

UU FaithAction NJ



Why UU FaithAction NJ Matters

Speaking as the issues and advocacy voice of New Jersey Unitarian Universalist member congregations, the 2017/2018 UU FaithAction NJ mission/statement, reads as follows:

“Grounded in our Unitarian Universalist faith, we are confronting systemic injustice and are building a more compassionate society by:

- **Educating** ourselves and others on social and political issues;
- **Mobilizing** individuals and congregations to act for justice; and
- **Advocating** for equitable and sustainable public policy

at state and local levels in New Jersey. We envision a ‘just’ New Jersey, free from systemic oppression and greed, full of engaged people committed to each other, to our communities, and to the earth.”

Thanks to the ongoing participation and financial support of our 21 member congregations and individual donors, UU FaithAction provides both the advocacy and legislative leadership that makes a real difference on issues of equity and justice and also helps build wider alliances between front-line communities, advocacy groups, legislators and key coalitions across the state. UU FaithAction’s six volunteer Task Forces connect with individual members via e-mail alerts and monthly conference calls. They are charged with educating and mobilizing UUs and our allies on specific, practical action we can take to real and substantive change real.

Current Task Force issues include: Environmental Justice, Criminal Justice, Immigration Reform, Reproductive Justice, Gun Violence Prevention & Economic Justice.

UU FaithAction NJ takes a leadership role on three important statewide initiatives, all of which have been shared nationwide with other UU State Advocacy Networks, as models for UU social justice organizing.

All Faiths Justice Alliance (formerly Local Policing/Black Lives Matter) Congregational Toolkit

An interfaith effort of NJ Jews, Christians, Muslims, UUs and others--spearheaded by UU FaithAction—to create a “mini toolkit” designed to train local congregations to become agents of change around issues of police violence on a “hyperlocal” level.

Legal Advocacy Project (LAP)

Advocating within the NJ courts on issues of justice and equity and moving “signature legislation” through the NJ Legislature that reflects UU values. Our current bill supports confidentiality for women’s reproductive health care workers and clinicians.

State Sanctuary Challenge

UU teams working to educate and cooperate with member congregations to accomplish significant work—of the congregation’s choosing—to help counteract the overly harsh regulation of undocumented immigrants in our state.

This effort needs “all hands on deck,”--and the need has never been greater. As a small liberal religious community with an outsized voice and influence in Trenton and throughout the State, we are excited and confident that you will want to share in this ministry however you are able.

To join an issue group and to make a donation to UU FaithAction NJ, please visit our website at www.uulmnj.org and click the “Donate” button or call the office and speak to the Executive Director, Rev. Rob Gregson at 973 908-0211.