



# 100 Unitarians & Universalists

## Foundation, Faith, Future

A project of the 8th Principle Transformation Committee  
of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron  
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### HOW THIS PROJECT CAME TO BE

In 2001 the poster “100 Unitarians and Universalists Who Made a Difference” was purchased at General Assembly, brought back and lovingly framed by a couple who were long term members of the church. It was a beautiful gift to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron congregation.

In 2017 we hung our first Black Lives Matter banner out front and in our sanctuary. In 2018 we started looking at adopting the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle. This meant we were going to examine how we do things, how it impacts people on the margins of the dominant culture. Part of this process required us to look around at what we already consider the norm. What we assumed couldn’t be any different because that is how it always has been. What we overlook because it blended in with the status quo. As we were growing into our anti-racist work, we started to take a look at the poster that was hanging in our entryway. 97 of those featured on the poster were white and 75% were male. Was this one of those things we overlooked because it had been there so long? In 2019 we decided to remove the poster from our entryway and consider how it might be different.

In May of 2020, the Unitarian Universalists Church of Akron adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle and the research began. What you see here is the result of that research. There is so much more out there than is captured in this poster. We hope for you, this poster is not the end of the inquiry, but a launching pad into further exploration.

### NAVIGATING THE PROJECT

On the poster itself you will find a picture, a few descriptive words and birth and death years. This supplement will provide you with some insight into the decision-making process for the changes. Narrowing it down to a couple words for each person on the poster does not do justice to the contributions made. So, a link to additional biographical information is also included.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Through the work of our 8<sup>th</sup> Principle Transformation Committee we took a look at the demographics of the old poster. Unitarian Universalism is considered a “white” denomination. We knew we wanted the updated poster to better reflect the diverse and cross-cultural influences that exist in our history.

**The Original Poster** “100 Unitarians & Universalists who made a difference....” was printed by Uni Unique and sold at the UUA’s InSpirit Bookstore years ago. The poster contained 99 names “+you” to equal that 100.

Demographics of the original poster

<u>Race</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Identity*</u>
97 white	73 male	1 gay
1 latino	26 female	
1 indian		

**The Revised Poster** "100 Unitarians & Universalists...Foundation, Faith, Future" contains a total of 100 names

Demographics of revised poster

<u>Race</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Identity*</u>
76 white	63 male	6 gay
19 black	37 female	4 lesbian
2 indian		
1 poc/indigenous(Maori)		
2 asian		

\*The number of LGBTQIA+ folk on both versions of the poster is only as accurate as historical information depicts. It is more than likely several others are from the community but were not identified as such in their biographic materials.

### **CHOOSING WHOM TO INCLUDE IN THE REVISION**

Our first step was to confirm that all those on the original poster were actually Unitarians and/or Universalists. Much to our surprise, many listed never truly became a UU. Those from the original poster that we chose not to include in this revision are listed in several categories.

**Adjacent:** Their work and points of view greatly align with UU philosophy, and we claim them as our own even if they never officially became a UU. Transcendentalists, transformational social justice reformers and humanitarians among them.

**Cannot Confirm:** These are folks who are claimed on many lists of "famous UU's" but the biographical information we found does not come close to supporting that claim.

**Removed for Cause\*:** Several on the list, although clearly identified as Unitarian Universalist were removed because of their willing participation in egregious acts against humanity... slavery, exploitation.

**\*Note:** If we were to remove all of those on the poster who expressed racism, misogyny or homophobia at one point or another, this would be a very small poster indeed. We are an imperfect people. Those remaining on the poster were chosen based on the contribution they made in moving our society, our country, our denomination forward for the better despite the flaws they carried.

### **CHOOSING WHOM TO ADD TO THE REVISION**

Research through the Meadville Lombard Sankofa Project, BLUU, UU Rainbow History helped guide us to those initially not considered for the poster, perhaps because of their race or gender identity, yet they made significant contributions to Unitarian Universalism and/or the world at large. Often looking to confirm one name would lead us to others. The long overdue recognition of prolific black authors has become essential scholarship for those doing anti-racist work, thus leading us to more historical representation as well as laying the groundwork for future representation.

We did not necessarily have to stick with just 100 names, as there are many more that could be included. We look forward to the next reiteration of this poster. We have already started a list! Perhaps there is even a series of posters in our future grouping folks together by time period or profession or contribution.

## **SOURCES**

We searched many databases to determine whom to include in the revision. Some of the primary resources are listed here with a link. And of course, Google was very helpful.

<https://www.meadville.edu/library-and-archives/special-collections/sankofa-special-collection/>

[Celebrating UU Women in History | UU Voices | UUA.org](#)

[Dictionary of Unitarian & Universalist Biography \(uudb.org\)](#)

[TRUUsT | Transgender Religious Professional Unitarian Universalists Together \(transuu.org\)](#)

[The First Out Lesbian and Gay Unitarian Universalist Ministers – UU Rainbow History](#)

[pioneers – UU Rainbow History](#)

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## 100 Unitarians & Universalists: Foundation, Faith, Future

The following people are included on the revised poster. This list provides the name of each, birth and death years and a link to biographical information as it applies to their work as Unitarian Universalists. There are of course many additional resources only a Google search away!

