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How Do You Measure Change?

Tracking progress in Haiti

By Chara Itoka

Measuring social change is infinitely complex. It's an attempt to capture human advancement, a process of figuring out whether to focus on immediate results, long-term outcomes, or broader change. UUSC navigates

this terrain by reflecting on the past, assessing progress, and planning ahead. Our overarching goal is to map the change resulting from our work and demonstrate how the resources invested in partner programs lead to actual access

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Who doesn't want to have an impact on the world, to feel that their lives matter? As we get older (and I've just turned 65!), we think more and more of our personal legacies. If we are lucky, we will be able to point to some things of which we are proud in our lives: having raised our children or served our country or planted a flourishing garden or touched the life of a stranger in need.

But only a very few of us have an opportunity to make a direct impact on the lives of large numbers of people well outside our immediate communities. Some of us have served in the Peace Corps or similar organizations; others have or will journey with the UU College of Social Justice to participate in direct hands-on human rights projects. But for most of us, influencing the world for good beyond our families or congregations or cities or towns is a more theoretical undertaking.

Which is why we support organizations like UUSC. Because they can often help us do what we want to do, to make an impact, on a scale far larger than we can by ourselves. And it is also why it is so important to be assured that organizations like UUSC are themselves making the impact they claim and we want to see.

UUSC takes impact assessment very seriously. We establish outcome expectations with our partners around the world and regularly test whether we're meeting those expectations. And when we aren't, we learn from our shortcomings so we can do better next time.

This issue of *Rights Now* describes some of those impacts. UUSC represents your impact and your legacy. It's one of which I hope you are very proud.



Bill Schulz

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to human rights for people throughout the world. To do so, UUSC is pioneering the Human Rights Trajectory Change Tool (HRTCT), which we've put to use tracking change in Haiti.

Let's break down how the tool works. The dominant method of visualizing social change has been to work through a logical chain, translating inputs and activities into immediate outputs, short- to medium-term outcomes, and longer-term impact. Our tool brings it to a new level, capturing outputs, outcomes, and impact in a linear manner over a period of time. This ensures balance between

measuring success by the numbers and by the stories, taking into account the goals and the ways that we reach them. Another key: the tool is not an end in itself, but rather a way to work with our partners to create shared learning and make our programs more effective.

This tool has been developed and honed over the past several years to help us identify the impact of our work. After laying a foundation for the tool with partners in Kenya in 2012 and piloting a more expansive impact assessment with partners in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru in 2013, we wanted to take it up a notch. We



UUSC's Chara Itoka (second from left) meets with members of the Papaye Peasant Movement and Lutte Pou Chanjman during the July impact assessment workshop.

developed a complementary tool to help us assess and communicate not only our contribution to the work of partners but also the multiplying effect of partner efforts in their communities. In July 2014, we launched the HRTCT in Haiti with a one-day workshop, held in Port-au-Prince, for eight of our partners.

UUSC's most recent work in Haiti started in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake that killed approximately 230,000 people and displaced 1.5 million people. Since then, UUSC has been at the forefront of ensuring adequate relief, sustainable livelihoods, and access to rights for people affected

by the disaster. During the last five years, UUSC's program in Haiti has directly benefited tens of thousands of people through food sovereignty, gender-based violence prevention, livelihood training, child protection, and trauma recovery projects. The July workshop was key to ensuring that we capture in detail the program's impact through a collaborative process.

Facilitated by UUSC staff, the workshop provided an opportunity to sit down with each partner, clarify how we are measuring progress, and hear how partners want to take their projects to the next level. We are combining all of the quantitative



A group exercise during a July trauma resiliency training put on by UUSC and the Trauma Resource Institute in Port-au-Prince.

information with the qualitative stories and narrative in order to get as comprehensive a picture as possible of the partners' impact. The visualization that we create of the trajectory of change will also be made available to partners as a way to raise further funds.

