

**Keynote: Juan Alaniz,**



Juan is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager for WA State Health Care Authority whose diversity goals include building and sustaining a diverse, high performing workforce that reflects all segments of society and the people we serve and empowering them with the skills and knowledge to provide outstanding service delivery and culturally competent programs. He is also co-Chair of the WA State Latino Leadership Network, an organization of Latinos and allies working to build, connect and inspire the Latino workforce in state

government reflecting the rich Latinx diversity, culture and history seen across the state of Washington.

**Welcome: Rev. Mary Gear**



Mary is the settled minister for Olymipa UU Church coming from First Unitarian in Portland, OR. Prior to hearing a call to ministry, Mary received a Masters in Social Work and worked for more than 20 years as a social worker doing direct service and administration. She last served the State of Oregon as an administrator in the long-term care system.

## Session 1: Intersectionality Presenters

### Rev. Deanna Vandiver



Deanna was ordained in 2012 by the Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalists (GNOUU) cluster. Rev. Deanna served as a Community Minister for that religious collective and as Co-Director of the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal. In 2014, Rev. Vandiver was subjected to anti-abortionists from Operation Save America disrupting one of her services in First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans.

She serves on the Committee for Anti-Racism, Anti- Oppression and Multiculturalism of the UU Ministers Association.

### Ruth Idakula



Ruth immigrated to the U.S from Nigeria and eventually found her way to New Orleans. She is a former New Orleans city employee, a freelance writer and activist. In 2005, Ruth found herself displaced after the Hurricane Katrina and because of institutional barriers had difficulty returning to New Orleans in the post-Katrina period. She eventually made it back to New Orleans to become the Executive Director of Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal based out New Orleans.



CELSJR Executive Director Ruth Idakula and Rev. Deanna Vandiver, New Orleans  
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Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal, a New Orleans-based nonprofit on the front lines of social justice action. The Center Provided learning opportunities to create social change that encompassed direct service to education to advocacy to community organizing all with the goal of promoting social, economic, environmental, and racial justice. Ruth and Deanna will bring a deeper look on our faithful journey towards wholeness as Unitarian Universalists living in a world malformed

by white supremacy.

*"From public schools being underfunded to the criminal justice system that disproportionately incarcerates people of color, equality can sometimes feel idealistic and elusive." ~ Alexa Valenti*

**Session 2: Intersectionality Presenters**  
**Rev. Carol McKinley**



The Reverend Carol McKinley is a community minister affiliated with the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, where she coordinates its Faith in Action Ministry. Currently she is a member of the PNWD Board of Directors and the district's Healthy Congregations Team.

**Mary Wolfskill Ybarra**

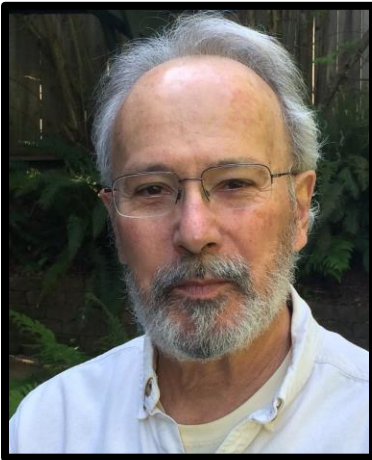


Mary is a member of the Coordinating Committee of the WA Poor Peoples' Campaign challenging the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality

**Steve Tilley**

Justice Not Jails

## **Tim Ransom**



Tim Ransom is a past President of Panza, an organization formed by a partnership with Camp Quixote and Village and faith communities, to support the homeless.

## **Ivy Gentian**

Youth climate activist.