJME study group read extensively, brought films and speakers to the congregation, and partnered with other social justice groups. And in October 2019, I joined a group of UUs from Virginia on a dual-narrative trip to Israel-Palestine, so I could see what I was reading about first-hand.

My trip revealed to me even more clearly how much news about Palestine and Palestinians is suppressed. Today, 1.9 million Palestinians are citizens of Israel, but they have second-class citizenship, insecurity in housing, and sharp restrictions on their mobility. Another 5 million Palestinians live in the (illegally) Occupied Territories, their land being continually confiscated, movement severely restricted, homes demolished, olive trees uprooted, water siphoned off—

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and with the massive influx of Israeli settlers, they are being physically attacked as well. Israeli Defense Forces and police control almost all of the land, and thousands of Palestinians (including hundreds of children) are arrested, often detained indefinitely; if they are tried, it is in a military court. Palestinians refer to the founding of the state of Israel in 1948, when 700,000 Palestinians were expelled or encouraged to leave, as the Nakba [النكبة 'al-Nakbah'] ('the Catastrophe').

The UUJME has worked hard to put on programs to educate our community about these issues. For example, in March 2021, Renee McCormick, clinical psychologist and trauma therapist, reported on her visit with the USA-Palestine Mental Health Network delegation, and in April, I gave a presentation about UUJME's national Legislative Working Group. We have also screened documentaries at All Souls and online, and promoted webinars, film screenings, and book talks from groups including Voices from the Holy Land, the Palestine Museum US, Kumi Now, and the Foundation for Middle East Peace.

In addition, we've worked at each UUA General Assembly to advance the cause of social justice, alongside other groups like Black Lives UU, UU RISE and the UU Peace Ministry Network. In 2020, the UUJME and a coalition of UU social justice groups proposed a GA Business Resolution stating that UUs should not support nor profit from corporations that are deeply complicit in human rights violations. The resolution also required that human rights will be reviewed thoroughly by the UUA Socially Responsible Investment Committee in consultation with UU social justice groups. It was passed by the General Assembly.

During recent years, we have worked to build connections with other justice groups at All Souls and with New York Unitarian Universalists for Justice. Some of our members have participated in national advocacy programs, meeting online with members of Congress or their staffs, along with American Muslims for Palestine/Americans for Justice in Palestine Action, and Churches for Middle East Peace. Emphasis in the 2022 sessions was on supporting three key pieces of legislation in the House of Representatives, including H.R. 2590, Defending the Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation.

As most U.S. consumers of major media are not fully informed, UUJME continues its goals of education and advocacy. Our chapter collaborates with UUJME national (www.uujme.org) in presenting programs at General Assembly and partnering with solidarity groups. I now serve on the national board. We welcome inquiry and dialogue.



THE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TASK FORCE

—John Liebmann

Guy Quinlan chaired the All Souls Nuclear Disarmament Task Force (NDTF) during the entire 2000s and still does, advocating an end to nuclear armaments that could result in destruction of our world. The NDTF's mission is to seek the control, reduction, and ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons. For more than two decades, Guy has written Action Alerts to educate members of the congregation on the issues and to promote citizen advocacy for disarmament and peace. Until the start of the pandemic in March 2020, the task force had a table at Coffee Hour on Sundays so that members of the congregation could add their signatures to letters based on the alerts. Since then, the alerts have been distributed through e-mail. Guy has also written for UU World magazine; you can read his 2005 commentary, "Preventing Nuclear Terrorism," at archive.uuworld.org/2005/01/forum.html.



Guy Quinlan



In the Action Alert for September 26, 2021, the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Guy wrote about the call by the United Nations Secretary General to resume talks among nation states with nuclear weapons, recognizing that a nuclear war cannot be won and that current conditions are as dangerous as ever, if not more threatening now, in 2023, because of the Russian war against Ukraine. The NDTF continues to work with interfaith partners, members of civil society, and the United Nations.

The Nuclear Disarmament Task Force has also worked with the UUA, principally through the UU United Nations Office. The former head of the office, Bruce

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Knotts, one of our members, has spoken at All Souls on several occasions and has served as host for many Zoom seminars during the pandemic. The group has sponsored or co-sponsored many interesting and important seminars and talks, like that by William Perry, the former United States Defense Secretary, who is a Unitarian Universalist. His talk, held in the Sanctuary at All Souls and attended by more than 200 people, occurred two weeks before the 2016 Presidential election.



More recently, Zoom seminars have included leaders at the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton University, among others. Speakers have brought to light important new scientific studies including one by Rutgers University researchers that illustrated that the impact of the use of nuclear weapons on global health and worldwide food supplies would be far more damaging than previously imagined.

In September 2022, an interfaith letter was sent to President Biden commending him on his recent statements on the need for nuclear arms control and urging him to pursue renewed negotiations on an urgent basis. The letter was signed by thirty members and leaders of religious communities. The coordination of this project was led by Teresa Brooks who provided similar leadership in May 2018, on an Interfaith Statement of Support to accompany the launch of the UN Secretary General's Disarmament Agenda.



MONDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY & FRIDAY SOUP KITCHEN DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Monday Night Hospitality program has served hundreds of meals each week to needy New Yorkers ever since 1984. They continued even during the height of the Covid pandemic by packaging the food and handing it out at the door of the church. The



Pandemic volunteers give food packages at the All Souls gate



Pre-pandemic Monday Night food service

All Souls Friday Soup Kitchen was also able to continue during the pandemic with some accommodations.

These two feeding programs, supported by funds from the Heart & Soul Charitable Fund, have continued to serve nutritious, delicious food to increasing numbers of guests. It is a miracle that repeats each and every Monday evening and Friday lunchtime, and volunteers never leave without saying how enriched their own lives are.

George Collins, who has led Monday Night Hospitality since it began, wrote in 2022:

During the entire Covid lockdown, we were able to pivot from our seated meals to a to-go service given out on the East 80th entrance of All Souls Church.



It included our still heartfelt homemade meals by our wonderful volunteers who continued to donate their time, a dessert and often a piece of fruit. This program continues to be a part of the Upper East Side church and synagogue-based meal services whom each have seen the same demographic shift—to a younger, but just as hungry audience. In interviews with our older guests in city parks, we have found that most seek but one meal a week, and this is their closest meal program site. Meals on Wheels and other food services supplement their needs for the rest of the week. As we sadly discovered over the last few years, Covid took its toll on Monday Night Hospitality, and we have lost several of our most treasured elderly guests—ones that we looked forward to seeing each week, and others that always greeted us with that same joy.



A holiday meal at Monday Night Hospitality before the pandemic

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The Archives Room at the top of Wiggan House contains many records, documents and artifacts (like the All Souls Deuteronomy Scroll at left), the Marriage/Birth/Death records (above right), and the Chaning Lectern (above left) that need to be organized.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to work with us to preserve the history of All Souls?

Volunteers are needed for work on collecting and recording church records and congregational and group materials, posting themed materials on our website, checking sources, writing summaries, and researching background materials. If you are interested in a new volunteer opportunity at church, and would like to work with us and learn more about All Souls' history, please contact us at archives@allsoulsnyc.org!

We specifically need help with:

- Organizing first-person accounts and other materials about experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic, to create an online record on our Historical Society website of the transformed manner in which the congregation gathers online;
- Organizing materials about the social justice and anti-racism work of the congregation;
- Helping to create and maintain our website, which is on the Wix platform;
- Helping to record and analyze church records and materials from congregational groups, checking sources, writing summaries and researching background materials.

Much of the work is done online, though some of it will be hands-on, organizing the physical papers, books and artifacts at All Souls.



Work is needed on the ASHS website.

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VIDEO LIBRARY

Annual Meeting Book Talk by Robert K. Sutton:

“Stark Mad Abolitionists: Lawrence, Kansas, and the Battle over Slavery in the Civil War Era.”
(October 16, 2022)

<https://tinyurl.com/3ezjmuxk>

The Channing Lecture by the Rev. Natalie Fenimore:

“Widening the Circle to Welcome the Future.”
(May 22, 2022)

<https://tinyurl.com/42uz78c9>

Bellows Lecture by Dr. Christopher Cameron:

“Unitarianism, African Americans and Abolitionism” (Nov. 14, 2021)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycx8tra6>

Sanctuary Tour by Laura Pederson:

A recording of one of Laura Pedersen’s Sanctuary Tours. (Oct. 31, 2021)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4br4zdv>

History Talk by Laura Pedersen:

“Herman Melville’s Unitarian Compass” (PDF).
(Sept. 19, 2021)

<https://tinyurl.com/seyzs4ce>

Bellows Lecture by Dr. Bernard Unti:

“Henry Bergh: Animal Advocate, ‘Riddle of the 19th Century’” (Nov. 22, 2020)

<https://vimeo.com/482825245/1c7a834c8d>

New York: A Wonderful Town (Dec 18, 2020)

<https://vimeo.com/493409649/68f775ed94>

The Bicentennial Lecture

by Professor Linn Carey Mehta:

“Catharine Sedgwick, Herman Melville and All Souls.”
(Nov. 13, 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/4kxwdubd>

The Channing Lecture by the Rev. John Buehrens:

“Conflagration: How Transcendentalists sparked the American Struggle for Racial, Gender and Social Justice.” [League repeat of original lecture]
(Jan. 12, 2021)

<https://tinyurl.com/zxh5ydx6>

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Since its founding in 1819, All Souls has been an integral part of the history of New York City and the Unitarian denomination and, since the 1961 merger, the Unitarian Universalist denomination. The All Souls Historical Society is dedicated to preserving, collecting and researching this rich history. Will you help us in this effort?

You can support us with your Annual Membership or Life Membership, and if you choose to, you can become active in committee work—for example, the Archival Committee, and the Bellows Lecture Committee. We welcome your interest!

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