

**Our 50 Texas Unitarian Universalist
Congregations Can Make a Real Difference by
Working Together!**

Sustaining Individual Membership levels -
(minimum \$5/month) - recurring:
\$200/month - Texas Platinum Membership
\$100/month - Texas Diamond Membership
\$50/month - Texas Marble Membership
\$20/month - Texas Quartz Membership
\$10/month - Texas Bedrock Membership
\$5/month - Salt of the Texas Earth Membership

Annual Individual Membership levels:
\$5,000. - Texas Shootin' Star Membership
\$1,000. - Texas Change Partner Membership
\$500. - Texas Free Spirit Membership
\$250. - Texas Hold 'Em Winner Membership
\$100. - Texas Family Heritage Membership
\$50. - Texas Ranger Basic Membership
\$25. - Texas Senior Membership
\$10. - Texas Youth/Student Membership

Membership Form

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership type: _____

Amount: _____

**TXUUJM and the
State of Texas Today**

Our UU values give us a valuable perspective for considering local and state policies. In the current political environment of Texas, it is especially important that socially progressive and thoughtful denominations unite in their efforts and organize to speak out and act on state and local issues.

The Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry will be a strictly non-partisan effort. Our ministry will work to bend Texas towards justice through responsible social action.

We need our UU voices and the creative energy of our faith to be part of the social and political debate that will define the future of our state and local communities.

We need your participation!

If you are interested in this effort please visit:

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JUSTICE
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Toward Justice"*

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Texas UU Justice Ministry

The idea behind the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry is to sustain a statewide justice ministry that gives voice to Unitarian Universalist (UU) values in the public arena. Guided by Unitarian Universalist principles, TXUUJM will work to educate, organize, and advocate for public policies that:

- Uphold the worth and dignity of every person
- Further justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Ensure the use of the democratic process
- Protect religious freedom
- Promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence
- Engage the sustaining power of worship, the arts, community building and friendship in the work of social justice
- Foster collaboration and civic engagement among Texas UUs and encourage close partnership with our interfaith allies
- Put our faith into practice in ways that address systematic injustice and create lasting, positive social change
- Provide UUs with information, education, training, and opportunities for dialogue on pressing issues of public policy, legislation, and ballot initiatives
- Engage our UU youth and young adults to learn about and participate in social justice work.

Choosing Priorities

The Texas UU Justice Ministry is following successful examples set by UU justice ministries in other states.

For our congregations in Texas it would be advantageous to work to define our priorities for education, action, and reflection every other year when the state legislature is out of session.

In the legislature's off years, we will train leaders to conduct "Listening Campaigns" with small group meetings in our Texas UU churches to develop issues. We will study UUA and UUSC resolutions and statements of conscience and issues raised in interfaith collaboration. With this input, the TXUUJM leadership will assess our course and strategize using three established criteria used by other UU state justice ministries:

- 1. Religious Leadership** – On which issues can our Texas Unitarian Universalist congregations provide distinctive leadership on a state and local level?
- 2. Interfaith Collaboration** – Our Texas UU congregations have led the nation in our support of interfaith community organizing through our participation in the non-partisan Texas Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Network. How can our churches work to continue to advance the issues that we hold in common with other denominations?
- 3. Incubator Issues** – What issues can TXUUJM develop that may not yet be front and center in UU or other faith communities?

Be a UU Voice for Change!

The Texas UU Justice Ministry is in formation and we need your ideas and participation!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Sign up to be part of the ministry and its development!
- Are you willing to be part of a team of leaders to conduct a "Listening Campaign" in your congregation to hear and help define the issues important to our UU families?
- Are you willing to serve your church as a TXUUJM leader to keep your church members informed on action issues?
- Are you able to contribute to the TXUUJM semi-annual newsletter, conduct a workshop or forum on the issues identified by the ministry, or help to design curricula on state and local issues for our youth or adults?
- Are you willing to be part of a team that makes sure your entire congregation is informed on issues, registered to vote, and be part of the TXUUJM voter database?
- Are you willing to have a training session at your church to learn how to effectively meet with candidates and elected local, state, and federal officials?

We need your help, input, and the support of all of our churches if we are to create a better future for our UU families and all the families of Texas!