

# UCWC Social Justice Committee

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## Mission:

*The Social Justice Committee leads, coordinates, and encourages the efforts of the UCWC community to bring about our vision of a more just, sustainable, and peaceful society and to have an impact on the needs of disadvantaged people, at local, state, national, and international levels by coordinating, supporting, and nurturing subcommittees, groups, and projects, and by developing leadership skills.*

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The Social Justice Committee provides the leadership that makes possible congregational action to embrace diversity and promote peace and justice in the world. This work offers opportunities for personal growth, generosity, education, service, witness, and advocacy.

Social justice work is not confined to the Social Justice Committee. Religious Education, Youth Group, and other groups often have social justice projects.



For more details about our committee's projects and project leaders, visit our website at:  
<http://ucwc.org/justice/>  
Email us at: [social-justice@ucwc.org](mailto:social-justice@ucwc.org)

## UCWC Mission Statement

*As a diverse liberal faith congregation, we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world.*

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# Social Justice at the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester



*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.*

– Albert Schweitzer.

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[www.ucwc.org/social-justice](http://www.ucwc.org/social-justice)  
[social-justice@ucwc.org](mailto:social-justice@ucwc.org)

**Black Lives Matter.** UCWC has joined with other UU congregations in supporting the Black Lives Matter movement, its call for racial justice, and its affirmation of the value of black lives across society.

✉ [black-lives-matter@ucwc.org](mailto:black-lives-matter@ucwc.org)

**Climate Justice.** The UCWC Social Justice Committee has a liaison to the Citizens Climate Lobby and an email discussion list.

✉ [climate-justice@ucwc.org](mailto:climate-justice@ucwc.org)

✉ [office@ucwc.org](mailto:office@ucwc.org) (for requests to subscribe to the list)

**Defenders of Democracy.** To help members put UU values into action by pressing public officials to support progressive policies, constitutional principles, and democratic norms.

✉ [democracy@ucwc.org](mailto:democracy@ucwc.org)

**Diversity Book Discussion Group.** Explores a variety of “differences” through both literature and film, so that we may better understand ourselves and others in the world.

✉ [diversity-book-group@ucwc.org](mailto:diversity-book-group@ucwc.org)

**Gun Violence Prevention.** The UCWC Social Justice Committee has a liaison to the Gun Sense Chester County and UUPLAN’s Gun Violence Prevention Team.

✉ [gun-safety@ucwc.org](mailto:gun-safety@ucwc.org)

**Habitat for Humanity.** Supports affordable housing locally with volunteer labor and fund-raising for Habitat for Humanity of Chester County.

✉ [habitat@ucwc.org](mailto:habitat@ucwc.org)

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues.** UCWC is a UUA Welcoming Congregation. We helped found and sponsor the local PFLAG group (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

✉ [LGBT@ucwc.org](mailto:LGBT@ucwc.org)

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.** We partner with St. Paul’s Baptist Church and other faith communities in acts of public service on MLK Day.

✉ [mlk-registration@ucwc.org](mailto:mlk-registration@ucwc.org)

**Refugee Resettlement Project.** UCWC is partnering with local faith organizations and individuals to resettle a Congolese refugee family in our local community.

✉ [refugee-resettlement@ucwc.org](mailto:refugee-resettlement@ucwc.org)

**Sanctuary Congregation Team.** Leads the congregation in supporting the immigrant community.

✉ [sanctuary@ucwc.org](mailto:sanctuary@ucwc.org)

**Safe Harbor Dinners.** Provides a good dinner once a month for the homeless guests staying at Safe Harbor Shelter in West Chester.

✉ [safe-harbor@ucwc.org](mailto:safe-harbor@ucwc.org)

**Share the Plate Program.** Once a month, the collection plate is shared with local agencies trying to improve life for Chester County residents.

✉ [share-the-plate@ucwc.org](mailto:share-the-plate@ucwc.org)

**Social Action Trust Fund.** Grants are awarded annually to social action projects originating in West Chester.

✉ [income-treasurer@ucwc.org](mailto:income-treasurer@ucwc.org) (to donate)

**Sustainable Living Email Discussion List.**

Uses advocacy alerts, event notification, and tips, to promote a more sustainable world.

✉ [office@ucwc.org](mailto:office@ucwc.org) (for requests to subscribe)

**Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).** Our worldwide social justice organization focuses on humanitarian

crises, civil liberties, economic justice, and environmental justice. Local activities include Guest At Your Table and Justice Sunday.

✉ [uuscc@ucwc.org](mailto:uuscc@ucwc.org)

**UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN).** UUPLAN is the moral

voice of UUs in Harrisburg. It leverages the commitment and skills of over 6,000 Pennsylvania UUs and over 40 congregations.

✉ [uuplan@ucwc.org](mailto:uuplan@ucwc.org)

**West Chester Food Cupboard**

**Project.** Collects food and funds for the West Chester Food Cupboard. UCWC members also volunteer at the Food Cupboard.

✉ [food-cupboard@ucwc.org](mailto:food-cupboard@ucwc.org)

**Ad Hoc Projects.** We sometimes hold, or participate in, timely events, respond to local agencies’ calls for help, or collaborate with local social justice organizations.

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