

## Talking Points for Media Advocates

- **Mission and vision.** The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. UUSC envisions a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights. Visit [Who We Are](#).
- **History.** UUSC has been a powerful voice for social justice since it was established in 1940 to help rescue potential victims of Nazi oppression. The legacy of our founders informs our work today, and reflects our grounding in [Unitarian Universalist principles](#) and the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). Visit [UUSC history](#).
- **Program focus areas.** UUSC advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world, focusing on defending civil liberties and democratic processes, protecting the human right to water, promoting economic justice, and preserving human rights during disasters. The program issues include defending workers' rights, advocating for living wages, promoting the human right to water, providing long-term disaster relief, and strengthening civil liberties eroded in the era of the so-called global war on terror. See our [Focus Areas](#).
- **Partnership model.** Using a rights-based approach, UUSC works for long-term solutions to problems by building “eye-to-eye” partnerships with community-based organizations, thereby strengthening local capacity and maximizing local knowledge. Visit [“Building a Movement Through Eye-to-eye Partnerships](#).
- **Campaigns.** UUSC's advocacy campaigns are opportunities for our supporters to raise their voices and mobilize local communities to act on issues of concern, building on the work of our partners. Together, we are calling for an end to the genocide in Darfur, advocating a raise in the federal minimum wage, and promoting a just recovery on the Gulf Coast. Visit [Campaigns and Actions](#).
- **Values in action.** UUSC's mission recognizes that providing hands-on opportunities for activists to put their values into action is fundamental to our work to advocate for positive social change. This ideal is reaffirmed through our experiential learning initiatives that offer dedicated activists the opportunity to join UUSC on the front lines of social justice movements. Visit [Learn by Doing](#).