

The Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry is a social justice ministry dedicated to the pursuit of justice in our urban communities and the recognition that we are all part of one human family. As a 180-year-old ministry-at-large rooted in the transformative experience of direct engagement with those struggling for fair and decent lives, we sponsor a full array of justice-nurturing opportunities, including service, education, worship, witness and action. Our extensive volunteer outreach activities seek to bridge the divides of race, class and ethnicity in our communities. The UU Urban Ministry utilizes the resources of the *Education and Justice Center* and the *First Church in Roxbury* campus.

Our current programs and activities are ***Roxbury Youth Programs***, a continuum of after-school, weekend, and summer academic and enrichment programs that include ***Stand High/Stand United***, a weekend exploration and enrichment program, and the **Funderburg Scholars** college support program; ***Renewal House***, one of the oldest domestic violence shelters in Boston; and ***United Souls***, a network and support group for men in transition.

The Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry relies on the participation and generosity of member congregations and individual congregants to support this important social justice work. Thank you for agreeing to serve in the important capacity of member congregation delegate.



Our Programs

Roxbury Youth Programs
Stand High/Stand United
Renewal House
United Souls

Getting Involved . . .

The UU Urban Ministry welcomes people of all backgrounds and is always looking for volunteers for its programs. Volunteers are an essential part of making our programs successful, providing mentoring, tutoring, professional resources, support for events, and technical assistance.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Rev. Kate Wilkinson, Coordinator of Congregational Outreach and Volunteers, at:

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Your Role as Delegate



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Delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry play a critical role in the support and governance of the organization and its social justice activities.

As a membership corporation, the UU Urban Ministry is accountable to and

dependent on volunteer and financial resources from its member congregations in and around Boston. Member congregations are those that make a financial contribution, provide support, and participate in the social justice work of the UU Urban Ministry. We anticipate that delegates will increasingly be active members of the congregational teams being created in many of our member congregations.

Each member congregation is entitled to three delegates to the UU Urban Ministry.

Delegate Responsibilities

Delegate responsibilities include the following activities:

1. Remaining informed about the UU Urban Ministry, its mission, programs and activities, and providing your insights and advice to the leadership and staff of the UU Urban Ministry.
2. Acting as a liaison between your congregation and the UU Urban Ministry by:
 - Keeping your congregation informed of UU Urban Ministry programs, activities and volunteer opportunities (for example, through announcements in worship and your church newsletter, and by directing communications to appropriate committees).
 - Advising the UU Urban Ministry about the social justice outreach requirements and potential of your congregation.
3. Inviting and sponsoring UU Urban Ministry staff as appropriate for worship, social justice or educational events in your parish.

4. Representing your congregation at UU Urban Ministry events and meetings. This includes attending the Annual Meeting each May when delegates elect Directors to the UU Urban Ministry Board, receive the board and staff reports on the activities of the UU Urban Ministry for the preceding year, and conduct other business as appropriate.

5. Many delegates also choose to get more involved by encouraging members of their congregations to volunteer in UU Urban Ministry programs, volunteering themselves, and encouraging their congregations to sponsor fundraising events or special collections to benefit the UU Urban Ministry.

