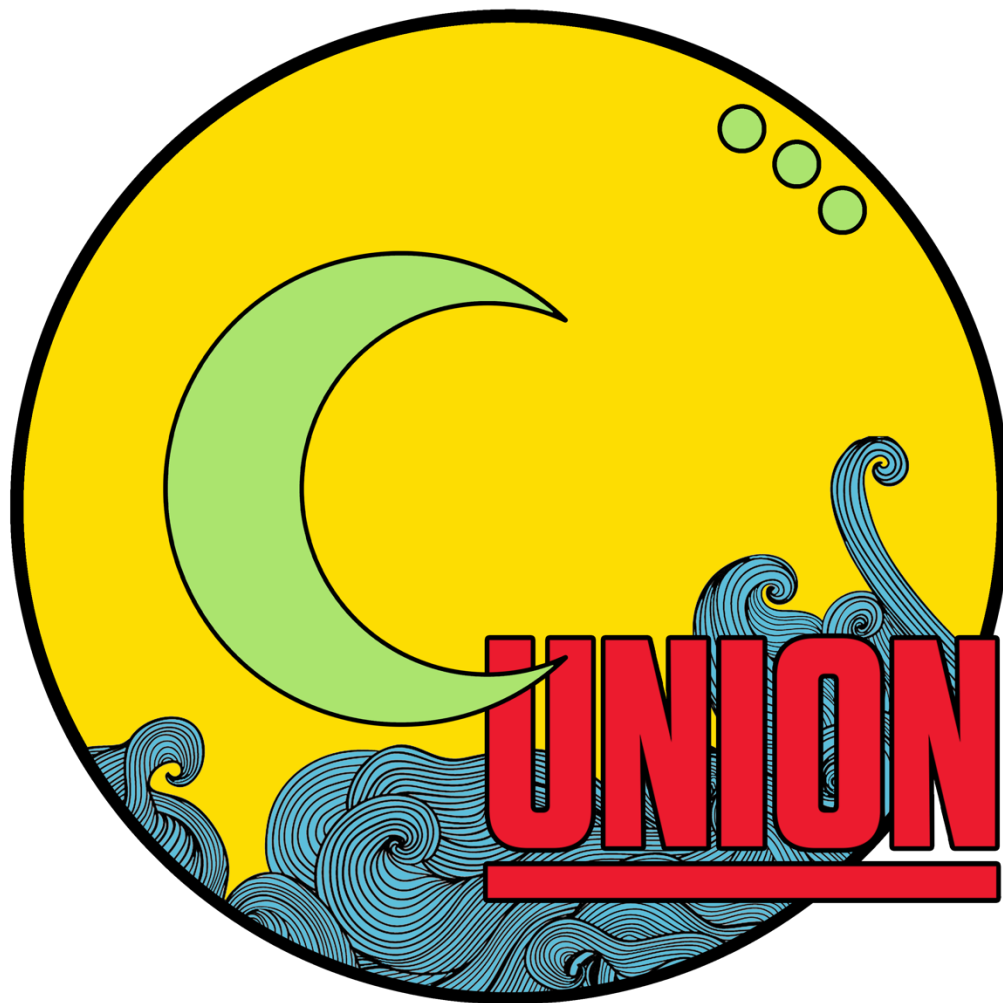


New Student Orientation

Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York



JUSTICE & JOY

2018-19

MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **International Student Move-In Day**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **International Student Move-In Day**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM **International Student Orientation**
Stewart Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Move-In Day for All Residents**

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **International Student Orientation**
Stewart Room

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch for All Residents and International Students**
Refectory

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Dinner for All Residents and International Students**
Refectory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Residential Orientation**
Social Hall

Learn all about living on campus including information about laundry services, recycling, composting, and fire safety. Corbin Hill Food Project will provide information about their farm share program. Lunch will be provided. *Mandatory for all students living on campus and highly encouraged for their partners living with them.*

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM **Floor Meetings**

- **Dorm Floors**
(3:15PM - 4:00PM)
- **Apartment Floors**
(4:00PM- 4:45PM)

Hastings residents meet in the 7th floor common room; McGiffert residents meet in 1st floor common room. Hosted by the SLAs.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Dinner for All Residents**
Location TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Visits to Local Churches**

Led by returning students. See list of services, times, and locations in your Orientation folder.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM **UTS Children's Playtime**
Quad

Bring your children to the quad for a play-date with other UTS kids!

