

# Do you know *someone* whose human-rights activism **DESERVES** *special recognition?*

*Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee honors local activists whose good works and commitment to UUSC principles advance the cause of justice in their communities.*

*In addition to receiving a cash award of \$500, winners are honored at UUSC's annual membership meeting, which is held at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This year's General Assembly is scheduled for June 25-29, 2008, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.*

**The Social Action Leadership Award** honors creative, inspiring, and effective leadership by an individual or group working for justice. The recipient(s) must have demonstrated an outstanding model of committed and effective action relating to UUSC programs, priorities, and public-policy positions.

**The Mary-Ella Holst Youth Activist Award** recognizes and honors the achievement of an individual or group of youth who are advancing human rights and social justice through activism and leadership. Recipient(s) must have demonstrated a commitment to social justice and human rights through participation in a UUSC program of service, action, and/or advocacy.

**The Seminarian Award for Excellence in Social Justice** recognizes and honors the exemplary work of a seminarian who advances the mission of UUSC by linking and integrating the work of UUSC with the Principles and Purposes of the UUA and the spiritual lives of UUs.

To nominate someone (including yourself), please submit a nomination that includes a written statement and any relevant supporting documentation to [nmoore@uusc.org](mailto:nmoore@uusc.org) or UUSC, attn: Awards, c/o Nancy Moore, 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

**THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2008.**

## **Seminarian Award for Excellence in Social Justice - 2007 Winner**



### **Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke, of Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary**

In addition to being a seminarian, Ruchotzke worked as the interim director of religious education at East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, Ohio. She organized a program of exploration and reflection around the human right to water. She also ran a very successful Guest at Your Table campaign that increased her congregation's contributions by 24 percent in one year!