



Council for Social Action Helps You Make A Difference

OVERVIEW. The First Unitarian Society in Newton (FUSN) extends Unitarian Universalist principles and values into the larger world through the ministry of social action.

The Council for Social Action (CSA) oversees FUSN's 25 Social Action groups are divided into Five Task Forces:

- *Advocacy Task Force*
- *Allies for Economic & Racial Justice Task Force*
- *Criminal Justice Task Force*
- *International Partnership Task Force*
- *Hunger & Homelessness Task Force.*



UU Lobby Day – UUs at State House

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How the Council for Social Justice Benefits FUSN:

Puts Faith Into Action ♦ Nurtures Our Spirits ♦ Fosters Relationships ♦ Stand Ups for Justice



As Unitarian Universalists, we believe our faith calls us to change the world.

Please join us.

OUR SOCIAL ACTION EFFORTS. FUSN members are rightly proud of our many decades of social action, yet so much remains to be done.

Are there causes that you care about?

Are you looking for a way to put your UU beliefs into action?

Do you want to connect with like-minded people?

Do you have a project we should know about?

Are you looking for information?

You are most welcome to come to the monthly meetings of the Council for Social Action—the second Sunday of the month after the service.

You are equally welcome to participate in any of the groups or activities listed on the back of this page. The CSA at FUSN offers opportunities for you to participate in our social action efforts in several meaningful ways:

- **Direct Action Through Sharing:** Consider donating food, clothing or other needed items.
- **Direct Action Through Service:** A few hours a month can make a big difference.
- **Learning and Advocacy:** The CSA co-sponsors many adult education programs and guest speakers related to current events, major world religions, and social justice issues.

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give..”



*~ Sir Winston Churchill
(British prime minister and statesman)*

FUSN's 25 Social Action groups

(Divided into Five Task Forces)

International Task Force:

Contact person: Charlie Watts

Organizations in Task Force:

- Project Zambia – *Charlie Watts, Chair; Sharon Siskind, Exec. Director*
- Heifer International 6th grade – *Nancy Mattei, Teacher*



Rosie and Zambian Child

Hunger and Homelessness Task Force:

Contact person: Judy Zacek

Organizations in Task Force:

- Greater Boston Food Bank – *Judy Zacek*
- Newton Food Pantry – *Jackie Colby*
- Second Step – *Mary-Ann Greene*
- Women's Lunch Place – *Eileen Kurkoski*
- Waltham Homelessness Project – *Lynne Ball*
- Ecclesia Ministries – *Coming of Age*
- Walk for Hunger – *Lynn Holbein*



Serving at Women's Lunch Place

Allies for Economic & Racial Justice Task Force:

Contact person: Josie Greene

Organizations in Task Force:

- UU Urban Ministry – *Judy Friedman*
- Mather School – *Cheryl Lloyd*
- Youth Group: "Adopt a Classroom" at the Mather School – *Alex Marks-Katz*



Criminal Justice Task Force:

Contact person: Linda Rinearson

Organizations in Task Force:

- Partakers – *Linda Rinearson, Christy Harms, Elizabeth Godrick, Sarah Conn, Ellie Mamber*
- Federal Prison in Devens – *Fiora Houghteling, Pierre Laurent, Liz Cody*
- Alternatives to Violence Program – *Jim Emerson*
- Holiday Prison Gift Project – *Sarah Conn and Mary Lou McArdle*
- Buddhist Project at Concord Prison – *Sarah Conn*
- Prison Art Program – *Lynn Holbein*
- Criminal Justice Policy Coalition – *Ros Winsor*



Nicholas and his FUSN Partakers team celebrating his release

Advocacy Task Force:

Contact person: Peter Smith

Organizations in Task Force:

- UU Mass Action – *Lynn Holbein*
- NAMI – *Nancy Stanton*
- 25% Solution.org (Fund Our Communities, Not War) – *Nancy Wrenn*
- 20/20 Action – *Peter Smith*
- Environment – *Eric Olson*
- UU United Nations Office – *Peter Smith*