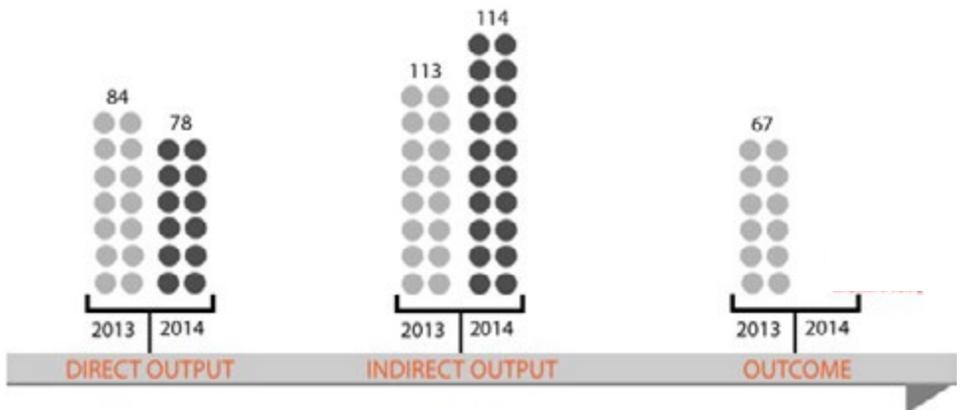
Following the workshop, we have been in continuous communication with partners about gathering data and refining how we measure success at the project level. Lutte Pou Chanjman (LPC), one of our partners in helping people heal from trauma, offers quality local resources for using the Community Resiliency Model (CRM), which is a set of skills developed by the Trauma Resource Institute, another UUSC partner, to treat the often debilitating effects of trauma. Over

the past two years, UUSC supported LPC in their efforts to facilitate healing for people affected by the earthquake and to build resilience for future generations through two projects.

As a first step in the HRTCT process with LPC, we collected data on project outputs and outcomes to understand improved well-being at the community level. Outputs were defined at two levels: direct output as measured by the number of local people trained in CRM skills by LPC staff and indirect output as measured by the number of community members to whom services were provided by the trainers. Using a variety of measurements, the outcome tracks how the well-being of participants is improving.

In addition, together with LPC, we

Visualizing UUSC's Human Rights Trajectory Change Tool — from people trained to improved well-being: direct output is number of people trained in CRM skills by LPC staff; indirect output is number of community members to whom services were provided by the trainers; and outcome is number of trauma-affected people who reported significant change in their well-being because of the training.



Graphic by Jeenal Sawla.

also collected qualitative stories of change that demonstrated increases in well-being at the individual level. Here's one, in the words of an LPC staff member:

“There were three participants, in the first batch, who were agriculturists. Prior to the training, a big river flooded and ravaged their garden during Hurricane Chantal. Two of them decided to abandon the garden because they sensed defeat as they registered a huge loss of money, effort, and time. After the CRM training, two of them decided to go back to the garden and to their community. Once they went back and started working, they also convinced the other colleague, and

the three men started working again in their garden and regained faith in their ability to have control over their lives and pursue their dreams.”

All of the information gathered during the HRTCT process will be synthesized for an expansive view of the difference our work — and your support — is making on the ground in Haiti. Impact assessment is essentially reciprocal learning, and we embark upon it recognizing that ownership of the impact resides with our partners. But we deeply honor all the people who contribute to the collective impact we clearly see emerging.

Chara Itoka is UUSC's associate director for program and partner support.

Bid for Justice

The fourth annual online auction will take place April 30–May 8. Mark your calendars and make your bids at uusc.org/auction.

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Help us celebrate our 75th anniversary by being a part of this wonderful event.

Turning Law into Reality

California's Human Right to Water Act

By Jessica L. Atcheson

When California Governor Jerry Brown signed the Human Right to Water Act in September 2012, the victory was historic. But what good is a law without effective implementation? Over the past two years, UUSC has been partnering with local grassroots organizations in California that are leading the way to turn words into action — and systemic change is under way.

The work of a broad coalition, including UUSC, to help make the Human Right to Water Act (A.B. 685) an on-the-ground reality is building on

a strong foundation developed during years-long efforts to pass the law. UUSC continues to work closely with the lead organizations in this work: the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW), the UU Justice Ministry of California (UJMC), and other members of the Safe Water Alliance, of which UUSC is a founding member.

