



## **Spotlight on Our Congregational Liaison Program**

UUJusticePA's recently revived Congregational Liaison Program is one of the ways we are planting the seeds of state-wide legislative advocacy. Outreach to each of the 37 UU congregations in PA began in January 2021 with the goal of establishing a relationship between the congregation and UUJusticePA. Rev. Joan and I have had phone and zoom calls with many of the congregations. We have participated in social justice team meetings, spoken at social justice forums, led worship services to recruit new members, identified liaison(s) and encouraged people to get involved in the work of our justice teams.

Each congregational liaison is asked to commit to three areas of development:

- disseminating information such as Action Alerts received from UUJusticePA to their congregation's communication avenues, such as newsletters, social media platforms, and websites;
- recruitment of new members and encouragement of active participation in the work of the six justice teams; and
- participation in major UUJusticePA events, such as Leadership Training Days, Advocacy Day, the Annual Meeting, and the quarterly liaison calls.

The program is gaining traction. To date, there are 50 UUJusticePA liaisons in 37 congregations. Each one is recruiting members and working to establish a UUJusticePA team in their congregation. So far, 22 out of 37 congregations have UUJusticePA teams. Finally, I am excited to introduce our first batch of "10%ers" ranked by percentage total! These are congregations that have 10% or more of their total congregational

membership as UUJusticePA members! Congratulations and big gratitude to:

1. UU Church of Delaware County
2. Ginger Hill UU Congregation
3. UU Fellowship of Pottstown
4. East Suburban UU Church (Pittsburgh)
5. Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills (Pittsburgh)
6. UUs of Mount Airy (formerly UUC of the Restoration)
7. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana
8. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Wyoming Valley
9. UU Fellowship of Centre County

This is just the beginning. UUtheVote turned Pennsylvania's gaze toward justice issues on a national level. I believe that same energy can be directed toward issues of justice and equity in Pennsylvania. Liaisons, thank you for all you are doing within our congregations to bend PA's arc toward justice.

May you have a peaceful & pleasant summer.

Namaste,

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