

**TAKE YOUR ADVOCACY HOME  
WITH YOU!  
BASIC ORGANIZING SKILLS  
Congregational Advocacy & Witness**



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## AGENDA

- KNOWING YOUR CONGREGATION
- MOBILIZING YOUR CONGREGATION
- EDUCATING OURSELVES
- DEVELOPING A POSITION
- SOCIAL JUSTICE STRUCTURES AND PRAXIS
- TAKING ACTION
- PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS
- KEEPING SPIRITUALLY GROUNDED

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR OWN CONGREGATION

### ❖ ONE-ON-ONES

*Passing The Hat*

### ❖ APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY

### ❖ SURVEYS, FOCUS GROUPS

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## MOBILIZING YOUR CONGREGATION

❖ **TAKING THE PULSE**

❖ **CHOOSING A FOCUS**

❖ **MODELS OF UU CONGREGATIONAL  
ACTIONS**

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## GETTING EDUCATED AND DEVELOPING YOUR POSITION

- ❖ **OWNING THE ISSUES**
- ❖ **FIRST UNITARIAN OAKLAND MODEL**
- ❖ **UUA AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STRUCTURES AND PRACTIS**

❖ **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING**  
**[WWW.UUA.ORG/FINANCE/SRI](http://WWW.UUA.ORG/FINANCE/SRI)**

❖ **PROJECT EQUALITY: SERVICES & PRODUCTS**

❖ **SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

❖ **LINKING SERVICE AND ADVOCACY**

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## TAKING ACTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS

- ❖ **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**
- ❖ **UU CHURCHES AS GOOD ALLIES**
- ❖ **OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2004 ELECTION**
- ❖ **JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS**

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# BASIC ORGANIZING SKILLS POWER DYNAMICS OF PRIVILEGE AND OPPRESSION

**SOUL WORK—  
*ANTI-RACIST  
THEOLOGIES  
IN DIALOGUE***



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**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAVANNAH**

***INTERRACIAL-INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT***

**“...TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN EXPOSING AND CONFRONTING**

**BOTH PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM...TO BE A**

**CATALYST FOR HEALING AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH WITHIN**

**SAVANNAH.”**

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## KEEPING SPIRITUALLY GROUNDED

**HISTORY BELONGS TO INTERCESSORS WHO BELIEVE  
THE FUTURE INTO BEING....THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A  
RELIGIOUS STATEMENT...THIS IS THE POLITICS  
OF HOPE.**

**Walter Wink: The Powers That Be – Theology for a New Millennium**