

**Our 49 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **TXUUJM**  
**P. O. Box 170064**  
**Austin, TX 78717**

**TXUUJM and the  
State of Texas Today**

This is a critical time for the social justice efforts of UUs across the country and especially here in Texas with our quickly changing demographics and public policy landscape. We will share TXUUJM's actions on our website, our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

**Contact TXUUJM**

Our website is [www.TXUUJM.org](http://www.TXUUJM.org).  
E-mail us at [Exec.Dir@txuujm.org](mailto:Exec.Dir@txuujm.org)  
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[www.facebook.com/TXUUJM](http://www.facebook.com/TXUUJM)

**Our Executive Director**

Rev. Chuck Freeman has been a UU Minister in Austin since 1996. He has served our District in many capacities including the District Board, Adult Program Director of SWUUSI, and President of our UUMA chapter. Chuck is one of the founding Ministers of the Texas Freedom Network with Cecile Richards in 1995. He is the first and only UU to be a full-time Board member of Texas Impact. Rev. Freeman also serves on the executive committee of our UU State Advocacy Networks.

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MINISTRY**



*"Bending Texas  
Toward Justice"*

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## Texas UU Justice Ministry

The Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM) seeks to sustain a statewide justice ministry that gives voice to Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena. Guided by Unitarian Universalist principles, TXUUJM works 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.

## TXUUJM Accomplishments Highlights 2014-2015

- Over 100 UUs from 21 congregations across Texas gathered at the Capitol for our first ever TXUUJM Legislative Action Day February 17, 2015. It was a historic and empowering event!
- TXUUJM was part of the Texas Woman's Healthcare Coalition that worked for the passage of \$50 million in new funding for women's preventive healthcare.
- TXUUJM along with great partners like NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and Planned Parenthood Texas kept more than 20 anti-choice bills from becoming law.
- TXUUJM helped secure \$5 million for the Adult Career Education Fund (ACE). TXUUJM worked in concert with Texas Industrial Foundation groups for long term job training programs that enroll low income adults in community colleges to train for living wage jobs.
- Rev. Freeman testified against and TXUUJM helped defeat a bill that would have allowed entities run by religious institutions to discriminate against LGBT citizens under the guise of "religious freedom."

## How Can My Congregation Become A Member of TXUUJM?

Currently 33 of our 49 Texas congregations have covenanted with the Justice Ministry. How can your congregation join us?

Congregations sign a covenant with TXUUJM and support the Ministry through dues equal to \$2 per member annually. The dues can come from individual memberships, congregational budgets or other fundraising.

Congregations that covenant with TXUUJM appoint two members to the TXUUJM Advisory Council. The Advisory Council members become ambassadors for TXUUJM for their congregations, listening, sharing ideas and keeping them informed of our spiritual activism. They take part in a monthly conference call with our Executive Director and chart the course for our legislative agenda.

### TXUUJM Issues for 2015-2016

Here are the top 3 issues our TXUUJM member congregations voted to focus on through 2016.

1. Economic Justice/Income Inequality
2. Reproductive Justice
3. Immigration/Refugee Reform/Rights

TXUUJM will respond nimbly to other issues that spring up during and between legislative sessions which resonate deeply with our bedrock values as UUs. We will also use our influence/forums to support trusted congregations and individuals who want to expand beyond these three.