Before showcasing ways that the law is creating change, let's look at what it actually says: "It is hereby declared to be the established policy of the state that every human being has



California protestors rally in the lead-up to the passage of the California Human Right to Water Act of 2012.

the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.” The law continues: “All relevant state agencies, including the department, the state board, and the State Department of Public Health, shall consider this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when those policies, regulations, and criteria are pertinent to the uses of water described in this section.”

A few ways this law is already changing policy and practice:

- The 2014 funding bill (A.B. 1471) for a statewide water plan includes \$520 million designated to “improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to all Californians.”
- The Department of Water Resources has formed an environmental justice caucus and proposed a study on

California residents whose water access is insufficient.

- The State Water Board has formed an internal working group to implement the law.
- SEIU, the union of engineers and other workers at the State Water Board, is developing a curriculum about the law and training more than 1,000 workers.

UUSC and partners have also helped produce several tools to raise awareness and put the law into action. First is the film *Thirsty for Justice: The struggle for the human right to water*, which was chosen as an official selection for 2015 Wild & Scenic Film Festival. (Watch the trailer at ejcw.org/thirsty.) EJCW and UJMCMA used the film to train 200 workers at the Department of Water Resources on the importance of the law to various California communities that have been denied water access.

“It is hereby declared to be the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.”

—Excerpt from the California Human Right to Water Act of 2012

UUSC also provided technical input into a U.N. handbook on implementing the human right to water, available at righttowater.info/handbook. The California Research Bureau is researching this handbook as well as other resources for best practices and reporting to the California governor, agencies, and state legislature on key next steps.

One highlight of the U.N. handbook is guidance on water shutoffs, which — as seen in

Detroit, Mich. — strip thousands of people across the United States of their human right to water. Water affordability and discrimination are central to UUSC's water work moving forward, and UUSC is partnering with a number of institutions to undertake research on the subject in several states.

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Actor Mark Ruffalo joined Detroit residents rallying for the human to water in July 2014.

Support and Change for 75 Years — and Beyond

By Maxine Neil

As UUSC turns 75 this year, we're reflecting on how you, our members and supporters, have made our work possible. Over the decades, many individuals, congregations, organizations, and foundations have come together to help UUSC confront abuses of power and work with grassroots organizations to address injustice and advance human rights. The generosity of our members — more than 40,000 people — has effected real change throughout the world and will enable that change to continue in the years to come.

What impact has your support had? Here are just a few — of so many — examples of what UUSC has been able to do over the past few decades with your help:

- Expand family planning in Cuba
- Bring legislators to El Salvador to educate and give them a firsthand view of how U.S. backing of the regime was harming the people of that country
- Mobilize more than 2,000 volunteers to help the residents of the Gulf Coast rebuild after Hurricane Katrina

Throughout the years, Unitarian Universalists and people with similar values have given to UUSC in so many ways — time, action, and financial support. Many committed to include UUSC in their estate plans, so that, even when they were no longer

around, the work of advancing human rights would continue. That meant that when the U.S. economy collapsed in 2008, UUSC's endowment fund was able to keep the organization afloat.

It is good to know that we have so many friends who are committed to partnering with us to help further social justice and make vital change happen. It is even more encouraging that many of these people are also including UUSC in their estate plans so that the struggle for human rights can continue far into the future. Here's to another 75 years!

Maxine Neil is the director of UUSC's Institutional Advancement Department. To learn how you can help ensure the future of UUSC's human rights work in honor of UUSC's 75th anniversary, please contact Neil at 617-301-4313 or mneil@uusoc.org.



Stories of Impact

By Jessica L. Atcheson

Throughout the coming year, UUSC will be sharing stories of impact from throughout its history. The following two stories span UUSC's 75 years of responding to human rights in crisis.

Responding to Nazi oppression 1940, Marseille, France

By mid-1940, the Nazis had already taken control of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, and northern France. World War II was taking severe tolls on human life throughout Europe, and not enough was being done to assist the thousands of people attempting to flee the mortal dangers of Nazi occupation.

