



Resources for Living Wage Worship Services & Events

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend January 14-16, 2006 &
Justice Sunday, March 26, 2006*

Join with other Unitarian-Universalists and the interfaith community in support of economic justice! Hold a Living Wage Sunday service or community event on MLK Weekend (January 14-16, 2006) or on Justice Sunday (March 26, 2006) and inspire, educate, and mobilize your congregation and communities to support and act on behalf of low-wage working people and their families.

Everything you need to organize a service is included in this FREE packet at www.letjusticeroll.org.

- A fact sheet on race and poverty in America and the need for a living wage.
- A Sample Order of Service, readings, hymns/songs.
- Interfaith resources including quotes from Dr. King on economic and racial justice.
- Contact information and suggestions for testimonials from low-income workers and families.
- A Foreword by the Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister of The Riverside Church in New York, examining poverty in America and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- Advocacy information for federal and state efforts to raise the minimum wage and more!
- Plus a comprehensive report *A Just Minimum Wage: Good for Workers, Business & Our Future*.

The UUA and the UUSC have joined with over 50 faith and community organizations in the non-partisan LET JUSTICE ROLL Living Wage Campaign to raise the minimum wage at the federal and state level. See

www.uua.org/justice.

Please register at www.LetJusticeRoll.org so that we can count UU participation!

As we honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, let us remember that a key demand in his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech was for "a national minimum wage act that will give all Americans a decent standard of living." In 1968, Dr. King died while supporting striking sanitation workers in Memphis, TN who were struggling for a living wage and for their dignity. Let us honor Dr. King by continuing his quest for every worker in America to earn a living wage.

Or hold a Living Wage service on UU *Justice Sunday 2006*, March 26, which will focus on economic justice through supporting labor rights and living wage. *Justice Sunday* resource materials are available in print and are posted at: www.uusc.org/ia/justice_sunday/index.html.



There is nothing but a lack of social vision to prevent us from paying an adequate wage to every American worker whether a hospital worker, laundry worker, maid, or day laborer."

--The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nearly 36 million people in the U.S. live in poverty, including 13 million children. Among full-time, year-round workers poverty has doubled since the late 1970s – from about 1.3 million then to more than 2.6 million. An unacceptably low minimum wage is a key part of the problem.

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