

Not on Our Watch: Oppose Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and Call for Action

This is an Action of Immediate Witness that responds to the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the associated Human Rights violations as well as the deliberate destruction of Ukrainian civilization and culture. This action encourages the increased awareness by Unitarian Universalists of the need for immediate support for the Ukrainian people in their ongoing effort to defend their country, its precious democracy, from these egregious acts of genocide and tyranny and to defend democracy on behalf of Western society.

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Whereas the 1st and 6th Principles affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, and the United Nations Charter reflects these values in its commitment to promote peace and prosperity and dignity for all people and

Whereas Russia has proceeded with an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine with gross Human Rights Violations and the clear intent of genocide of the Ukrainian peoples, their state and culture under the assumed "right" of Russian imperialism and

Whereas 87 countries are signatories to the UN letter condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and only 4 countries joined Russia in voting against the resolution and

Therefore be it resolved that the delegates of the 2023 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Assembly commit to raising awareness in their communities to use the energy of action (and not simply "thoughts and prayers") in support of Ukraine.

Be It Further Resolved that the Delegates urge:

- Individual UUs make efforts to raise awareness about the issue of human rights violations by Russia including (but not limited to) mass murder of Ukrainian civilians, widespread torture, deliberate destruction of cities and infrastructure, kidnapping and removal of Ukrainian children, use of relocation camps to illegally relocate huge numbers of Ukrainians to Russia, and theft on a grand scale of Ukrainian grain and personal items.
- Congregations to explore engaging in financial aid to known 501 C3 organizations (or others that supply humanitarian aid to Ukraine).

- Congregations to engage in advocacy including but not limited to pressuring US Government representatives to act on policies that address ongoing human rights violations and support for Ukraine.