Just months after the Unitarian Service Committee (USC) was officially founded, Martha and Waitstill Sharp were on the ground in Marseille. There, they first worked — successfully — to secure a trainload of condensed milk, in great demand to feed refugee babies in southern France. When Waitstill left for Lisbon to establish a new USC office, Martha remained in Marseille and worked with USC volunteer Helen Lowrie on a child emigration project that was a collaboration between USC and the United States Commission for the Care of European Children.

As told in *Roots and Visions: The First Fifty Years of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee*, by Ghandi Di Figlia, “From September

15 until November 25, [Martha Sharp] and Helen Lowrie doggedly but diplomatically battled the various bureaucracies as they accumulated the exit visas, transit permits, and all the other papers necessary to arrange for the emigration of 27 children and 10 adults. Martha sailed from Lisbon in early December with two of the children and four of the adults. Ten days later, the other adults and the rest of the children followed.” The Sharps and their counterparts continued working during the war to bring relief to refugees throughout Europe.

“We were urgently pressed to do everything we could because we were afraid that we wouldn’t be able to accomplish what had to be done.”

—Martha Sharp



Volunteers distribute clothing parcels to refugees in France during World War II.

Treating trauma in the wake of disaster 2014, Cebu, Philippines

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest recorded storm to make landfall, devastated parts of the Philippines and killed more than 6,000 people. The region most affected by the storm already had 40 percent of its population living below the poverty line, and the storm wiped out the homes and livelihoods of countless farmers and fisherfolk. With lives upended, hundreds of thousands of people were left traumatized by the disaster.

In the aftermath of natural disasters, mental health is often overlooked — and dealing with trauma can be key to recovery for survivors. To meet this need, UUSC partnered with the Trauma Resource Institute (TRI) to train more than 40 community leaders in TRI's Community Resiliency Model (CRM), which uses body-based skills that have proven successful in treating the symptoms of trauma, which are often debilitating.

The community leaders have gone on to spread the skills to thousands of survivors, including more than 1,000 schoolchildren. Rainera Lucero, who coordinates UUSC's Philippines work, reports, "The CRM training makes a big difference in the way organizations address mental health. CRM's approach to managing trauma has proven effective in bringing about strength and well-being in people. The CRM skills are empowering people and communities." UUSC is also supporting partners in working with government agencies and universities to replicate this kind of trauma resiliency training throughout the country.

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Survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Commit2Respond Initiative Pledges to Advance Climate Justice

By Jessica L. Atcheson

“Climate change is one of the most pressing moral issues of our day,” says Pamela Sparr, UUSC’s associate director for advocacy, activism, and engagement. In the face of increasingly destructive climate patterns — which affect human rights throughout the world — UUSC has joined with the Unitarian Universalist Association and other UU partners to launch Commit2Respond, a bold and ambitious initiative to unite UUs and allies in taking on the challenges of climate change with an eye toward justice and maximizing impact.

Calling on all people of faith and conscience, Commit2Respond asks everyone to take deliberate action in the face of the growing climate crisis. How? To start, Commit2Respond asks people to pledge to make change in three broad action areas:

- Shift to clean, renewable energy
- Grow the climate justice movement
- Advance the human rights of affected communities



Commit2Respond is gearing up as the environmental and human consequences of climate change are becoming increasingly clear. Sea levels are rising; storms are more frequent and severe; weather patterns, including rainfall, are shifting and becoming more unpredictable, leading to droughts and flooding.

The human rights dimensions of climate change might be less immediately apparent. “Climate change exacerbates existing inequalities amongst people and nations,” Sparr explains, “and it threatens the very existence of entire cultures and communities.” For one thing, the people who bear the brunt of devastating weather systems and changes — largely people living in the Global South — are not the people who have created those conditions or benefited from the economies based on fossil fuels that contribute to climate change.

One example of how this can play out: Climate change is causing erratic rain patterns and drought in Africa, and drought means longer journeys to collect water. Women and girls, who in many rural communities are traditionally expected to gather water, often must forego education or livelihood opportunities — and face greater danger of gender-based violence — to undertake these prolonged journeys. In this situation, one finds an intersection of multiple human rights, including the rights to water, education, livelihood, and security, at increased risk.