Abigail		<a href="#">Adams</a>	1744 - 1818
John		<a href="#">Adams</a>	1735 - 1826
John	Quincy	<a href="#">Adams</a>	1767 - 1848
Margo		<a href="#">Adler</a>	1946 - 2014
Louisa	May	<a href="#">Alcott</a>	1832 - 1888
Horatio		<a href="#">Alger, Jr.</a>	1834 - 1899
Susan	B.	<a href="#">Anthony</a>	1820 - 1906
Roger	Nash	<a href="#">Baldwin</a>	1884 - 1981
Hosea		<a href="#">Ballou</a>	1771 - 1852
Bela		<a href="#">Bartok</a>	1881 - 1945
Clara		<a href="#">Barton</a>	1821 - 1912
Henry	Whitney	<a href="#">Bellows</a>	1814 - 1882
Tim		<a href="#">Berners-Lee</a>	1955 -
Antoinette	Brown	<a href="#">Blackwell</a>	1825 - 1921
Ray		<a href="#">Bradbury</a>	1920 - 2012
Preston		<a href="#">Bradley</a>	1888 - 1983
Egbert	Ethelred	<a href="#">Brown</a>	1875 - 1956
Olympia		<a href="#">Brown</a>	1835 - 1926
William	Cullen	<a href="#">Bryant</a>	1794 - 1878
Norbert		<a href="#">Capek</a>	1870 - 1942
Rosmarie		<a href="#">Carnarius</a>	1938 - 2015
Victor	H	<a href="#">Carpenter Jr</a>	1929 - 2018
John	L	<a href="#">Cashin Jr</a>	1928 - 2011
William	Ellery	<a href="#">Channing</a>	1780 - 1842
Augusta		<a href="#">Chapin</a>	1836 - 1905

Laurel		<a href="#">Clark</a>	1961 - 2003
Peter	Humphries	<a href="#">Clark</a>	1829 - 1925
Maria		<a href="#">Cook</a>	1779 - 1835
Nathaniel		<a href="#">Currier</a>	1813 - 1888
Gloster		<a href="#">Dalton</a>	1723 - 1813
Charles		<a href="#">Darwin</a>	1809 - 1882
Francis		<a href="#">David</a>	1510 - 1579
Mark	Mosher	<a href="#">Dewolf</a>	1953 - 1988
Charles		<a href="#">Dickens</a>	1812 - 1870
Dorothea		<a href="#">Dix</a>	1802 - 1887
Emily	Taft	<a href="#">Douglass</a>	1899 - 1994
David	H	<a href="#">Eaton</a>	1932 - 1992
Abigail	Adams	<a href="#">Eliot</a>	1892 - 1992
Dorothy	M	<a href="#">Emerson</a>	1943 - 2019
Sophia	Lyon	<a href="#">Fahs</a>	1876 - 1978
Robert		<a href="#">Fulghum</a>	1937 -
Margaret		<a href="#">Fuller</a>	1810 - 1850
Cecilia	Payne	<a href="#">Gaposchkin</a>	1900 - 1979
Don	Speed Smith	<a href="#">Goodloe</a>	1878 - 1959
Kay		<a href="#">Greenleaf</a>	1939 - 2018
Edward		<a href="#">Grieg</a>	1843 - 1907
Natalie		<a href="#">Gulbradsen</a>	1919 - 2007
Francis	Watkins	<a href="#">Harper</a>	1825 - 1911
Lotta		<a href="#">Hitschmanova</a>	1909 - 1990
John	Haynes	<a href="#">Holmes</a>	1879 - 1964
Julia	Ward	<a href="#">Howe</a>	1819 - 1910
William		<a href="#">Jackson</a>	1818 - 1909
Hester	C	<a href="#">Jeffrey</a>	1842 - 1923
Joseph	F.	<a href="#">Jordan</a>	1863 - 1929
Thomas	Starr	<a href="#">King</a>	1824 - 1864
Watari		<a href="#">Kitashima</a>	1868-?
Andrew		<a href="#">Kuroda</a>	1906 - 1997
Lewis	H.	<a href="#">Latimer</a>	1848 - 1928
Viola		<a href="#">Liuzzo</a>	1925 - 1965
Mary		<a href="#">Livermore</a>	1820 - 1905

