

**As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm and promote**

- *The inherent worth of dignity of every person (of every living thing)*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process*

**UUA Commission of Social Witness** –The mission of the Commission on Social Witness is to engage individuals, congregations, and districts in an ongoing process of study, action and reflection on pressing social issues to deepen our faith, to foster a greater sense of association among Unitarian Universalists, and to proclaim our vision of justice in the world.

**Congregational Study/Action Issues.** – Each year delegates at General Assembly debate several possible social issues and then approve one as a Congregational Study/Action Issue. Congregations and districts are invited to take the Congregational Study/Action issue and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it and take action – each in their own way.

A CSAI is not a statement, it is a question. The original statement “frames” the issue and a statement of conscience is developed over four years and voted upon. The first three years are devoted to Study and Action. The fourth is a year of implementation. By having many congregations involved with the same issue, it increases our potential for creating change in the world. Congregations can learn from each other as well as benefit from UUA resources on the selected topic.

At the 2008 UUA General Assembly, the following Congregational Study Action issue was chosen as the newest area of study and action.

**2008-2012 CASI – Ethical Eating**

*Religious organizations throughout the world have discussed the production, distribution, and use of food. Some people enjoy many food choices while others remain hungry. The food industry produces wealth, but small farmers and farm workers are often poor. Food production and transportation contribute to many environmental problems.*