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Community Cookout**
Quad

All are invited: new and returning students, families, faculty, and staff!

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **UTS Partners Meet & Greet**
Social Hall

Partners of Union students are invited to mingle and talk about the joys and challenges of being connected to the broader Union community.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Commuter Check-In <i>Hastings Lobby</i>	Welcome, commuters! Pick up your temporary ID, Orientation packet, and Union swag.
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	President's Breakfast <i>Quad</i>	Start your orientation off with a good breakfast! Sponsored by the President's Office.
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Welcome to UTS <i>Quad</i>	Meet your orientation coordinators and members of the UTS administration as we welcome you to your new community!
10:10 AM – 11:15 AM	Student Support for the Journey <i>Social Hall</i>	Meet the people who are here to support your well being as a student. Led by Yvette Wilson-Barnes, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, with Michael O. and the Student Life Assistants (SLA) team.
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Pause & Reflect/ Commuter Tour <i>Tour will leave from the Quad</i>	Take time for prayer, meditation, coffee, tea, or whatever you need to refuel your body and mind. Commuter students are invited to take a guided tour of Union's campus.
12:15 PM – 1:50 PM	Justice & Joy: Religious Diversity Luncheon <i>James Chapel</i>	This Justice & Joy conversation on religious diversity will be over lunch and looks to formally acknowledge and honor the faith traditions of our community. Let's explore the joys and tensions of interreligious engagement.
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Academic Life: Policies & Academic Support <i>Room 207</i>	Learn about academic policies, procedures, and guidelines. Facilitated by the Dean Mary Boys, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, with the Academic Office.
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Academic Life: Degree Breakout Sessions <i>MDiv – Room 207 MA – Room 307 STM – Room 205A PhD – AD 116</i>	Learn about the specific degree requirements for your program. Facilitated by the Academic Office.
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	Financial Aid <i>Room 207</i>	All you need to know about navigating the financial side of seminary. Facilitated by Melissa Desravines, Vanessa Hutchinson, and Gary Turner.
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Justice & Joy: Living Affordably in NYC <i>Room 207</i>	This Justice & Joy conversation explores the tension of spending our money ethically while living on a budget.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Pause & Reflect	Take time for prayer, meditation, coffee, tea, or whatever you need to refuel your body and mind.
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Justice & Joy: Building a Sexually Ethical World <i>Social Hall</i>	In this Justice & Joy session hear from a representative of Columbia's Sexual Violence Response Center, learn about Union's Title IX policy, and explore what it means to have sexually healthy boundaries with one another.
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner <i>Refectory</i>	Sponsored by the Admissions Office.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakfast <i>Pit</i>	Fuel up for your second day of orientation!
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Centering Ourselves for the Day <i>James Chapel</i>	Join us as we prepare ourselves and transition into our second day.
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Introduction to Worship Life <i>James Chapel</i>	Facilitated by Troy Messenger, Director and Assistant Professor of Worship, and the Chapel Ministers.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Pause & Reflect	Take time for prayer, meditation, coffee, tea, or whatever you need to refuel your body and mind.
10:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Justice & Joy: Undoing Racism <i>Social Hall</i>	This Justice & Joy session will provide us all with an opportunity to examine our own relationship to racism.
12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	Lunch & Columbia Health Insurance <i>Refectory</i>	If you are enrolled in the Columbia Health Insurance Plan to be sure to visit the Aetna table during lunch.
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Burke Library Presentation <i>Room 207</i>	Led by our Public Services Librarian, Carolyn Bratnober. Check your Orientation for more information about library services!
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Justice & Joy: How to Avoid Burn-out <i>James Chapel</i>	This Justice & Joy session will explore how we sustain ourselves in the work that we do here at Union and beyond.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Pause & Reflect	Take time for prayer, meditation, coffee, tea, or whatever you need to refuel your body and mind.
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	Union's Campus Renewal <i>Social Hall</i>	Learn about the changes that Union's campus will undergo this year with the start of a campus renewal project and construction of a new multi-use building. Facilitated by President Serene Jones, Brent Dickman (VP of Finance and Operations), and the project architects.
5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Justice & Joy: How Will We Cultivate It? <i>Social Hall</i>	Join Student Senate, Orientation Coordinators, and Student Life Assistants as we bring the Justice & Joy series to a close and discuss how we move forward into the academic year.
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner with Union Alumni <i>Refectory</i>	Meet with Union alumni of different faith traditions and career paths. Co-sponsored by the Development Office.
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	PhD Reception (PhD students only) <i>McGiffert Rooftop</i>	Union's PhD students and faculty will welcome the new PhD students.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakfast <i>Rotunda</i>	Fuel up for your final day of orientation! You're almost there!
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Centering Ourselves for the Day <i>Quad</i>	Join us as we prepare ourselves and transition into our final day of orientation.
9:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Faculty Round Robin <i>Meet in the Quad</i>	Meet your professors and learn more about the courses they teach!
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Chapel <i>James Chapel</i>	Experience your first Union chapel as a new student. Hosted by Troy Messenger and the Chapel Ministers.
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch with Faculty <i>Refectory</i>	Mingle with faculty over lunch. Hosted by the Academic Office.
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Pause & Reflect	Take time for prayer, meditation, coffee, tea, or whatever you need to refuel your body and mind.
1:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Registration Hub <i>AD 30</i>	Stop by the registration hub before your faculty advising appointment to get advice from current students about choosing courses. Then come back to the registration hub after your advising appointment to register for classes.
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Faculty Advising <i>Check your folder for appointment time and location.</i>	Meet one-on-one with your faculty advisor to talk about the classes you are planning to take this semester. You MUST meet with your advisor in order to register for classes!
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Post-registration Party & Pub! <i>Quad</i>	You made it to the end of orientation! It's time to celebrate! Kick back with some good food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), games, music, and the new friends you've made this week. UTS swag will be available for purchase.
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	MDiv/MSSW (or MSW) Dual Degree Info Session <i>AD 116</i>	If you are interested in a dual degree in theology (MDiv) and social work (MSSW or MSW), you're invited to meet with administrators and graduates of Union's dual degree programs with Columbia University and Silberman School of Social Work (Hunter College). Hosted by Rev. Dr. Violet Lee (academic advisor to students in the dual degree programs) and Beth Bidlack (Associate Academic Dean).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Morningside Heights Tour** Led by Kevin McGee.
Meet in the Quad

