

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS FOR A JUST ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

UUJEC has a volunteer Board of 11 Trustees, a part time Office Administrator and 3 task forces: Reparations, Healthcare & Green New Deal. For conferences, GA, mailings, and urgent responses, ad hoc groups meet the workload. All are open for you to participate. Each fall we invite your membership and other gifts. The UUA Grants Panel helps fund conferences. With a modest budget, what we accomplish is impressive.

### UUJEC Webinars

We sponsor 20+ webinars on economic justice every year. Topics include mutual aid, climate justice, Medicare for All, excessive consumption, the Green Amendment, transportation, or energy strategy. Some consist of discussions of films and books like Chuck Collins' *Is Inequality in America Irreversible?* & Patriotic Millionaires' *Tax the Rich*.

### Sign on letters

Every year, UUJEC signs about 50 petitions for economic justice such as tax fairness, immigration, universal health care, the Pro Act, often the only UU group signator.

### Health Care

Our 2017 conference\* on health care and **Action of Immediate Witness** proposals told the world that UUs stand for the right of every citizen to decent health care. This task force works to prepare congregations for mutual aid in case of climate or health emergencies.

### Reparations

For years, every UU event about reparations for racist crimes has been initiated by the UUJEC task force. They are among the most viewed videos on the GA website.

### Green New Deal

Our 2019 conference\* on the Green New Deal and an AIW told the world UUs stand for a sustainable future for life on Earth. Our Cindy Piester represented UUJEC at the UN's COP-27. We plan a fall conference on Climate Emergency - Climate Empowerment.

### Organized Labor

Through persistent advocacy, we have forged connections with organized labor resulting in a public statement on worker rights by UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray, and a public thank-you from Rev. Michael Szpak, religious outreach coordinator of the AFL-CIO.

### Coordinated Sermon Campaigns

UUJEC called upon UU ministers to speak on labor issues on Labor Day Sundays and urges sermons on tax justice in April 2023, when citizens are thinking about income taxes.

### General Assembly

**GA 2022:** UUJEC sponsored two programs: *Ecological Civilization* and *Love Calls Us On: Faith, Religion, and Reparations*. UUJEC proposed five AIWs and two were accepted: *"Stop Privatization of Medicare"* and *"Anti-Racism and Reparations via Restorative Justice."*

### Summary

UUJEC focuses on how the current economic system affects *all* social classes and the natural world and how systemic changes would make it more equitable.

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