



UU Justice Ministry of NC Covenant with Congregational "Justice Partners"

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, created and sustained by relationships. We are not bound together by religious dogma or creed, but, instead, promise to walk and work together to "give life the shape of justice."

Our liberal religious faith calls us, congregationally as well as individually, to play a prophetic role in public life by calling attention to oppression, demanding change, holding leaders and institutions accountable for their actions and policies, and giving voice to our Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena.

As a "Justice Partner" congregation, the ***Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville*** will join with UUJMNC and other Unitarian Universalist congregations in North Carolina who are living out our faith by educating, organizing and advocating for public policies that uphold the worth and dignity of every person, further justice, equity and compassion in human relations, ensure use of the democratic process, protect religious freedom, and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence.

As a "Justice Partner" congregation, we will

- engage in social justice development within our congregation;
- inform UUJMNC about the justice priorities that are important to our congregation, updating these as they change;
- designate one or two congregational members as our UUJMNC liaison(s);
- foster support for, visibility of, and involvement with UUJMNC within our congregation;
- utilize UUJMNC's resources and assistance to strengthen our justice ministry through education, witness and advocacy opportunities and resources;
- display social justice materials from UUJMNC in an accessible manner for our membership and place a link to UUJMNC's website from our website;
- host, if asked, an annual UUJMNC worship service and, once every three years, co-host a congregational event for prospective sustaining donors;
- contribute at least ¼ of 1% of our operating income annually to UUJMNC through a line item in our congregational budget, a special collection, or other fundraising activity.

As a covenant partner with your congregation, UUJMNC will:

- provide your congregation with regular updates on issues, legislation, and witness and advocacy efforts;

- provide educational materials and workshops to assist your congregation in nurturing and sustaining its social justice ministries;
- offer your congregation’s members with opportunities to become involved in the work of UJMN;
- foster social justice connections among Unitarian Universalist congregations in North Carolina by supporting inter-congregational cooperation in justice-making activities;
- foster the spiritual foundations for social justice ministry;
- enhance public visibility for the social justice work of Unitarian Universalists in North Carolina;
- place the names and web links of “Justice Partner” congregations on the UJMN website; and
- present your congregation with a certificate recognizing your commitment to a vital and sustained UU social justice ministry in North Carolina.

We enter into this covenant promising that, to the best of our ability, we will, in our work for social justice and in our relationships with each other, affirm and promote our shared Unitarian Universalist principles, express sincere appreciation, allow for human fallibility, deal directly and honestly with each other, be creative in problem solving, maintain a sense of humor, actively and respectfully listen to others with an open mind and open heart, honor personal, professional, and relationship boundaries, respect confidentiality, and refrain from disrespectful and harmful behavior, actions, and speech.

 Congregational President/Board Chair



President, UU Justice Ministry of NC



Executive Director, UU Justice Ministry of NC

 Date

Please retain the original for your records and mail a copy to:
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