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **West Harlem/ Hamilton Heights Tour** Explore the relationship between NYC housing policy and neighborhood health and spirit in one of Uptown's most storied communities. Tour led by Rosaly German, daughter of Dominican immigrants and lifelong Uptown resident and Avi Nagel, 3rd year architecture student at Spitzer school of Architecture and Uptown resident for eight years.
Meet in the Quad

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Convocation of the 181st Academic Year** All are invited to this special event marking the beginning of the new academic year.
James Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Community Lunch & Caucus Fair** Enjoy your first Community Lunch, a free lunch hosted by the President's Office every Thursday for all students, faculty, and staff. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Union's numerous caucuses (student groups) and institutes.
Refectory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **Guided Tour: Top Campus Libraries and Study Spots** Join the Burke Library's Public Services Librarian, Carolyn Bratnober, on an accessible tour of some of the top library spaces on campus. Open to all current Union Theological Seminary and Columbia graduate students, this tour will offer a glimpse into many campus libraries and highlight features such as group work areas, silent study rooms, coffee shops, natural light, couches, maker-spaces, and others.
Meet on sidewalk outside Hastings lobby

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Discussion on *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*** Join the Episcopal Divinity School at Union in-person or online for a conversation on the book, *Just Mercy*, moderated by Dean Kelly Brown Douglas.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**Library Skills
Workshop**
*Burke Library
Conference Room (L3)*

Learn to navigate the Burke Library and find your way around the online catalog (CLIO). Explore new ways to get books, articles, videos, sound files, images, ebooks, and more. Learn about conducting research in archives and special collections across New York City. Refresh your skills with a librarian and get ready for grad school. All skill levels welcome.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Dean Douglas’
Inaugural Address**
James Chapel

Dean Kelly Brown Douglas will deliver her inaugural address followed by a reception.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Episcopal Divinity School at Union Convocation: “Toward a Just Earth:
Courageous Faith in Challenging Times”**
St. Paul’s Chapel at Trinity Wall Street