

Congregational Covenant of Collaboration with Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona Network

Covenant: Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, created and sustained by relationships. We do not come together around religious dogma or creed, but we unite to walk together toward a vision of the Beloved Community. We will join with the other Arizona Unitarian Universalist congregations who are living out our faith by educating, organizing and advocating for public policies that uphold the worth and dignity of every person, further justice, equity and compassion in human relations, ensure use of the democratic process, protect religious freedom, and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence.

We form the Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona Network (UUJAZ) to engage and enliven our congregations. Religious individuals and groups play a prophetic role in public life by calling attention to oppression, demanding change and holding leaders and institutions accountable for their actions and policies. UUJAZ empowers Unitarian Universalists in Arizona to bring our values to the public dialogue.

We enter into this covenant with the wisdom that we should adhere to the UU Principles and Purposes, exhibiting behaviors that enhance the dignity and inherent worth of all participants, expressing sincere appreciation, allowing for human fallibility, dealing directly with each other, being creative in problem solving, maintaining a sense of humor, actively listening and clarifying what we hear, letting others have their say, respecting boundaries that may differ from our own, respecting confidentiality, refraining from harmful gossip and speaking honestly. Each person, regardless of his or her role in the UUJAZ network, is expected to live this covenant. We build the UUJAZ network on a foundation of love and covenant with one another.

UUJAZ



Congregation

This statement includes the following list of expectations to help guide our actions as UUJAZ and _____ (enter congregation name.) This list will grow and change as we refine our relationship. This is a starting point.

UUJAZ will:

- Provide regular updates on issues, legislation, and witness/advocacy efforts in a timely manner to the congregation
- Provide educational materials and workshops to assist congregations in establishing social justice ministries
- Provide annual statewide meetings that determine priorities for social justice initiatives and provide guidance on justice actions
- Foster connections between Unitarian Universalist congregations in Arizona through statewide meetings
- Support inter-congregational cooperation in justice-making efforts through sharing resources and establishing common projects
- Foster the spiritual foundation of justice ministry
- Foster the engagement of youth and young adult Unitarian Universalists
- Coordinate enhanced media visibility for Unitarian Universalists

Our Congregation will:

- Engage in social justice development within our congregation
- Inform UUJAZ as to the justice priorities that are important to our congregation, updating these as they change
- Designate an UUJAZ Congregational Contact to represent our congregation at statewide events, and to keep the congregation updated regarding UUJAZ news, issues and events
- Foster UUJAZ support, visibility, membership and involvement among our congregation
- Ensure our congregation utilizes UUJAZ to strengthen our justice ministry through education, witness and advocacy opportunities and resources
- Ensure social justice materials from UUJAZ are displayed in an accessible manner for our membership
- Host an annual UUJAZ worship service.

Signed in Agreement by:

Congregational Representative

Title and Date

UUJAZ Representative

Title and Date

Communicating our Covenant

UUJAZ will place your congregation's name and information on our website, and you will receive a letter and certificate as recognition of our commitment to a vital and sustained justice ministry in Arizona. If your congregation has a Facebook page, we will also link it to ours.

We ask that your congregation place a link to UUJAZ on its website and include our contact information in the congregational directory.

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Congregational Affirmation of Affiliation:

1. The following congregant will serve as our UUJAZ Congregational Contact:

Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Address: _____

2. Your annual contribution is important to the success of UUJAZ. There are several contribution options and one of our Co-Executive Directors or Board members will be glad to meet with your congregation's Board or a designated sub-committee of the Board to discuss these options.

3. We are working on the following social justice issues:

Please return this form to:

UUJAZ
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