

Member Organizations

DC Congregations

All Souls Church, Unitarian
Washington Ethical Society

Maryland Congregations

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis
First Unitarian Church of Baltimore
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Columbia

*Davies Memorial Unitarian
Universalist Church

Goodloe Memorial Unitarian
Universalist Congregation

*Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Frederick

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
River Road Unitarian Universalist
Congregation

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville
Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring
Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

Virginia Congregations

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
Bull Run Unitarian Universalists
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
*Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church

*Unitarian Universalists of Sterling

*Affiliate member

Affiliate Organizations

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

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Get our bimonthly E-News

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Donate \$30 or more annually

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About UUSJ

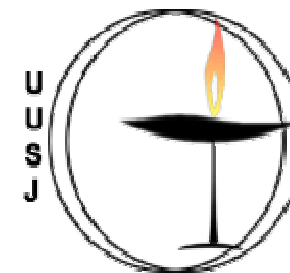
UUs for Social Justice is a tax-exempt, non-profit composed of 26 member UU congregations, affiliated groups and individual members. We believe that working for justice is an expression of our religious faith. Guided by the principles of Unitarian Universalism, our purpose is to add value to the social justice work of UU congregations, affiliates and individuals.

UUSJ is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one representative from each member organization and co-chairs. The representatives are selected by the member organizations and serve for a term of three years. The Board sets policy, establishes priorities, raises money, and performs much of the work associated with UUSJ activities.

UUSJ is staffed by an Executive Director and Administrator. Both are ordained UU ministers, and each is paid for 10-15 hours of work. Office space is shared with OpenDoor Housing Fund (formerly UU Affordable Housing Corporation)

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**Inspiring Ideas,
Sharing Resources,**



Working Together

**Unitarian Universalists
for Social Justice
Baltimore-Washington-
Northern Virginia Region**

UUSJ Vision and Mission

Vision: To be a vibrant and united regional community of Unitarian Universalists working for social justice

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

UUSJ at Work

1. *UUSJ acts as a REGIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR enabling collaboration and cooperation.*

Maintains a website with information and a calendar of events for UU and Interfaith social justice activities in the region.

Publishes a bi-weekly e-newsletter that highlights social justice programs of member congregations and interfaith social justice activities, and provides links to other social justice websites.

Procured a grant to hire a part-time person to facilitate Virginia UU congregations' efforts to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Recognized UU social activists with the first annual regional social justice awards at the UUSJ Awards Benefit Gala, October 2008, benefiting the UUSJ Collaboration Fund.

2. *UUSJ advances the SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK OF UU CONGREGATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.*

Holds workshops twice a year to develop social justice leaders and to showcase model programs and share best practices.

Offers workshops annually at the Joseph Priestley District annual meeting.

Sponsored with the Washington office of the UUA an all day workshop on successful social justice programs at the congregational level. UUA President Bill Sinkford was the keynote speaker. December 2007

Held a joint fund raising program with Beacon House Community Ministry celebrating its 15th Anniversary. March 2007

UUSJ served as the fiscal agent for the Northern Virginia in the LUUP Legislative Preview. 2008

Used our share of money from a Baltimore Washington UU Growth event to fund scholarships for youth to participate in social justice events and for Beacon House. 2008

3. *UUSJ increases the FREQUENCY, IMPACT AND VISIBILITY of UU collaborative efforts in the region.*

Funds social justice programs with grants of up to \$300 through the UUSJ Collaboration Fund.

UU Legislative Ministry of MD grew out of a UUSJ meeting.

Co-sponsored a Faith and Freedom anti-torture program along with the Washington Regional Religious Coalition Against Torture. UUSJ served as a fiscal agent and used our website to register attendees. 2007

Co-sponsored with the Joseph Priestly District an anti-racism conference and recruited Washington area UUs to attend. 2006, 2007, 2008

The Freedom to Marry Task Force supported various legislative issues affecting same-sex couples in Maryland; and worked against the proposed constitutional amendment in Virginia limiting marriages to a man and a woman. The Task Force is currently working on an adult religious education marriage curriculum.

The Environmental Task Force has exhibited annually since 2005 at the DC Green Festival.

Brought a bulk Green buying program to our congregations.

Increased UU participation in Equality Maryland Lobby Days. 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Increased UU participation in Maryland Global Warming Rallies. 2007, 2008

Cosponsored the Ethical Investing Conference. National UU leaders and socially responsible investment pros explored aligning congregations' financial management practices with UU social and environmental justice principles enhancing congregation's financial standing **and** justice ministries. May 2009

