

**UUSJ Vision** A just, compassionate, and sustainable world community.

**UUSJ Mission** Advance equitable national policies and actions, aligned with UU values, through engagement, education, and advocacy.

## UUSJ's priority issues are among the most challenging facing the nation today:

- Immigration Justice
- Economic Justice
- Environmental & Climate Justice
- Defending Our Democracy



## Transforming faith into action

Our UU 5<sup>th</sup> principle (the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large) and our UU values call us to be informed, engaged, and vocal advocates who speak truth to power. UUSJ amplifies the voices of UUs at the national level through **direct advocacy**, engaging in **witness** activities, and **capacity building** through educational workshops, briefings, and advocacy trainings.

Our strategic location in Washington, D.C., gives us the opportunity and responsibility to advocate regularly at the federal level, and our volunteers are delivering. UUSJ is the only UU organization with a regular presence on Capitol Hill and the first faith-based group that sending volunteers to the Hill.

(Note: due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UUSJ is conducting Hill visits virtually via Zoom at this time.)



## **UUSJ Capitol Hill Advocacy Corps & Support Team**

A pool of more than 35 Advocacy Corps members visits Members of Congress and their staff every month. We advocate for UU values and voices and deliver *Write Here! Write Now!* Letters on issues of UU public concern from UUs across the country. Since our first Advocacy Day on February 14, 2017, we have:

- Made over 1827 visits to Capitol Hill offices
- Conducted more than 446 scheduled and drop-in meetings
- Delivered more than 10,393 Write Here! Write Now!
  UU constituent letters

Team members support our advocacy work by reaching out to congregations nationwide to build a rapid response network, logging letters, conducting research, participating in issue task groups, and more. *UUSJ's Write Here! Write Now!* letter-writing campaign invites congregations nationwide to partner in our monthly letter-writing on our Advocacy Day issue.

## **Get Involved**

Form an Advocacy Team; host *Write Here! Write Now!* letter-writing tables; help build our presence via social media, sign up and write for our monthly eNews; local to D.C.? Join our Advocacy Corps. Become a UUSJ member for, any contribution makes you a member of UUSJ, although we suggest an annual donation of \$60 or more.

Want to learn more? Contact us at <a href="mailto:advocacy@uusj.org">advocacy@uusj.org</a>. We look forward to working with you to build a national advocacy network and help grow the UU advocacy movement.