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## Vote Your UU Values Today

Defending the freedom to vote has been a central effort of Unitarian Universalism for decades. After the Supreme Court struck down parts of the Voting Rights Act last year, efforts to suppress the vote have been enacted in multiple states, from passing restrictive voter ID laws to abolishment of same day voter registration and early voting. But thanks to your support, [our UUA continues to work in defense of our right to vote](#).



Today, all across the country, we must exercise that right and make sure that our UU values are represented in our government. Please vote, and make sure your voice is heard!

## Unitarian Universalists - ALEC's Enemy #1

On October 17, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) sent out an email, asking for funds to fight a "smear campaign" waged against them by the Unitarian Universalist Church. That "smear campaign" is what ALEC calls it when UUs expose their secretive practices, which basically allow corporations to buy favorable legislation.



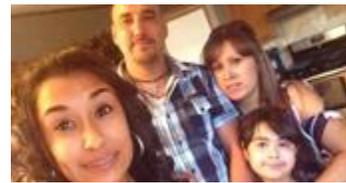
[Our UUA has long urged companies](#), particularly those with whom we invest, to cut ties with ALEC. And many large, wealthy organizations have publicly withdrawn from the organization in recent years. Your

generosity has fueled our UUA's fight against ALEC, and [your support](#) will continue to make a difference as we advocate for a transparent democracy.

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## UUA and UCC Partner to Support the Sanctuary Movement

In 2013, the UUA issued an "Immigration as a Moral Issue" [statement of conscience](#), which called upon us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stated that all immigrants, regardless of legal status, should be treated justly and humanely. In line with that statement, our UUA has joined forces with the United Church of Christ (UCC) in support of the [Sanctuary Movement](#), reaffirming our commitment to helping immigrant families facing deportation.



Our government has failed to act on the issue of immigration reform, so this coalition of faith partners from across the religious spectrum is taking action. Seventeen UU congregations have committed their support to the Sanctuary Movement, and on October 21, First Unitarian Society of Denver, CO, welcomed Arturo Hernandez Garcia, the first person in Colorado to claim sanctuary.

Thank you for [your support](#) of our UUA as we advocate for comprehensive immigration reform to eliminate the fear of deportation for immigrant families.

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## Cross the Bridge to Justice on Selma Sunday, March 8, 2015

March 4, 2015 is the fiftieth Anniversary of the history-changing March on Selma. The UUA is providing worship and educational resources for congregations to commemorate Selma Sunday and recommit to its goals. Nearly fifty years ago, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sent a telegram to faith leaders around the country, including Unitarian Universalists, calling on them to join him in Selma – and UUs heeded the call.



Now, Unitarian Universalists are once more being called to continue witnessing against the "disease of racism": voter disenfranchisement and the eroding of civil rights, the lack of justice for the deaths of young men and transgender women of color, and escalating inequality in our country. We invite you to witness with thousands of others by symbolically "crossing the bridge" for justice on Selma Sunday. Learn more and sign up at [www.uua.org/selmasunday](http://www.uua.org/selmasunday).

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## UUSC-UUA Ebola Epidemic Relief Fund

The situation in West Africa is dire, with estimates that the Ebola virus will have infected 1.4 million people by January, 2015. This health crisis demands our attention. To help combat this terrible disease, our UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) have created the [UUSC-UUA Ebola Epidemic Relief Fund](#).



Donations to this special relief fund will be directed to the UUSC's well-respected community-based partners on the ground in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The funds will be used to address the full continuum of care by strengthening established health centers, training new health workers, focusing on rapid case detection, and tracing patient contact. The funds will be distributed to groups helping marginalized communities that are often neglected by other relief efforts.

[Please give generously today!](#)

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## Celebrating 2014 Honor Congregations and Completing Data Certification

Thank you for your generous support of our congregations and the Annual Program Fund (APF) and Generously Investing for Tomorrow (GIFT) programs. We are happy to share the [2014 Honor Roll](#), which celebrates the 641 member congregations who contributed the full requested amount.

The amount requested of each congregation is calculated based on information submitted each year during the Certification of Membership. The Certification process also determines the number of voting delegates your congregation may send to General Assembly. This year's Certification of Membership begins November 17, 2014 and must be completed by February 2, 2015.

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