



Advocacy & Witness News

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Washington Office Move

After several years in beautiful, historic Dupont Circle, the Washington Office for Advocacy is moving to Metro Center. Starting March 26, the Washington Office for Advocacy will now be located at 666 11th St NW 20002. (Really!)

Our new location will give us easier access to Capitol hill and coalition partners on K St. It will also offer larger conference room and office spaces for visitors.

While we will miss Dupont Circle, with its fountain and yummy restaurants, we also look forward to our new neighborhood in Metro Center.



“People are, if anything, more touchy about being thought silly than they are about being thought unjust.”

-E.B. White
 (1899-1985)

Thank You for A Wonderful March to Peace

Thank you for making our first March to Peace a rousing success! By publication time, it is estimated that we will reach our goal of 250 participant congregations.

Throughout March, we worshiped together. Congregations all over the United States planned worship services devoted to praying for a world of peace. Like Throop Memorial Church in Pasadena.

We also worked together. Hundreds of UU's came to Washington, DC with Rev. Sinkford to participate in the Interfaith Peace Witness.

We learned together. Dozens of new congregations committed to study the role of peace in the UUA with our Congregational Study Action Issue.

We mourned together. UU congregations, such as First Church of Portland, Oregon marked the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Thank you for your participation in March to Peace.

Calendar

April 3-5	UU-UNO Conference
April 4	40th Anniversary of MLK Assassination
April 20-26	Passover
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Anniversary of March for Women's Lives
May 1	Early-bird Registration for GA due

Election-Year Resources from Faithful Democracy

The 2008 election provides a fantastic opportunity for Unitarian Universalists to mobilize our congregations and communities.

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is a leading member of Faithful Democracy, a coalition of national faith-based organizations dedicated to increasing electoral participation among people of faith and people from historically disenfranchised communities.

Faithful Democracy will provide theological grounding, legal guidance, and programmatic support to faith-based partners who will educate and engage their constituencies in civic participation during the 2008 election year. Look for information at www.faithfuldemocracy.org The UUA also offers a variety of materials specific to UU congregations—available now!

In 2004, at least 300 Unitarian Universalist congregations did something to support electoral participation. What will your congregation do in 2008?

“Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed”

-Herman Melville
 (1819-1891)

Coming to a District Meeting Near You!

April 4-5:

At the Ohio-Meadville District Meeting in Pittsburgh, OH - Grace Garner, our Legislative Assistant for Women's Issues and BGLT Equality, will be presenting our workshop, "Inspired Faith, Effective Action."

April 25-27:

At the Central Midwest District Meeting in St. Louis, MO – Kat Liu, our Assistant Director, will be presenting our workshop, "Inspired Faith, Effective Action."

At the Central Midwest District Meeting in Austin, TX -

Adam Gerhardstein, our Legislative Assistant on International Issues, will be presenting our workshop, "Inspired Faith, Effective Action."

At the Pacific Southwest District meeting in Del Mar, CA –

Grace Garner will be presenting on comprehensive sexuality education.

and Alex Winnett, our Program Associate for Peacemaking, will be presenting on Peacemaking.

Get Your T-Shirts before General Assembly

Be part of the "In-Crowd" at General Assembly! Now you and your family can own the "Stand on the Side of Love" shirt.

Order your shirt now, they are going fast. Get your favorite activist a shirt for the upcoming year of actions.

Hurry! Supplies are limited.

Our handsome shirts come in both adult and children's sizes. And are made from pre-shrunk, 100% cotton materials. **Available up to Size Large (L).**

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 Events at General Assembly 2008

The UUA Holdeen India Program: Empowering Social Change

Take inspiration from UUHIP's work, and learn how congregations can participate.

U/U Theology... Internationally Speaking

Three U/U theologians from around the world will dialogue.

A Faith Without Borders

Presenting a new congregational resource for planning effective international engagement.

Theology of Immigration

UU perspectives on what it means to "Welcome the Stranger."

Grassroots Organizing for a New Century

Learn new techniques utilizing the Internet to gather support.

Youth and Adult Partnerships: Comprehensive Sex Education

Create stronger partnerships for comprehensive sexuality education in public schools!

Advocacy and Witness Has a New Blog

Find out what your Advocacy and Witness team is thinking about!

Read our reflections on upcoming events and news stories, thoughts on new movements and causes, and reports on exciting progress on national legislation.

<http://uuasocialjustice.blogspot.com>



"Show me who makes a profit from the war, and I'll show you how to stop the war"
-Henry Ford (1863-1947)

"A weed is nothing more than a flower in disguise"
-Jane Russell Lowell

Pre-General Assembly Activist Training Day

On **Wednesday, June 25**, the UUA Advocacy and Witness Team and UUSC will offer a day-long (9 AM to 4 PM) activist training in **Ft. Lauderdale**. The program will feature organizing training, speakers sharing the latest thoughts on issues of peace and justice, and networking time for congregational activists.

Themes will include civil rights & national security and domestic & international peacemaking.

See www.uua.org/socialjustice for more information, including how to register.