While many people have a deepening sense of the dangers that climate change poses, many feel overwhelmed or confused — and that’s where Commit2Respond comes in. “Sometimes it’s hard to know where to begin or what will make a difference,” says Sparr. “We’ve pooled our thinking and come up with some

“One the realities of our new world is climate change, and that threatens to wipe away all human rights progress. . . . Climate change is not just a practical puzzle or an environmental problem — it is a full-fledged human rights challenge. . . . Addressing climate change goes hand in hand with protecting human rights.”

—Bill Schulz, in a, 2014 speech at Baker Institute, Rice University

basic steps that everyone can take, that we feel are important first steps.”

Commit2Respond will provide concrete actions, resources to educate and mobilize, and a supportive community with whom to navigate challenges and collaborate for greater impact. The initiative website, commit2respond.org, will serve as a hub that gives participants the tools to transform hesitancy into courageous — and effective — action. All initiative activities will be firmly grounded in justice; as Commit2Respond identifies solutions to highlight, it will do so by taking

into consideration the layers of oppression and inequality at play when it comes to climate change.

So, here’s the question: are you ready to commit? Whether you’re an individual, a family, a congregation, or a community group, Commit2Respond needs your voice, your values, your energy.

Sign up now at commit2respond.org/join and stay tuned for 30 Days of Action for Climate Justice beginning March 22.

Jessica L. Atcheson is UUSC’s writer and editor.

Stand Up for Climate Justice!

- Join Commit2Respond today: commit2respond.org/join
- Learn more about climate change’s impact on human rights by participating in UUSC’s 2015 Justice Sunday program: uusc.org/justicesunday



Partner Spotlight: SoilFarm Multi-Culture Group

A UUSC partner since 2008, the SoilFarm Multi-Culture Group (SFMG) is a grassroots organization in the Kakamega region of Kenya. Born out of a history of fiercely protecting the local rain forest, SFMG partners with UUSC on Hope in Crops, a community-based, community-led, community-benefiting climate adaptation and mitigation program.

In the face of climate change and economic hardship, Hope in Crops engages local residents at the household, community, school, and district levels in activities that create food security, increase access to potable water, and conserve the rain

forest. A comprehensive program, Hope in Crops includes educational, livelihood, and agricultural components. Hope in Crops has provided sustainable food sources to 300 SFMG member families, has taught more than 10,000 students why and how to care for the environment, and has planted 1 million tree seedlings and organic indigenous food crops.

Want to learn more about UUSC's partnership with SFMG and support its work on climate change? Take part in Climate Justice Sunday 2015 — get started at uus.org/justicesunday.



Students who are taking part in the Hope in Crops educational program.

A Special Part of Our History

The UU Congregation at Shelter Rock

By Maxine Neil

As we plan UUSC's 75th anniversary celebration, we are excited to surround ourselves with people who have been part of our history. At the top of our invitation list is one of the primary contributors to UUSC's success: our friends from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR) in Manhasset, N.Y. A partner for 37 of our 75 years, UUCSR has helped UUSC achieve countless goals; their financial support has amounted to just under \$30 million.

UUCSR's support is about more than money; it's about people. There's Rev. Paul Johnson, UUCSR's senior minister since 2002. Last time we spoke, he expressed his excitement about the UU College of Social Justice, a joint initiative of UUSC and the

Unitarian Universalist Association.

When you talk to Nancy Chen Baldwin, the current president of the congregation, you get the sense that, while we at UUSC feel fortunate to receive UUCSR's vital support, she considers it a blessing to be able to contribute to programs that can change lives all around the world. She and Claire Deroche, the social justice coordinator at UUCSR, feel that they have the most natural conduit to fulfilling their values through a human rights organization that is grounded in UU values.

When UUSC staff and volunteers meet with representatives of Shelter Rock's Veatch Program at General Assembly, they always ask important and challenging questions. And Colin



and Latifa Woodhouse, who have been UUSC representatives at UUCSR for many years, strive to highlight UUSC's work and give the congregation a glimpse of the human rights advances that the congregation makes possible.

