

Denominational Action

The **Denominational Action Committee** works to integrate UUA social witness and social action items into our lives at First Parish as well as support our links with regional and national UUA groups.

Each year at the UUA General Assembly, delegates vote on social justice issues that become study items or items of immediate witness. The Committee works to educate the congregation about these items and encourages members and friends to participate. First Parish is part of the Mass Bay District of UUA congregations. The Mass Bay District holds an annual meeting in the spring. Delegates are chosen annually for both General Assembly and the Mass Bay District meeting.

The **UUA** provides resources and offers consultations to local congregations, supports the development of congregational leadership, creates religious education curricula, spurs social action efforts, expedites the settlement of professional religious leaders, supports Beacon Press, and produces the quarterly *UU World*. For more information, visit www.uua.org

The UUA has a wide variety of e-mail lists. The lists are organized by interests, by geographic area, by church size. To learn more visit <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo>. A particularly helpful list is **uuworldWeekly** which highlights weekly on-line articles and blogs.

The UUA is sponsoring **Standing on the Side of Love**, a public advocacy campaign that promotes respect for the inherent worth and dignity of each person. Individuals can join this public campaign at www.standingonthesideoflove.org.

The **Mass Bay District** is the regional chapter of the UUA to which First Parish belongs. The MBD provides many learning and leadership development activities for the members of our region's congregations. For more information, please visit www.mbd.uua.org

First Parish members are also active in the **UU Mass Action Network**. More information is available at: <http://uumassaction.org/>

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) supports programs and policies that empower women, defend the rights of children and support the struggles of workers, indigenous people and oppressed racial and ethnic groups. For more information about the UUSC, visit their web site at www.uusc.org.

Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) seeks to strengthen the United Nations in its efforts to promote peace and to eliminate war, discrimination, poverty and disease, thus re-affirming the belief in the essential unity of the human family. For more information, contact Susan Nye, at UU-UNOEnvoy@firstparishcambridge.org

First Parish in Cambridge along with other Massachusetts UU churches is a member of the **UU Urban Ministry** which is located in Roxbury. We traditionally donate our Christmas Eve offering to the UU Urban Ministry. They concentrate efforts primarily in out-of-school-time programming for at-risk youth and shelter for those fleeing domestic violence. UUUM also operate a program focused on providing support for men in transition, including those involved with the criminal justice system. Visit www.UUUM.org to see how you can support their work. Ann Daily, Helen Glikman and Wendy Mason are delegates from First Parish to the UUUM.