



Advocacy & Witness News

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

THE FOLKS IN THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCACY AND WITNESS ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK. WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST, YOU CAN BETTER DISCERN WHO YOU SHOULD CONTACT IN ORDER TO CONNECT WITH THE SOCIAL JUSTICE EFFORTS THE UUA IS TAKING.

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“Peace may sound simple - one beautiful word - but it requires everything we have, every quality, every strength, every dream, every high ideal.”

-Yebudi Menubin (1916-1999)

Calendar

November 11	Armistice Day/ Veteran’s Day: Lobby your congress people and candidates to bring our soldiers
November 18	UUSC’s Guest at Your Table Launched
November	Thanksgiving
November 25	Buy Nothing Day
December 1	World AIDS Day
December 10	International Human Rights Day

Thank You For Your Efforts!

With your help and efforts, we were able to pull off the biggest campaign Advocacy and Witness has ever had!

In early October, the fax machine in the Washington Office was working hard. The constant sound of the fax along with the typing of dozens of volunteers signaled the desires of UU's from all over the country.

Rev. Bill Sinkford, President of the UUA, was able to take a grand total of 13,006 signatures to the offices of the Congressional Minority and Majority Leaders. And we could not have done it without you!

To every one who spread the word of the on-line petition and faxed us your hand signed forms, Thank You!

We appreciate your hard work.

November 11, 2007
Re-Claim Armistice Day

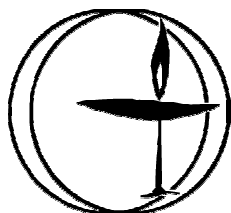


Did you know that the holiday we call Veterans' Day in the United States was originally called Armistice Day? It was established as a Federal Holiday in 1926. It marks the end of conflict of the First World War (1918).

But did you know that the week surrounding November 11, marks the ending of several conflicts including: The Berlin Wall (11-9-1988), The Anglo-Franco War (11-9-1729), The Thirty Years War (11-17-1659), and The Russo-Japanese War (11-17-1905).

Lets add another war to this list by calling our Members of Congress and our candidate of choice. Let them know that we want peace!

"In the hearts of people today there is a deep longing for peace. When the true spirit of peace is thoroughly dominant, it becomes an inner experience with unlimited possibilities. Only when this really happens - when the spirit of peace awakens and takes possession of men's hearts, can humanity be saved from perishing."
Albert Schweitzer
(1875-1965)



The Elections Are Nearing!
Confused on what exactly your church can and cannot do?

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STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

You may have seen them at General Assembly or at protest rallies. Now you and your family can own the "Stand on the Side of Love" shirt.

Cooler weather reminds us that the holiday season is approaching. Why not get your favorite UU activist one of our super-popular "Stand on the Side of Love" shirts!

Our handsome shirts come in both adult and children's sizes. And are made from pre-shrunk, 100% cotton materials. Hurry! Stock is limited.

For more information, pictures, and/or to place an order, please go to www.uua.org/uuawo and click on "ONLINE STORE" on the left side of the page

There is a \$3/shirt discount for bulk orders, so order as a congregation! If you'd rather place an order by phone, please call Kat Liu at (202) 296-4672 x12

Advocacy and Witness' New Home

The Advocacy and Witness Team has a new home on the Internet!

A new, updated site consolidates all of the UUA social justice work into one easy-to-navigate page. And with our handy news bar on the right hand side, you can keep updated on upcoming events and deadlines. <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice>.

Find all you need to know about Welcoming Congregations, lobbying Congress, Community Organizing and Anti-racism trainings. And our new Resources Page will keep you updated in all the current issues!

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For all your Social Justice needs!