

To respond morally and ethically to a troubled world

The Social Responsibilities Council

- coordinates and informs the congregation on social issues
- takes action on position and policies of the Society
- collaborates with other organizations in the community on issues of social concern

You CAN become involved...

by stopping at the SRC Table in Channing Hall during coffee hour, emailing Lois at ohgriffin@gmail.com or src-chair@fuusalbany.org, or by attending a meeting of the SRC, at 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.



2010-11 Social Responsibilities Council members are:

Chair: Lois Griffin (ohgriffin@gmail.com)

Members: Ann Brandon, Judith Brink, Joan Butcher, Frederick Eames, Larry Gambino, Rudy Johnson, Thayer Heath, Maria Joyner, Karen Kaufman, Don Odell, Patricia Zima

We welcome and appreciate the many contributions of others who actively serve with the SRC. Thanks!

Social Responsibility at FUUSA



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A welcoming congregation

The Bylaws of the First Unitarian Universalist Society state that:

"This council shall guide and coordinate education and action in the realm of social issues of moral and ethical significance. It may issue statements of public support and endorsement consistent with the policies of this Society, the St. Lawrence District of the UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. This council may initiate and promote activities consistent with these statements."

The Social Responsibility Council (SRC)

welcomes all interested persons to its meetings the first Sunday of the month (Sept. through June) and to take part in its activities.

There are 12 official members of the Council, but all are invited to participate in discussions and activities.

SRC Focus on Social Justice

1. Making a difference in the lives of children and families in the city of Albany
2. Becoming a leader in sustainable environmental practices
3. Advocating for public policies that are in line with our UU values and principles. These include:
 - Economic and Racial Justice
 - Environmental Justice
 - Gender and Sexual Justice
 - International Justice
 - Civil Rights and Religious Liberty
 - Health and Family Justice

SRC informs the congregation on social issues through:

- Forums held twice a month in Emerson Community Hall at 11: 30
- Information in *Windows*
- Distribution of materials at the SRC table in Channing Hall

The Flaming Chalice design was originally used during WWII as a badge to identify Unitarians who were helping refugees flee Hitler. It became a symbol of risk, service, and freedom and has since been widely adopted by many Unitarian Universalist congregations.



SRC Activities

- Staffing the SRC table which sells Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, Central American craft items, and energy efficient light bulbs
- Initiating petitions, public statements and letter writing on critical issues
- Demonstrating, marching for Issues
- Aiding settlement for refugee families
- Preparing dinner 2 or 3 times monthly for the Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Collecting blankets and warm clothes for the homeless
- Recycling ink and toner cartridges
- Selling items to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- Collaborating with other groups such as:
 - ARISE
 - Interfaith Impact of NYS
 - Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
 - Prison Action Network
 - Capital District Alliance for Universal Health Care
 - Peace Groups
 - Coalition of Family and Children against Violence
 - Labor Religion Coalition