



## AEU News & Updates - May 2021

### All Society Platform Organized by Youth of Ethical Societies



The next All Society Platform will be hosted by Youth of Ethical Societies on May 16th at 11:00 am ET/10:00 CT. The teens will discuss their experiences during the YES conference in March, how they cooperated to plan this year's online gathering, and highlights from discussion groups.

More information and zoom link coming soon, stay tuned!

[Read more here!](#)

### AEU Endorses the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act to Repeal the Helms Amendment



The world's most vulnerable people are harmed by a U.S. law that restricts funding for safe abortion services—the Helms Amendment. This amendment bars U.S. foreign assistance funds from being used for abortion services. The way that the law is interpreted and implemented denies people their reproductive rights and deprives them of the care they want and need. It reduces the availability of safe, legal abortion, denies health-care providers life-saving equipment and training and censors critical health information.

The AEU joins over 140 Representatives and 170 organizations in supporting the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act, reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in commemoration of International Women's Day, by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and bill co-leads Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA), Jackie Speier (D-CA), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Diana DeGette (D-CO), Norma Torres (D-CA) and Marilyn Strickland (D-WA). This historic legislation removes the Helms Amendment from statute and replaces it with proactive language stating that U.S. funding shall be used to provide comprehensive reproductive health-care services and information, including abortion services, training, and equipment.

[Find out more here](#)

### Registration Now Open for Assembly 2021!



Registration is now open for AEU's 106th Annual Assembly: "Addressing the Whole Truth About America", June 5 through August 8. Through the months of June, July and August, we have an exciting full program of speakers, business meetings and workshops!

[Full line up of events, speaker bios and more here!](#)

[Register FREE here!](#)

### Call for Delegates

Are you interested in serving as a delegate representing your Ethical Society at the virtual Assembly Business Meeting on August 7? Read more about delegate responsibilities and opportunities below!

[Find out more](#)

### National Day of Reason Resolution Introduced by Rep. Jamie Raskin in US House of Representatives



The National Day of Reason celebrates science, logic, and reason as guiding principles of our secular democracy, and promotes awareness of the constitutional separation of religion and government. Humanist communities around the country will celebrate the National Day of Reason as part of a nationwide **Secular Week of Action**, an opportunity to make positive change in our communities through volunteerism.

On April 26, 2021 Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD) introduced a resolution to recognize May 7, 2021, as a "National Day of Reason." The resolution is co-sponsored by fellow Congressional Freethought Caucus members Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA), Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Rep. (D-GA), Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI), and Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA).

[Read more here](#)

### May Day for Humanity: Secularists Offering Support

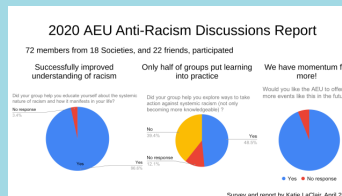


On Thursday, May 6, 2021, the AEU will join the **Freethought Society**, **Recovering From Religion**, the **Freedom From Religion Foundation**, the **Secular Student Alliance** and the **Secular Coalition for America** to celebrate The National Day of Reason by hosting "Mayday for Humanity." The event will begin at 4:00 PM PST/7:00 PM EST.

Comedians Leighann Lord and Ian Harris will co-host this 3-hour event featuring comedians, poets, and musical performers. All funds donated during the event will benefit homeless shelters and food banks selected by the co-sponsors.

[Full event line-up and zoom link here!](#)

### 2020 Anti-Racism Book Dialogs: Report



In 2020, members of multiple Ethical Societies joined together to read and discuss anti-racist literature. This discussion group project was created by Jone Johnson Lewis, Bart Worden and the AEU Ethical Action Committee as part of the groundwork for an anti-racist framework for the AEU and our Societies. One important goal of the project is to create a firmer foundation for the anti-racism work we do, as individuals and as members of Ethical Societies. Anti-racism work can be about individual growth and action, action

as an Ethical Society, or a look at our own institutions.

Following these discussions, a feedback survey was conducted by Katie LaClair, with results documented below. The next round of book discussions is planned to start between August 15th and September 30th, and enrollment will begin in July. Stay tuned!

[Read the report here](#)

### 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.