When asked what she would tell a new UUCSR member about UUSC, Karen Hartman, a current member of both UUCSR and the UUSC Board of Trustees, said simply, "If the UU principles are important to you, then being a member of UUSC helps you make those values tangible."

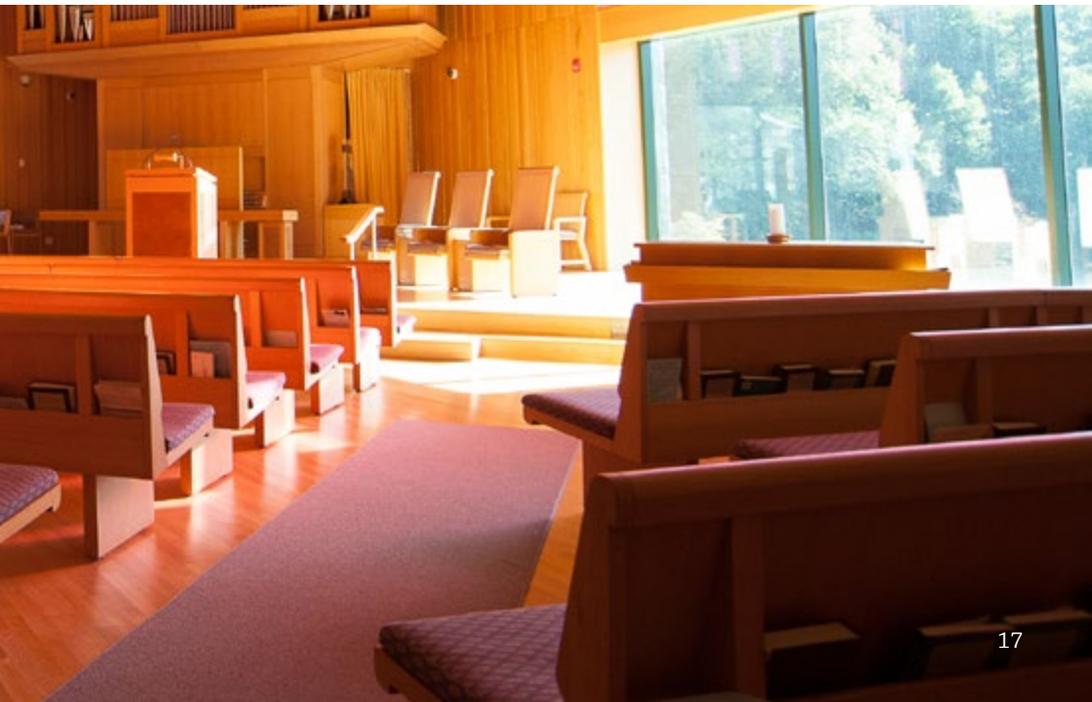
If you are able to pull aside Ned Wight, the executive director of the Veatch Program, you will be amazed at his dedication and willingness to collaborate. Wight helps grantees maintain productive relationships with Shelter Rock while ensuring that the congregation receives the maximum return on their grant investment.

So much has been achieved through the partnership forged between the Shelter Rock congregation and UUSC.

UUCSR's Large Grants Program has made a significant impact in disaster recovery in the Gulf Coast, Haiti, the Philippines, and currently in West Africa in response to the Ebola crisis. UUCSR's annual matching challenge grant (all gifts from individuals of \$125 or more are matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$825,000) also makes a monumental difference by leveraging the generosity of our other donors.

As we look forward to celebrating our 75 years, we look forward to doing so with the people of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, without whom we never would have made it this far.

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In Their Own Words: Transformative

Young people on UU College of Social Justice programs

In its mission to help Unitarian Universalists deepen and sustain the work of justice, the UU College of Social Justice (UUCSJ), a collaboration of UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association, cultivates a thirst for social change in the next generation. Read below for a taste of what young people have to say about UUCSJ's summer youth justice program, now called Activate, and young adult internships.

