

UCWC Social Justice Committee

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.

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

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.

(adopted in June, 2009)

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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.

UCWC Social Justice Committee
www.ucwc.org/social-justice
social-justice@ucwc.org

Black Lives Matter Committee

Supports 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

Defenders of Democracy Committee

Helps members put Unitarian Universalist values into action by being part of the democratic process and urging public officials to support constitutional principles, uphold democratic norms and ensure integrity in our government.

✉ 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 thereby promoting social justice on a personal level.

✉ diversity-book-group@ucwc.org

Gun Violence Prevention

The UCWC Social Justice Committee has a liaison to GunSenseUs who also leads UUPLAN’s Gun Violence Prevention Team.

✉ gun-safety@ucwc.org

LGBT 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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

UCWC partners with St. Paul’s Baptist Church and other faith communities in acts of public service on MLK Day.

✉ mlk-registration@ucwc.org

Safe Harbor Dinners Project

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

✉ safe-harbor@ucwc.org

Sanctuary Congregation Committee

Leads the congregation in supporting the immigrant community.

✉ sanctuary@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

Social Action Trust Fund

Grants are awarded annually to social action projects originating in West Chester.

✉ income-treasurer@ucwc.org (to donate)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Team

Our worldwide social justice organization focuses on crisis response, climate-forced displacement, and Central American migrant justice.

✉ uusc@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

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

Ad Hoc Projects

UCWC sometimes holds, or participates in, timely events, responds to local agencies’ calls for help, or collaborates with local social justice organizations.

✉ social-justice@ucwc.org

Peace Walkers Hospitality

UCWC hosts peace walkers from the New England Peace Pagoda on their annual Walk for a New Spring in collaboration with the Chester County Peace Movement.

✉ peace-walkers@ucwc.org

Social Justice Email List

Subscribers receive timely information updates from the Social Justice Committee.

✉ office@ucwc.org (for requests to subscribe)

Climate Justice Email Discussion List

Subscribers share and discuss timely information related to climate change issue advocacy.

✉ climate-justice@ucwc.org

✉ office@ucwc.org (for requests to subscribe)

Sustainable Living Email Discussion List

Subscribers receive and discuss advocacy alerts, event notification, and tips, to promote a more sustainable world.

✉ office@ucwc.org (for requests to subscribe)

