

5th Annual Social Justice Awards



Inspiring Ideas, Sharing Resources, Working and Celebrating Together

To celebrate the accomplishments of those working for social justice, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) of the National Capital Region, invites nominations for its 5th Annual Social Justice Awards. The awards recognize those who inspire, support and express effective social action - those deeply committed volunteers who are the heart of the social justice movement in the National Capital region.

To make a nomination for an award, please complete and email the nomination information to the Awards Committee at cnavely@uusj.org. Nominations must be received via email no later than noon June 15, 2012.

Individuals and groups selected for their contributions to social action will be presented awards at the UUSJ Annual Gala on Sunday night, October 14, 2012.

2012 Award Categories

- **Collaboration Award** – effective congregational social action program reflecting UU values that has involved cooperation with another UU congregation, other faith based groups, or non-religious organizations.
- **Affordable Housing Award** – person or program that made a significant contribution to supporting, advocating for and creating safe and affordable housing for the homeless or those of low or moderate income.

- **Journey Toward Wholeness Award** – work and witness that has increased the understanding and helped heal the brokenness of racism and oppression - individual, cultural, and institutional.
- **Minister’s Award** – leading, inspiring, supporting and/or expressing effective social action reflecting UU values.
- **Innovative Social Justice Program Award** – creative, inventive program that made a significant contribution to social justice reflecting UU values or was replicated as a model.
- **Economic Justice Award** – effective work for the systemic changes needed to promote a more just economy and compassionate society.
- **Emerging Leader Award** – an individual who is emerging as a lay leader inspiring, supporting and expressing effective social action reflecting UU values
- **Environmental Award** – effective congregational study, reflection and action in response to environmental challenges.

Instructions for Submitting a Nomination for Award

To nominate a person or group for any of these awards, please complete the following nomination information and send to UUSJ’s Nomination Committee via email only by noon June 15, 2012. Copy the format below into a document and attach to the email or copy into the body of an email.

Email To: csnavely@uusj.org

Email Subject Line: UUSJ Award Nomination

Person submitting Nomination: your name, email address, phone number, and congregation.

Check appropriate award category:

- Collaborative Social Justice Program Award
- Affordable Housing Award
- Journey Toward Wholeness Award
- Minister’s Award
- Innovative Social Justice Program
- Economic Justice Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Environmental Award

1. Nominee's name, email address, phone number and congregation.
2. Nominee's service (current & former) Include examples of how the person has inspired, supported and expressed social action reflecting UU values.
3. Describe: a) the work/project, that the nominee has done, which qualifies her/ him for this award. b) who or what population has benefited from this work. c) the impact or outcomes of the work/project.
4. Suggest wording for the citation, not to exceed 50 words:
5. Provide any recent awards or other recognition this person/group has received for the work for which they are being nominated.
6. Provide any additional information that you feel would be helpful.