

suusi 2026, radford va, july 19-25



## Find a Hall Group and Make New Friends

SUUSI is exploring a new community-building initiative for 2026: publicly listed Hall Groups. The goal of this program is to help attendees connect more easily with others who share common interests or identities, while fostering inclusion, belonging, and support across our community.

Each Hall Group will provide a themed public housing option where participants who choose to join will live on the same hall. The program is especially designed to support newcomers, people who may not yet have a strong SUUSI network, and anyone looking to build new friendships or find a welcoming community within SUUSI. At this stage, we are gathering feedback. **We want to learn:**

- **What Hall Group themes or needs do you see in our community?**
- **Who might benefit from this type of shared housing experience?**
- **Would you be interested in helping support a Hall Group?**
- **Do you currently participate in a group that lives together and might be interested in opening that hall to the public?**

Please email [cate.farrell@suusi.org](mailto:cate.farrell@suusi.org) with your questions or feedback.

Together, we can explore how to make SUUSI even more welcoming and connected.

## Workshop Deadline Extended to 1/15!

It's not too late to propose a workshop. If you have time off at the holidays, take a few minutes to share your passions with a wider audience at SUUSI next summer.

[Propose a Workshop](#)

[Email the Workshop Coordinator for help](#)

## Key dates

**SUUSI 2026:** July 19-25, 2026

**Workshop Proposals Open:** NOW

**Staff Applications Opened:** Nov 1

**Workshops Close:** January 15, 2026

**Staff Hiring Begins:** January 15, 2026

**Catalog & Registration:** April 2026





There are more ways than ever to make SUUSI more affordable! You can apply to be on staff. You can offer paid workshops. You can refer new friends. You can request a SUUSIship. Don't let costs be a barrier to participating in the best week of the year!

## Sharing SUUSI!

SUUSI is better with friends—and for SUUSI 2026, you can earn a discount for sharing with friends, too! If you are a regular SUUSI goer (anyone who has attended SUUSI 2022 or after at least once) and refer a first-timer or someone who hasn't registered since 2021, you and they will get \$50 off registration costs. You'll get \$50 for each person you refer (and yes, it stacks for how many people you refer!). Bestie, long-lost SUUSI pal, neighbor, congregation buddy, your favorite cousin—everyone counts, even within your own registration group. Credits will land in your SUUSI account and can be used toward your registration costs, excluding any donations.

More friends, more joy, more SUUSI, more discounts! Let us know if you have any questions at [info@suusi.org](mailto:info@suusi.org). Sell your recruits on SUUSI now, before they make other summer plans, and watch the NUUS for how to generate your recruiter code before registration.

## SUUSI AMBASSADORS

What does it mean to be a SUUSI Ambassador? You just need to tell everybody about SUUSI! Your congregation, affinity group, your friend group—the possibilities are endless. Contact [outreach@suusi.org](mailto:outreach@suusi.org) and we'll help you spread the word with our media kit starting the first week of January!

See above for details our new Outreach Incentive program—where being an Ambassador can help you pay for SUUSI, while also helping SUUSI's community grow.

Please share your SUUSI photos with us by uploading to our Google drive!

Or email us your photos here

## BEYOND SUUSI: Virtual Workshops for the rest of the year

Erin Lieb is spearheading a new program to offer free workshops online through the year. If you'd like to see other SUUSI people, chat, and learn a little bit on your computer screen, this is a great way to get involved.

Check out the offerings below, and if you'd like to participate please [contact Erin](#).

**BEYOND SUUSI**  
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MON JAN 19	<b>ZENTANGLE</b> 7:30-8 PM EST   CINDY LAMBORN Zentangle is a meditative art form that uses structured, repetitive patterns called "strings" to create beautiful and distinct abstract drawings. It starts with simple lines like a line and curve, that without encouraging improvisation and creativity for all skill levels.
MON FEB 23	<b>INFINITY</b> 7:30-8 PM EST   JIM BLOWERS This workshop will explore different aspects of infinity including mathematical, including limits and the infinitesimal, physical, including the speed of light, black holes, and the ever-unknown dark, and cultural, the sea infinity, infinity and its role in religion.
MON MAR 2	<b>IMAGINING PRISON ABOLITION</b> 7:30-8 PM EST   REV DR. MICHAEL TNO When I speak of prison abolition, it is not about just abolishing the carceral system we have now. It is a comprehensive shift to show we need justice as a society. What would it take to create a society where prisons were no longer necessary? We will engage in imagining that world together and in doing so begin to explore it more fully.

TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MAILING LIST AND ZOOM LINKS, PLEASE EMAIL ERIN LIEB [erin.lieb@suusi.org](mailto:erin.lieb@suusi.org)

## HeaRT Is Available All Year Round

Did you experience unresolved conflict at a prior SUUSI that is keeping you from having your best SUUSI experience? Have you had problems in between SUUSIs dealing with SUUSI staff or participants?

Email [HeaRT@suusi.org](mailto:HeaRT@suusi.org) and start the process to get back into right relationship.

**BEYOND SUUSI**  
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

<b>SAT</b> <b>MAR</b> <b>14</b>	<b>UNDER THE WISDOM TREE</b> TINA TRO   CHARLIE GRYWES We will explore historical and cultural perspectives on the land, forests and fields of today's landscape and dramatically different uses as the forest covered the land. People arrived about 10,000 years ago, and humans lived as hunters-gatherers. Cultures to which is now Southwest Virginia have changed multiple times.
<b>THUR</b> <b>APRIL</b> <b>16</b>	<b>ART FOR STRESS RELIEF</b> 7:30-8 PM EST   ZORAN MARI We will create works of art through music, stories and music making to create works of art. Please show up with your pen, pencils, water-colored markers. All skill levels welcome.
<b>WED</b> <b>MAY</b> <b>6</b>	<b>SUUSI CONNECTIONS</b> 7:30-8 PM EST   DIANNA MALHERSON Connect online and explore thought-provoking topics. Share your experiences and meet new people in a relaxed virtual environment, all from the comfort of home. You will be more connected when you come to SUUSI in-person, too.

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## Apply to Be on Staff at SUUSI 2026

Staff hiring will start on January 15 and continue until all positions are filled. You can always submit an application later in the year, but now is when the most positions are available. Log into SOLIS and apply now, then look for an email after January 15.

**Become a SUUSI Sustainer TODAY!**

SUUSI Sustainers set up a recurring donation to The SUUSI Foundation through PayPal by following the QR code to our donation page.

Approximately \$1,000 a year funds one SUUSIship

**The Endowment Fund**  
This fund exists to provide for SUUSI in perpetuity. It offers a vehicle for those who wish to ensure the existence and enhancement of SUUSI for future generations.

**SUUSIships**  
Scholarships awarded to attendees by The SUUSI Foundation. These funds are available thanks to the generous donations of the SUUSI community.

You can support the endowment through donations such as bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance policies, planned giving, cash, and other similar gifts.

The SUUSI Foundation strives to ensure the long-range health of the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute, also known as SUUSI. The SUUSI Foundation is charged with managing and growing The SUUSI Endowment Fund and funding SUUSI's scholarship program called SUUSIships.

**The SUUSI Foundation**

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