

## UUFR Social Action Committee Ongoing Groups & Initiatives

*If you would like more information about any of the groups below, contact the group's coordinator or email [se@nightsky-systems.com](mailto:se@nightsky-systems.com)*

**Congregations for Social Justice** – An interfaith group from the Raleigh area that advocates for social justice at the city level. There is a main body plus two task groups, one working on affordable housing, the other on community corrections (re-introducing ex-offenders into the community). The main body meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 8:30AM to 10AM at rotating locations. The housing task group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, from 7-9 PM at rotating locations. UUFR members currently participate in the main body as well as the affordable housing group. For more information about this group or how to join, please email [se@nightsky-systems.com](mailto:se@nightsky-systems.com).

**Helen Wright Center** – Prepare and/or share lunch with the women of the Helen Wright Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The Helen Wright Center, a homeless shelter, is a program of Urban Ministries of Wake County ([www.urbanmin.org](http://www.urbanmin.org)). Coordinator is Lois Cavanaugh Daley.

**High School Religious Education group** – Social action is an important part of the programming for this youth group. Events vary each year. Past events have included volunteering for Source Force and UUFR House & Grounds Work Day, organizing food drives. Coordinator is Rosemary diGeorgio.

**Journey Towards Wholeness** – This group's mission is to inspire its members and others to actively oppose racism locally and globally. We are currently working to have the Fair Housing Act enforced at the local (city) level. Meets as needed. Coordinator is Diann Irwin.

**Middle School Religious Education group** – Social action is an important part of the programming for this youth group. Events vary each year. Past events have included Stop Hunger Now fundraising, Interfaith Food Shuttle Rubber Ducky Race and cooking for the Care Committee freezer. Coordinator is Sara Grover.

**North Carolina Stop Torture Now** – Several of our members participate in this group. For more information on the group, see [www.ncstoptorturenw.net](http://www.ncstoptorturenw.net). To join other UUFR members involved in this group, contact Mike Howell or Roger Ehrlich.

**RICH Park** – Tutoring at RICH Park. Coordinators are Joyce Gad and Diann Irwin.

**Source Force** – Helps people in our community living with AIDS or cancer that at or near the poverty level. Meets at UUFR the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 7:30AM-1:30PM. For more information, see [www.source-force.org](http://www.source-force.org). UUFR coordinator is Gisela Fleming.

**Sustainability Group** – The social action committee is considering starting a sustainability group. Current efforts include sales of energy-efficient light bulbs at coffee hour and making our church buildings more energy-efficient. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact the social action committee chairperson at [se@nightsky-systems.com](mailto:se@nightsky-systems.com)

**UUADP (Unitarian Universalists for Alternatives to the Death Penalty)** – Several of our members participate in UUADP. For more information, see [www.uuadp.org](http://www.uuadp.org). To join other UUFR members working against the death penalty, contact Jane Hunt.

**UUJEC (Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community)** – UUJEC’s mission is to engage, educate and activate Unitarian Universalists to work for economic justice, recognizing that as people of faith in the struggle for justice, we are supporting and renewing our spiritual lives. For more information or to become a member, see [www.uujec.org](http://www.uujec.org). To join other UUFR members working on UUJEC projects, contact Bo Chagnon.

**UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)** – The UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. For more information or to become a member, see [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). To join other UUFR members working on UUSC projects, contact Nancy Moxley or Lois Borresen.