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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 UU-affiliated 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

UUSJ



*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 issue-based 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 \$30 you become a member of UUSJ.

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