

Promoting the Human Rights of People Living with Disabilities

TAKE ACTION

1. Call the U.S. Senate to voice your support for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). If you call 855-782-5763 (toll-free), you will be connected to the office of one of your U.S. senators.

2. Deliver the following message:

"Hi, I'm [name], and I live in [home state]. I support swift U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We urgently need the protections for people living with disabilities to be supported and extended throughout the world. Please vote to support ratification of this treaty."

WHAT IS CRPD?

- It is an international treaty modeled on the Americans with Disabilities Act. It would bring greater legal protections to persons living with disabilities.
- At least 57.8 million Americans live with one or more disabilities. Despite that, the U.S. Senate has so far refused to ratify CRPD.
- In 2012, U.S. ratification of the treaty failed by just five votes. This year, we want to ensure the treaty is ratified!
- The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and EqUUal Access all support CRPD. There is strong Unitarian Universalist support for this treaty because it aligns with respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

SPREAD THE WORD

The UU movement and our allies can make a difference. We have a strong moral voice and a commitment to protecting human rights. We will make an impact on this vote to the extent that we are able to coordinate and speak up together.

Please make an announcement about CRPD during worship or add text about CRPD to your congregation's newsletter and order of service. For sample text and more information, visit uusc.org/CRPD.

