

UU Class Conversations

UUs Get Real About Privilege and Access



Why Talk to Class Conversations?

We help UU congregations and organizations:

- Explore the strengths and challenges of each class background.
- Develop language, concepts, and strategies to understand class differences/issues.
- Consider the intersection between class, race and other oppressions.
- Build strong, spirit-filled, inclusive institutions that advance justice.

Why Talk About Class?

IF YOU ASK MOST PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR CLASS BACKGROUND, THEY WILL SAY “MIDDLE CLASS” – whether they are a financially-strapped hourly worker or a 30-something tech entrepreneur. What they (and we) miss is that different class backgrounds, like other core characteristics, give us different treasures, points of reference and world views.

Class Conversations helps UUs get real about privilege and access by building on our movement’s diversity and anti-oppression work on race, gender and sexual orientation, exploring the little considered, almost taboo, subject of class. *We infuse this exploration with our history, our principles and spiritual traditions.*

2015-2016 Workshops

We offer two highly interactive workshops:

1. **Organizing for Change: Addressing Classism in Your Faith Community (6hrs)**
2. **Facing Class and Classism (3hrs)**

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Call Rev. Dorothy Emerson, 781.483.3133 to discuss workshop opportunities.

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UU Class Conversations 2015-2016 Workshops

Organizing for Change: Addressing Classism in Your Faith Community

Six-Hour Workshop

This interactive, full-day workshop strengthens your UU congregation or organization as you:

- Explore the implications of class and classism.
- Connect classism to growing inequality and other oppressions.
- Begin the organizing process to become less classist and more class inclusive.

Participants share class stories in order to better understand their own class backgrounds and current class status. Strengths and challenges of each class are identified, and participants develop language and concepts to bridge class differences. Together, we explore what classism looks like in congregational life and social justice work. Teams from congregation and/or organizations then develop strategies to begin to shift their faith community toward greater awareness of class and classism, both within their groups and in the wider community.

Part 2 - We offer an hour consultation following the workshop to help you continue to create an organizing action plan for your efforts to address classism.

Facing Class and Classism

Three-hour Workshop

The first half-day (or evening) workshop will help participants become familiar with the concepts of class and classism and better understand their own class backgrounds. Strengths and challenges of each class background will be identified and participants helped to develop language, concepts, and strategies to bridge class differences. We will illuminate the intersection between class and race and other issues of diversity and explore the role of classism in escalating inequality.

Learn how Class Conversations can help your congregation or UU organization explore class.

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