

Widening the Circle of Concern Program
Robert C. Palmer Lecture on Human Rights
Saturday, November 12 at 7 PM CST
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville
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The annual Robert C. Palmer Lecture on Human Rights will be on November 12, 2022 at 7 PM CST in the church sanctuary and on Zoom as part of our congregation's Widening the Circle of Concern program, a church-wide, year-long program featuring worship, readings, discussions, group sessions and other events where we will focus on how we can create beloved community and become a truly diverse, inclusive, and equitable congregation. There will be a reception after the lecture in the Social Hall.

We are honored that Dr. Elías Ortega will be delivering this year's lecture, entitled "Dignity, Friendship, and Self-Regard: Human Rights and Universalist Ethics." Dr. Elías Ortega is an interdisciplinary scholar working at the intersection of the sociological study of religion and religious ethics. His academic and community work is shaped by the aspiration that centering the lives of those most impacted by systems of oppression is necessary for liberation. It is Dr. Ortega's belief that lifting the Universalist heritage can inspire us to do the necessary work to realize a better tomorrow. Currently, Dr. Ortega serves as President and Professor of Religion, Ethics, and Leadership at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL. He also served on the UUA Commission on Institutional Change, which authored the Widening the Circle of Concern report.

The Palmer lecture was established by the church's Board of Directors in 1983 to honor the legacy and service of the Rev. Robert Palmer, our first called minister. Rev. Palmer was a social activist on many fronts, including the United Nations, nuclear disarmament, and the Civil Rights Movement.

For more information or to get the link to register to attend on Zoom, please contact Cindy Wood at c61lynnewood@gmail.com.

