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UNDERGROUND  
RAILROAD

WAR OF  
(1812)

AMERICAN INDIAN  
BOARDING SCHOOLS

FIRST WAVE OF  
FEMINISM

TRAIL OF TEARS  
(1838)

CIVIL WAR  
(1860-1865)

WESTWARD  
EXPANSION

LINCOLN ISSUES  
EMANCIPATION  
PROCLAMATION  
(1863)

DARWIN'S  
THEORY OF  
EVOLUTION  
Publications:  
1859, 1871

15TH  
AMENDMENT,  
BLACK MEN'S  
RIGHT TO VOTE  
(1870)

KKK FIRST  
EMERGES  
(1865)

PLESSY V.  
FERGUSON,  
LEGALIZES RACIAL  
SEGREGATION  
(1896)

THE WOUNDED  
KNEE MASSACRE  
(1890)

1800s

- 1800s-1840s - Second Great Awakening
- 1805 - Hosea Ballou, *A Treatise on the Atonement*, Ultra-Universalism
- 1811- Harvard Divinity School established
- 1819 - William Ellery Channing's Baltimore sermon, *Unitarian Christianity*, suggesting humans wrote the bible
- 1825 - American Unitarian Association founded
- 1820s-60s - American Transcendentalism
- 1836 - The Transcendentalist Club
- 1833 - Lydia Maria Child, *An Appeal in favor of that Class of Americans Called Africans*
- 1838 - Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Divinity School Address*, questions Jesus' divinity
- 1841 - Theodore Parker, *Transient and Permanent in Christianity*
- 1844 - Meadville Theological School, PN
- 1845 - Margaret Fuller, *Women in the Nineteenth Century*
- 1846 - Adin Ballou, *Christian Non-Resistance*
- 1852 - Tufts College, MA
- 1852 - Western Unitarian Association founded
- 1856 - St. Lawrence University and Theological School, NY
- 1858 - Theodore Parker, *The present aspect of slavery in America and the immediate duty of the North*, moral arc bends towards justice quote influences MLK
- 1859 - John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry
- 1860s - humanism/atheism emerges in response to Civil War
- 1860 - African American Rev. William Jackson converts to Unitarianism, cold welcome
- 1863 - Olympia Brown Ordination, first woman granted full fellowship in US of any faith
- 1868 - Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women* (part two published in 1867)
- 1869 - William Henry Brown, first African-American Methodist to attend Meadville
- 1871 - Celia M. Burleigh Ordination, first Unitarian woman minister
- 1880 - Iowa Sisterhood: Mary Safford, Eleanor Gordon, Marion Murdock, Florence Buck...
- 1887 - William Channing Gannet, *The Things Most Commonly Believed Today Among Us*
- 1887 - Rev. Joseph Jordan starts Universalist mission in Norfolk, Virginia
- 1889 - Joseph Jordan Ordination, first African-American Universalist minister
- 1895 - Rev. Thomas Wise assists Jordan starting Suffolk mission (Wise leaves mission in 1904)

WORLD WAR I  
(1914-1918)

AMERICAN  
EUGENICS

THE GREAT  
DEPRESSION

WORLD WAR II  
(1939-1945)

VIETNAM WAR  
(1955-1975)

CIVIL RIGHTS  
MOVEMENT  
(1950S-1960S)

NAACP

THE BIRTH OF A  
NATION  
REVIVED THE KKK  
(1915)

19TH AMENDMENT,  
WOMEN'S VOTE  
(1919)

INDIAN RE-  
ORGANIZATION  
ACT RE-  
ESTABLISHES  
TRIBAL  
GOVERNANCE  
(1934)

BROWN V. BOARD  
OF EDUCATION  
(1954-1955)

SECOND WAVE  
OF FEMINISM

VOTING RIGHT'S ACT  
(1965)

1900s

- 1904 - Starr King School for the Ministry established, Berkeley, California
- 1905 - Unity Church-Unitarian built at Holly and Grotto
- 1906 - Clarence Bertrand Thompson, fellowshipped, minister in MA for three years
- 1909 - John Haynes Holmes and Mary White Ovington, two of five NAACP founders
- 1917 - Universalist Declaration of Social Principles drafted by Clarence Skinner
- 1918 - humanism/atheism emerges again in response to WWI
- 1929 - Annie B Willis takes over Suffolk school, Joseph Jordan dies
- 1933 - First Humanist Manifesto
- 1939 - Unitarian Service Committee to save Jewish refugees
- 1940 - Universalist Service Committee to save Jewish refugees
- 1942 - Norbert Capek dies at Dachau
- 1942 - The Universalist Church of America founded
- 1949 - Unitarian Fellowship Movement founded
- 1956 - 80/287 congregations have African-American members
- 1958 - Rev. William R. Jones, fellowshipped, assistant minister in RI
- 1961 - Merger, formation of UUA
- 1961 - The original Six Principles are adopted
- 1963 - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- 1965 - Selma, MLK calls people of all faiths
  - In remembrance of:  
Jimmy Lee Jackson, James Reeb (Unitarian minister), Viola Liuzzo (Unitarian congregant)

- 1967 - Black Unitarians for Radical Reform forms, then Black UU Caucus organized
- 1969 - Boston GA walk out, BUUC and allies
- 1969 - Rev. James L. Stoll, first UU minister to come out as gay, never serves again
- 1970 - BAC disaffiliates from UUA
- 1970 - About Your Sexuality created and used in UU congregations
- 1973 - Second Humanist Manifesto
- 1975 - Office of Gay Concerns, UUA helps fund (now called LGBTQ Ministries)
- 1977 - Women and Religion resolution passed at General Assembly
- 1979 - Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong and Rev. Mark Belletini first out UU gay men call to serve congregations, Maine and San Fran
- 1988 - First UU ordination of openly transgender person (name?)
- 1980 - Mark Morrison-Reed, *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination*
- 1981 - Rev. Yvonne Chappelle Seon, first African-American woman granted fellowship
- 1984 - The Jordan School (Suffolk) closes
- 1985 - Principles revised to the Seven Principles, Five Sources adapted
- 1990 - Welcoming Congregation Program handbook released
- 1990 - Our Whole Lives, updated version of AYS
- 1993 - *Singing the Living Tradition* published
- 1995 - Sixth Source added
- 1997 - Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries created

MLK ASSASSINATED  
(1968)

AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT  
FOUNDED  
(1968)

THE INDIAN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
ACT SIGNED  
INTO LAW  
(1968)

STONEWALL RIOTS  
(1969)

ROE V. WADE  
(1973)

AIDS EPIDEMIC  
(1981)

THIRD WAVE OF  
FEMINISM

US FEDERALLY  
DECRIMINALIZES  
HOMOSEXUALITY  
(2003)

NATIVE AMERICAN  
APOLOGY  
RESOLUTION  
(2009)

STANDING  
ROCK

COVID-19  
PANDEMIC

LINE 3

2000s

- 2000 - 26 African-American Ministers
- 2001 - Morrison-Reed, first Afro-Canadian president of the Canadian Unitarian Council
- 2001 - Rev. William Sinkford, first African-American UUA president
- 2002 - Rev. Sean Parker Dennison, first trans minister called to a UU congregation
- 2009 - Rev. Peter Morales, first Latino UUA president
- 2015 - Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) formed
- 2016 - UUA provides \$300,000 to BLUU and commits to another \$5 million in long-term funding
- 2017 - Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, first woman UUA president
- 2020 - BLUU Havens and Harbors initiated

Living history...

KEY

General

Unitarian

Universalist

Post-Merger