

2021 Social Justice Statements

While called by various names, the social witness process is the method by which the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) comes to understand and act on the social issues of our times, finally bearing witness through statements adopted as Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) policy by the delegates of a [General Assembly](#) (GA). The process has been an integral part of our faith since the merger between the Unitarians and the Universalists in 1961. This process is congregationally driven and is facilitated by the [Commission on Social Witness](#) (CSW).

The UUA makes two different types of social witness statements: Statements of Conscience (SOCs), which arise from Congregational Study/Action Issues, and Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs).

[Congregational Study/Action Issues \(CSAIs\)](#) are issues selected by Unitarian Universalist member congregations for three years of study, reflection and action. In the third year of this process, delegates at GA can vote to approve a Statement of Conscience (SOC) resulting from three years of congregational feedback on the CSAI.

This year the General Assembly approved the Statement of Conscience

Undoing Systemic White Supremacy: A Call to Prophetic Action

[See Attached Statement](#)

Acts of Immediate Witness

The Action of Immediate Witness process at General Assembly offers delegates the opportunity to engage in collective social witness to courageously affirm what is just and good through a statement that demonstrates solidarity with those who are mistreated or that imagines and articulates social justice or collective liberation. This process takes place during the General Assembly...

AIWs are initiated by individual delegates or groups of delegates and move through their entire creation and adoption process during one GA. The AIW process allows Unitarian Universalists to respond quickly to social issues deemed urgent. Affirmed AIWs are used by congregations in local efforts and empower the UUA's Advocacy and Organizing staff to take action and recommend action.

Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights

[See Attached Statement](#)

Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities [See Attached Statement](#)

The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage.

[See Attached Statement](#)

Responsive resolution 2021

Responsive Resolutions may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.

502 (1) A Responsive Resolution is a resolution made in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly.

“Responsive Resolution to Include Systemic Anti-Racism in Principles”

“Creating a More Just Future Through Divesting from Pipelines and Investing in Young People”