

AEU News & Updates - August 2021

Join us for our next
All Society Platform
& Awarding of Leader
Certification to
Rev. Dr. Jé Hooper
Sunday, August 8 11:00 am ET



This 106th Assembly of the American Ethical Union has addressed “the whole truth about America” where history has been triumphant for some and traumatic for others. How do we understand and reconcile such disparity? As we truthfully acknowledge imperfection and injustice, we also confront challenges that lie ahead and commit to building a more just and humane nation for all. Let us also recognize underlying ethical values that animate efforts, throughout our history, to create “a more perfect union,” to elicit goodness from diverse peoples, to find and demonstrate hope.

We gather today virtually from across the country and around the world, something that was inconceivable when our nation began or when Felix Adler founded Ethical Culture in 1876. Let us envision together and commit to building a nation of equity, decency, and compassion. We will hear from future Ethical Culture Leaders who represent the future and inspire hope as we embrace the tasks ahead.

Speakers:

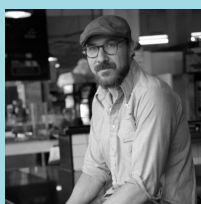
Anne Klaeyesen, Leader Emerita of the New York Society for Ethical Culture

Robert Berson, Leader, Northern Westchester Society

Future Ethical Culture Leaders Greg Bonin, Christian Hayden, Louise Jett, and Sarah Tielmanns

Elizabeth Collier, Chair, AEU Leadership Committee

Featuring Music by:



Jason Mandell, a singer and songwriter in Atwater Village, California. After releasing several albums with his band The Coals (“romantic, musically poetic material that gnarled Nashville bards would kill for” - LA Weekly), he is out on his own. “Soul of America” is his first single, written and recorded in 2019.

Jean Rohe, “a sure-footed young singer-songwriter,” says the New York Times.) Rohe garnered attention for her

Catch Up with Assembly Events!



Missed some workshops or educational programs? Not to worry!

Watch recordings of Assembly Events on our Youtube channel!

[Watch here!](#)

Don't Miss the Last Assembly 2021 Educational Event:



Ethical Culture in 40 Years
with Christian Hayden
Tuesday, August 3, 8 pm
ET

As we enter a critical period of being post-pandemic, it is an opportune time to think about what we want Ethical Culture to become. Though it feels we have this conversation often, very rarely is it documented, and presented and weighed. With this workshop, we would like to collect various voices in the movement to articulate the Ethical Culture they want to exist in 40 years.

And Don't Miss The Assembly Business Meeting featuring music by **Lindsey Wilson**

Saturday, August 7th, 12 pm ET

Back by popular demand Lindsey Wilson will enhance our Assembly Business Meeting with her magical and thought-provoking music.



Lindsey is a NYC singer-songwriter with a flare for nostalgia with her memorable mix of 70's style urban folk rock and conscious lyrics. Lindsey has been privileged to perform at the French Embassy in Washington, DC, the BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center, the renowned Joe's Pub, as well as many other respectable performance venues in New York City.

For more information please visit Lindsey's website: <http://lindseywilsonmusic.com>

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unflinching alternative anthem for the United States, "[National Anthem: Arise! Arise!](#)" which continues to be performed and recorded by choirs and bands across the country, and was published in the Rise Up Singing songbook sequel.

Immediately following the All Society Platform, join members of the National Leaders Council and the AEU Assembly as Elizabeth Mulhall Collier issues certification to our newest Ethical Culture Leader, Dr. Rev. Jé Exodus Hooper.

This event will also use the link: <http://bit.ly/AEUAssemblySessions>

[Join here!](#)

A note from Trish Cowan, Children and Youth Program Coordinator

Please mark your calendar for our next Society-wide Ethical Education meeting on Sunday, August 15, at 2 pm Central / 3 pm Eastern. Zoom info to follow. With Ethical Education programs starting in September, and with COVID continuing to haunt us, we'll have a lot to unpack. Let's support each other!

Big congratulations to Susquehanna Valley for starting a brand new children's program for the fall!

Let your teens know! In addition to the in-person YES still in the works for March 2022 in NY, our additional one-day online YES meeting will be on Saturday, October 23, 2021. We'll meet afternoon to evening. For more info or to be put on the distribution list, please contact Trish at tcowan@aeu.org.

The American Ethical Union joins the ERA Coalition, Signs on to Letter of Support for ERA Amendment

The AEU has registered as an official signatory to a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland urging his Office of Legal Counsel to withdraw the January 6, 2020 memo on the Equal Rights Amendment issued under the previous Administration. The memo, which advised the archivist to refrain from publishing the ERA upon Virginia's ratification as the 38th, and last needed, state was an overreach by the Executive Branch in an apparent effort to serve the then-Administration's political agenda.

The ERA Coalition is a woman-of-color-led nonprofit, representing millions of people, more than 200 partner and allied organizations, and leaders across the country. Our shared goal is to see the Equal Rights Amendment recognized as part of the U.S. Constitution.

[Read the letter here!](#)

Join the Philadelphia Ethical Society in honoring the United Nations International Day of Peace!

On Sunday, September 19, at 11:00AM EDT, Hugh Taft-Morales will be giving a platform talk entitled, "**Peacebuilding.**" This talk, hosted by the Philadelphia Ethical Society will reference both (1) the **AEU resolution** to be proposed at the American Ethical Union Assembly on August 8, 2021 called *Renewal of Commitment to a Culture of Peace*, and (2) **H. R. 1111 –Department of Peace Building Act**. For too long nations have honed war-making capacities while neglecting the strenuous and important work of building peace. *National Ethical Service* (NES), the AEU affiliate representing Ethical Culture at the United Nations, has labored over decades to advocate for building a culture of peace.



If your Society would like to attend, please join us on Zoom at: www.tiny.cc/phillyethics (Zoom phone in meeting number: 215 735 1906)

If you would like to be a co-host along with the *Ethical Society of Austin* and *National Ethical Service*, please email Hugh Taft-Morales at HughTM@gmail.com no later than September 4th. Co-hosting means that you will attend and advertise the event to your members and perhaps the general public. No other obligations.

Stay up to date with our Connections Calendar!

Please check our Connections Calendar for upcoming events from AEU and our Ethical Societies.

Join our [Connections Forum \(Google Group\)](#) to receive and share information on current events and ethical issues we face together.