Horace		<a href="#">Mann</a>	1796 - 1859
Wallace	de Ortega	<a href="#">Maxey</a>	1902 - 1992
Lewis	A	<a href="#">McGee</a>	1893 - 1979
Margaret		<a href="#">Moseley</a>	1901 - 1997
John		<a href="#">Murray</a>	1741 - 1815
Judith	Seargant	<a href="#">Murray</a>	1751-1820
Richard	L	<a href="#">Nash</a>	1935 - 1997
Eugene	Barnett	<a href="#">Navias</a>	1928 - 2014
Florence		<a href="#">Nightingale</a>	1820 - 1910
Theodore		<a href="#">Parker</a>	1810 - 1860
Elizabeth		<a href="#">Peabody</a>	1804 - 1894
Sylvia		<a href="#">Plath</a>	1932 - 1963
Joseph		<a href="#">Priestley</a>	1733 - 1804
James		<a href="#">Reeb</a>	1933 - 1965
Christopher		<a href="#">Reeve</a>	1952 - 2005
Rammohun		<a href="#">Roy</a>	1772 - 1833
Florida	Ruffin	<a href="#">Ridley</a>	1861 - 1943
Carl		<a href="#">Sandburg</a>	1878 - 1967
Mtangulizi		<a href="#">Sanyika</a>	1942-
Pete		<a href="#">Seeger</a>	1919 - 2014
Yvonne		<a href="#">Seon</a>	1937-
Rod		<a href="#">Serling</a>	1924 - 1975
Michael		<a href="#">Servetus</a>	1511 - 1553
Robert	Gould	<a href="#">Shaw</a>	1837 - 1863
Hajom	Kissor	<a href="#">Singh</a>	1865 - 1923
Clarence		<a href="#">Skinner</a>	1881 - 1949
Caroline		<a href="#">Soule</a>	1824 - 1903
Dorothy		<a href="#">Spoerl</a>	1906 - 1999
Lysander		<a href="#">Spoonier</a>	1808 – 1887
Elizabeth	Cady	<a href="#">Stanton</a>	1815 - 1902
Adlai		<a href="#">Stevenson</a>	1900 - 1961
James	Lewis	<a href="#">Stoll</a>	1936 - 1994
William	Howard	<a href="#">Taft</a>	1857 - 1930
Hone		<a href="#">Tuwhare</a>	1922 - 2008
Kurt		<a href="#">Vonnegut</a>	1922 - 2007

Jose	Blanco	<a href="#">White</a>	1775 - 1841
Henry	Nelson	<a href="#">Wieman</a>	1884 - 1975
Eliza	Tupper	<a href="#">Wilkes</a>	1844 - 1917
Frances "Fannie"	Barrier	<a href="#">Williams</a>	1855 - 1944
Mary		<a href="#">Wollstonecraft</a>	1759 - 1797
Frank	Lloyd	<a href="#">Wright</a>	1867 - 1959
Whitney	M.	<a href="#">Young Jr</a>	1921 - 1971

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Issac		<a href="#">Asimov</a>	1920 - 1992
Henry	Steele	<a href="#">Commager</a>	1902 - 1998
e.e.		<a href="#">cummings</a>	1894 - 1962
Clarence		<a href="#">Darrow</a>	1857 - 1938
Ralph	Waldo	<a href="#">Emerson</a>	1803 - 1882
Hannibal		<a href="#">Hamlin</a>	1809 - 1891
Nathaniel		<a href="#">Hawthorne</a>	1804 - 1864
Oliver	Wendell	<a href="#">Holmes, Jr.</a>	1841 - 1935
Thomas		<a href="#">Huxley</a>	1825 - 1895
Robert		<a href="#">La Follette</a>	1855 - 1924
Henry	Wadsworth	<a href="#">Longfellow</a>	1807 - 1882
James		<a href="#">Martineau</a>	1805 - 1900
John		<a href="#">Milton</a>	1608 - 1674
Issac		<a href="#">Newton</a>	1642 - 1727
Thomas		<a href="#">Paine</a>	1737 - 1809
Beatrix		<a href="#">Potter</a>	1866 - 1943
Benjamin		<a href="#">Rush</a>	1745 - 1813
May		<a href="#">Sarton</a>	1912 - 1995
Albert		<a href="#">Schweitzer</a>	1875 - 1965
Rabindranath		<a href="#">Tagore</a>	1861 - 1941
Henry	David	<a href="#">Thoreau</a>	1817 - 1862
Walt		<a href="#">Whitman</a>	1819 - 1892

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Ambrose		<a href="#">Bierce</a>	1842 - 1914
Thomas		<a href="#">Carlyle</a>	1795 - 1881
Samuel		<a href="#">Coleridge</a>	1772 - 1834
Theodore	(Dr. Seuss)	<a href="#">Geisel</a>	1904 - 1991
Winfield	Scott	<a href="#">Hancock</a>	1824 - 1866
Harriet		<a href="#">Martineau</a>	1802 - 1876
Herman		<a href="#">Melville</a>	1819 - 1891
Marianne		<a href="#">Moore</a>	1887 - 1972
Thomas		<a href="#">Nast</a>	1840 - 1902
Paul		<a href="#">Revere</a>	1734 - 1818
Daniel		<a href="#">Webster</a>	1782 - 1852
William	Carlos	<a href="#">Williams</a>	1883 - 1963

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P.T.		<a href="#">Barnum</a>	1810 - 1891
Robert		<a href="#">Burns</a>	1759 - 1796
John		<a href="#">Calhoun</a>	1782 - 1850
Millard		<a href="#">Fillmore</a>	1800 - 1874
Thomas		<a href="#">Jefferson</a>	1743 - 1826