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# Area Congregations

#### **DC Congregations**

All Souls Church, Unitarian Universalist National Memorial Church Washington Ethical Society

#### **Maryland Congregations**

**UU Church of Annapolis** First Unitarian Church of Baltimore Cedar Lane UU Church Channing Memorial Church, UU **UU** Congregation of Columbia Davies Memorial UU Church **UU** Congregation of Frederick Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation Paint Branch UU Church River Road UU Congregation **UU** Congregation of Rockville **UU Church of Silver Spring** Sugarloaf Congregation of UUs Towson UU Church

### **Virginia Congregations**

Accotink UU Church **UU Church of Arlington Bull Run UUs UU** Congregation of Fairfax **UU Church of Loudoun** Mount Vernon Unitarian Church **UU Church in Reston UU** Congregation of Sterling

#### **Affiliate Organizations**

Beacon House Community Ministries Chesapeake UU Ministers Association Open Door Housing Fund

## About UUSJ

- UUSJ is a regional partnership of individuals, congregations and UUaffiliated organizations deeply committed to giving a voice to our UU religious principles and values.
- \* UUSJ believes we are stronger working together than separately.
- UUSJ shifted its focus in the fall of 2013 to advocacy on Capitol Hill to amplify UU voices. UUs will join together for regular visits to Capitol Hill policy makers.
- Founded in 2000, UUSJ is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Washington, DC.
- UUSJ is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one representative from each member congregation or organization and At Large members. Representatives serve a three-year term.

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**Inspire Ideas** Advocate for Justice Work Together

# Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

in the National Capital Region





An old African proverb says, "If you want to go quickly go alone, if you want to go far go together."

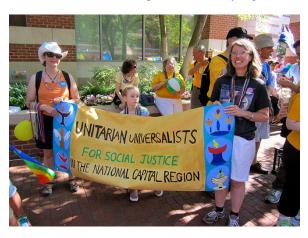
## **UUSJ** Vision and Mission

Vision: A vibrant regional community of Unitarian Universalists working to make a peaceful, just and sustainable world.

Mission: To provide leadership in the region for effective social action that reflects Unitarian Universalist principles.

# UUSJ Advances the Social Justice Work of UU Congregations and Organizations

- UUSJ sends a bi-monthly e-newsletter to more than 500 people to publicize UU and other area social justice events, programs, and opportunities to witness and advocate for UU social justice concerns.
- UUSJ honors and celebrates UU social justice activists at the annual UUSJ Awards Benefit Gala that supports UUSJ Social Justice Fund grants up to \$500.
- UUSJ coordinates advocacy and witness opportunities and educates people on priority issues, showcase model programs and best practices.
- UUSJ maintains a website and a calendar of events for UU and interfaith social justice activities in the region: www.uusj.org.



# UUSJ Increases the Frequency, Impact and Visibility of UU Collaborative Efforts

UUSJ helped increase the impact made by area congregations by moving their concerns for immigrants into "action for justice and advocacy." With a two-year grant from the UU Association, UUSJ worked to "inspire, engage and equip" congregations to work on immigration issues.

One example is that UUSJ supported a "Document Day Workshop" to help more than 75 immigrant families prepare for emergencies. Participants learned what essential documents they need to direct their families if they are jailed, deported, or hospitalized and how to prepare required legal paperwork once Immigration Reform is passed.

UUSJ amplifies UU voices by joining with issuebased and interfaith groups such as:

- Environmental Issues Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light; Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Interfaith Moral Action on Climate;
- Immigration Issues Casa de Maryland and Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations;
- LGBTQ Rights Issues Equality MD and Equality VA; and,
- Wealth Divide Issues with Move to Amend and Common Cause.

UUSJ ramped up efforts in 2013 to advocate and bear witness for our UU values and give voice to our UU principles on Capitol Hill.

## **UUSJ** Priorities

UUSJ's 2013-2014 Priorities are:

- The Environment and Climate Change
- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Rights
- The Widening Wealth Divide

### Become a Member

Join together with area UUs and help raise our UU voices in the National Capital region.				
For your tax-deductible donation of \$40 you become a member of UUSJ.				
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