

## Participants:

**Rev. Pam Philips** is the settled Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, Virginia, and served as Anna's internship supervisor.

**Jared Gibbs** is the professional accompanist for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Ella Kromin** is the Choir Director for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Kerry Morgiewicz** is the Director of Music at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

**Rev. Byron Tyler Coles** has worked with both UUC and UUCR and currently serves as Congregational Life staff for the UUA Southern Region.

**Rev. Sherman Z. Logan, Jr.** is the settled Minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Virginia.

**Rachel Craine** is the Director of Lifespan Faith Development for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Jessie McKeon** is the Director of Lifespan Faith Development for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

**Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs**, M.Div., is a recent graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School. They served as Ministerial Intern in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and are now beginning a chaplaincy residency in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Rev. Kirk Ballin** is the Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

**Rev. Erik Wikstrom** is the former Minister of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville, Virginia, and now serves as the Lead Chaplain at Winchester Medical Center.

**Katherine Hoffman** is the Board President for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

**Fred Piercy** is the Board President for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Rev. Alex McGee** is the former Assistant Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville, Virginia, and now serves as Chaplain at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital.

**Marilyn DuPont** and **Polly Stimson** are cochairs of the UUC Piecemakers, who created Anna's stole from the congregation. Marilyn also chaired Anna's internship committee.

**Rev. Walter LeFlore** is the former Developmental Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke and has served as a mentor to Anna throughout seminary.

**Samara Powers** is a seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

**Rev. Alex Richardson** is the former Minister of both the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Ellen Plummer**, M.Div., is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Accompaniment:** Jared Gibbs  
**Choir Director:** Kerry Morgiewicz

**A/V:** Jim Kern

**Marshal:** Ellen Plummer

**Ordination Team:** Marilyn DuPont, Lisa Evanylo, Cynthia Luke, Dick Luke, Akiko Nakata, Polly Stimson

**Greeters:** Bob Stimson, Carol Kern, Janet Sawyer, Lisa Evanylo

**Virtual Greeters:** Akiko Nakata & Bruce Turner



## *Ordination of Anna L. Tulou*



1 June 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke  
& the Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
1301 Gladewood Drive  
Blacksburg, Virginia

## Order of Service

<b>Prelude</b>	“Wise One” by John Coltrane
<b>Processional Hymn</b>	“We Shall Be Known” by MaMuse
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Pam Philips
<b>Greeting Each Other</b>	Rev. Pam Philips
<b>Greeting from Southern Region of the UUA</b>	Rev. Byron Tyler Coles
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Rev. Sherman Z. Logan, Jr.
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	Oscar & Leo Tulou Orr
	<i>We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.</i>
<b>Sung chalice lighting, arr. Kerry Morgiewicz:</b>	
	<i>May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our powers To heal and not to harm, To help and not to hinder, To bless and not to curse, To serve you, oh Spirit of Life.</i>
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	Rev. Pam Philips, Rachel Craine, and Jessie McKeon
<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>	Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs Offering: TRUUST, Living Tradition Fund
<b>Offertory Music</b>	“Come Sunday” by Duke Ellington
<b>Reading</b>	“Peaceful Life” by Katagiri Roshi Rev. Kirk Ballin
<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Erik Wikstrom
<b>Prayer/Meditation</b>	Rev. Erik Wikstrom
<b>Hymn</b>	#123, “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade
<b>Ritual of Ordination</b>	Fred Piercy & Katherine Hoffman

**Katherine:** Within the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism, the authority to confer ordination lies wholly with our congregations. It is the people of our communities, gathered for sacred purpose, who confer a sacred charge upon one of their own: that of ordained ministry. It is by our choice, consecrated by the relationships we share, that we entrust them with the life-long task of ministering to this

world and its people, both within our congregations and beyond.

**Fred:** Today, in the tradition of our free church, we who are gathered here, from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, have the honor and duty of adding another minister to the lineage of clergy that reaches far back in time, and far forward into the future. The act of ordination bestows the authority of religious leadership, the title of Reverend, and the privilege to wear a stole and bear the responsibilities of that mantle.

**Katherine:** Anna, you have prepared yourself for this vocation with deep contemplation, study, and experience. You have shared your gifts with our congregations, and you have been affirmed in preliminary fellowship by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of our Unitarian Universalist Association.

**Fred:** Anna, we offer you ordination. Wherever you may serve, we would have you preach the word of wisdom in freedom and love, minister to joys and sorrows alike, work for justice and peace, and strive to live the principles of our free faith. Are you ready to enter into this ministry?

**Anna:** I am.

**Katherine:** As the church where Anna recognized her call to serve in the ministry of our living tradition, our congregation has decided to ordain Anna Tulou. Will the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke now rise in body or spirit?

**Fred:** As the teaching congregation that helped Anna to grow into the minister she is today, our congregation has chosen to ordain Anna Tulou. Will the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation now rise in body or spirit?

**Katherine:** Members of UUC and UUCR, we invite you now to speak the words of ordination, printed in your order of service and on the screen.

**Members of UUCR & UUC:** *We, the members of UUCR and UUC, do hereby joyfully ordain you, the Reverend Anna Leake Tulou, into Unitarian Universalist ministry. May you minister with your whole*

*self: heart, body, mind, and spirit. May you always speak the truth as you know it, demonstrating humility, curiosity, and courage. May you minister with love, justice, and compassion; be a witness to the living tradition of our faith; and be faithful in service of healing the world. We pledge to be with you in the spirit of shared ministry. May you continue to grow, heal, and transform yourself and the world as you live into this call for the rest of your days.*

**Fred:** I invite everyone - family, friends, colleagues, and companions - to rise in body or in spirit and join together in affirming this ordination.

**All Gathered:** *We have witnessed and accompanied you as you prepared for this day. With joy and pride, we affirm this ordination and offer our blessings upon your ministry. As you go forth, know that our support and love go with you, wherever your call may lead.*

**Katherine:** Anna, do you accept the responsibilities and the joys, the privileges and the burdens of ordained ministry in this Unitarian Universalist tradition?

**Anna:** With humility, gratitude, and love, I do.

**Fred:** We celebrate you now as a Unitarian Universalist minister and affirm your ordination as the Reverend Anna Tulou. May you be nourished and sustained throughout your service, and like the chalice, may your ministry be a blaze of light and warmth, a well of depth and healing justice in the world.

Amen and blessed be!

**All Gathered:** Amen and blessed be.

**Gifts of Ministry** Marilyn DuPont & Polly Stimson (UUC)  
Katherine Hoffman (UUCR)

**Laying on of Hands** Rev. Alex McGee

**Collegial Welcome** Rev. Walter LeFlore

**Charge to the Minister** Samara Powers

**Charge to the Congregations** Rev. Alex Richardson

**Closing Hymn/Recessional** #1020, “Woyaya” by Osibisa

**Benediction** Rev. Anna Tulou

**Postlude** “Blue Boat Home” by Peter Mayer, arr. Jared Gibbs