

# Social Justice at UUCWNC



We believe in social action to promote justice, freedom, and compassion in the greater community. Our justice work currently focuses on these key priorities for our congregation, our community, and the world:

- [Racial Justice](#)
- [Economic Justice](#)
- [Voting Rights/Democracy](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Justice](#)

We work cooperatively with community partners, supporting these established local organizations through service, witness, advocacy, and education.

You can get timely information on our social justice activities and events on the Facebook page, [Side with Love - Lower Cape Fear](#).

We are a generous congregation. One of the ways we demonstrate this is through our **Share the Plate (STP)** program. Every week, we share half of the offering with a deserving community group or organization; a not-for-profit that fits within our UUCWNC Mission and broader [UU Principles](#). Nominations come from our members and support local, national and international organizations. Please click [here](#) for the nomination form.

## THINGS TO DO

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The New Hanover County NAACP meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm. Email [nhcnaacp@gmail.com](mailto:nhcnaacp@gmail.com) for more information and keep an eye on [nhcnaacp.org](http://nhcnaacp.org) for upcoming events.

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# Racial Justice



New Hanover County has a long history of racial discrimination. We work to examine our own white supremacy, to challenge and change our beliefs and behaviors, and to support community partners as they work to eradicate racism in our community.

Our involvement with [New Hanover Chapter of the NAACP](#) includes Souls to The Polls, MLK parade and breakfast celebration, and the People's Assembly HKonJ (Historic Thousand on Jones Street) march. In 2018 we were honored to be named the NHC NAACP Church of the Year. More recently, we have become active with NHC NAACP Parent's Council and C3TAS (Citizens for Trust, Transparency, Truth, and Accountability in Schools)

For more information on the NHC NAACP, please contact [Eden Avery](#) and for specific information on The Parent's Council, contact [George Vlasits](#) or [Peter Rawitsch](#)

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# Economic Justice



Wealth inequity and poverty are prevalent and pervasive in New Hanover County.

We work to help eradicate poverty and wealth inequality in our community through our activities with our local food pantry, [Mother Hubbard's Cupboard](#); providing meals and hospitality to families in transition with [Family Promise](#), and working to end cash bail in New Hanover County with the [Coalition to End Cash Bail](#).

For more information on our economic justice work, please contact [Ron Cochran](#) for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, [George Vlasits](#) for the Cash Bail Coalition, and [Jessica Holm](#) for Family Promise.

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# Voting Rights/Democracy



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Voter suppression in southeastern North Carolina is a prevalent issue, resulting in the disenfranchisement of many in our community. Working with [You Can Vote](#) and the [League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear](#), we

- ✓ educate, empower, and register citizens to vote,
- ✓ advocate to eliminate partisan gerrymandering in North Carolina
- ✓ advocate against restrictive voting laws.

For more information on You Can Vote, please contact [Pam Cook](#) and for information on LWVLCF, contact [Marla Barthen](#).

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# LGBTQ+ Justice



Discrimination in housing, employment, health care and other areas continues for many in the LGBTQ+ community.

UUCWNC is proud to be recognized as a Welcoming Congregation, striving for radical inclusion, and creating spaces that honor every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences. We were gratified to host a panel of the Aids Quilt when it toured Wilmington.

Our members participate in various LGBTQ Pride events in Wilmington; please refer to our [newsletter](#) or the Facebook page, [Side with Love – Lower Cape Fear](#) for details on upcoming events.

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, NC

## Share the Plate Nomination

Please print and fill out this nomination form. Completed forms can be sent to [stp@uucwnc.org](mailto:stp@uucwnc.org) or placed in the envelope on the bulletin board in Dobkin Hall.

**Thank you!** STP team: Cornelia Maxted, Doris Chew, Dot Hodder, Gail Wick, Martha Brophy, Robin Middleton, Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

Name of UUCWNC member making this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

UUCWNC member contact information: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of non-profit organization/initiative being nominated to receive donation: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you have a connection to, or experience with, this organization that you'd like us to know, please note it on the back of this form)*

**This request is for which of the following (check one):**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UUCWNC Initiative  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local organization          | <input type="checkbox"/> National organization      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UUA – affiliated (i.e. UU Service Committee, Chalice Lighters, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Regional organization | <input type="checkbox"/> International organization |

**Please write a 2-3 sentence summary of the organization or initiative appropriate for the Order of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ *This week's Share the Plate offering benefits*

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***\*The following contact information for the organization being nominated is required\****

Organization Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the work of this organization or initiative fit with the UUCWNC mission?**

- ☐ Be a community of individuals who accept and support each other, celebrating our diversity and commonality in a safe and nurturing environment that embraces a wide range of spiritual beliefs and practices.
- ☐ Offer diverse formal and informal worship services and forums that cultivate our spiritual and intellectual growth.
- ☐ Provide vibrant religious education for youth and adults that encourages free expression of ideas in the search for meaning
- ☐ Engage in social action that promotes justice, freedom and compassion in the greater community.
- ☐ Accept our shared responsibility for the health and well-being of our congregation and the larger UU community.
- ☐ Foster friendships and fun by gathering for social activities.

**How does the work of this organization or initiative fit with the UU Principles? We covenant to affirm and promote:**

- ☐ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ☐ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- ☐ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ☐ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ☐ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ☐ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ☐ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.





## OUR 7 PRINCIPLES

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

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6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The seven Principles and six Sources of the Unitarian Universalist Association grew out of the grassroots of our communities, were affirmed democratically, and are part of who we are.