“The UU College of Social Justice allowed me to develop my activist mind and become someone who is ready to carry on the fight for justice. I can’t imagine a future for myself that doesn’t include social justice work. . . . Without [the youth training], I would not have gained the knowledge or the tools to be so willing to throw myself into the battle. My experience in Boston is something I will never forget. I went from being a little interested in social justice to someone who is ready to be an activist, and I could not have done that without the UU College of Social Justice.”

— **Amethyst McKay, 2014**
participant in UUCSJ Boston
youth training

“[At the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal (CELSJR),] I felt as though I had a chance to see contemporary liberal social justice theory in action in a way that worked alongside the community it served. . . . It gave me tools to bring a critical eye to service and to analyze the way in which I engage in social justice. It helped me to realize that fighting injustice at home in my community is important and ultimately more powerful than appropriating someone else’s struggle.”

— **Amelia Wisniewski-Barker, 2014**
UUCSJ intern at CELSJR in New
Orleans

“The program allowed me to think deeply about what I wanted from my UU faith and how I could use my values to help those around me. . . . I believe that [the youth training] has helped me become confident in my desire to be an activist. I am far less likely to hold back because of what I learned during that week. I am currently studying at Virginia Commonwealth University and am majoring in sociology with a focus in community health. My enthusiasm toward building a healthier world stems from my passion for social justice. I don’t

think I would be on the path that I'm on if it had not been for the push that [the training] provided.”

— **Ellie Brown, 2013 participant in UUCSJ New Orleans youth training**

“[The youth training was] fun, educational, emotional, spiritual, and most of all, transformative. . . . Before New Orleans, I was definitely very passionate about social justice, but being there on the ground and talking to all the people that actually needed social justice really changed how I looked at it. I began to realize that the central element of effective social justice was community: to help people, you have to understand where they come from and how they exist in world.”

— **Jack Spector-Bishop, 2014 participant in UUCSJ New Orleans youth training**

“Jack has a passion for social justice nurtured by his involvement in our local UU church, but at 16 it can be tough to find ways in which he really can make a difference and learn how to work for positive change. . . . Jack came back from New Orleans brim full of plans to expand on his experience. . . . Jack has expressed a growing interest in exploring a college and career path that might enable him to fight for social justice professionally.”

— **Janet Spector-Bishop, mother of youth training participant**

Find out more about UUCSJ's programs for youth and young adults at uucsj.org/youth — and don't miss the new youth training in Arizona!



Calling All Young Adults Who Care about Climate Change

Learn to talk to your lawmakers about climate change — then put your new skills into action! Join UUSC and the UU College of Social Justice for a four-day advocacy training.

When: March 14–17

Where: Washington, D.C.

Who: Anyone 18–35 years old

Fees: \$50 (\$25 reduced); housing approximately \$35 per night

The Spring Lobby Weekend will explore the moral grounding for working on climate change, examine current issues, and identify federal policy changes needed. Training will be followed by Capitol Hill meetings with legislators and their staff.



Registration deadline: March 1, 2015. Space is limited, so register early at fcnl.org/events/slw/slw2015. For further information, contact Andrew Silva at andrew@fcnl.org.

Offered in partnership with the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Franciscan Action Network.

What a Donation Can Do

Every dollar that we receive from you, our members and supporters, makes an impact. Here are just a few ways that your generosity advances human rights and social justice throughout the world:

- **\$40** purchases art supplies for 30 children participating in an art program that keeps young people off the streets in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- **\$75** helps at-risk youth near the Uganda-Kenya border participate in healthy and profitable employment while avoiding labor exploitation and trafficking.
- **\$125** funds a week's supply of chemicals and testing strips to monitor water quality in the rivers of Sipakapa, Guatemala.
- **\$250** helps families build container gardens as part of a highly successful food sustainability project in Haiti.
- **\$750** covers the cost of plowing an entire field in Kenya twice in preparation for planting vital crops while compensating community members who have done the work.
- **\$1,500** provides case management services to women in U.S. detention who often experience isolation and dehumanizing conditions.

No matter how much you can afford, remember that what might be routine or insignificant for us can mean the world to the people UUSC partners with. And with the **dollar-for-dollar match for unrestricted gifts of \$125 or more from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y., your impact will be doubled.** Visit uusc.org/donate to make a gift.

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