

Purpose of MFSA

MFSA is a caucus group of the UMC, working closely with the Board of Church & Society to educate, inform, & influence policy regarding a multitude of social justice issues.

About Our Chapter

The Upper New York Chapter of MFSA is newly forming. We have been born to meet the needs of passionate, social justice-minded folks to have a way for turning their faith into action.

In September, 2009, a small group of Progressive United Methodists met in the Syracuse area to identify some of the passions that we share. They are:

- Environmental Concerns
- Immigration & Reform
- Inclusiveness of LGBT people
- Israel/Palestine
- Poverty
- Race & White Privilege

Resources

The Progressive VOICE (formerly the Social Questions Bulletin) is published by the national office.

Personal connections & Word of mouth!

Program Priorities of National MFSA

Peace

- Non-Violence
- Ending War
- Opposing the Death Penalty
- A Just Peace in Israel & Palestine

People's Rights

- Campaign Against Torture
- Corporate Accountability
- Dismantling Racism
- Immigration
- Rights of LGBTQ Persons
- Reproductive Choice
- Workers' Rights

Poverty

- Health Care
- Economic Analysis
- Living Wage

Progressive Initiatives

- Making Connections
- Monitoring Conservative Renewal Movements in the UMC
- Progressive Christianity

Justice Within the UMC

- Constitutional Amendments
- General Conference
- Judicial Council

MFSA has been Witnessing for Justice & Peace since 1907

Please read about our impressive history on the National website:

www.mfsaweb.org

Membership

Please rank these issues in order of importance to you:

- ___ Environmental Concerns
- ___ Immigration & Reform
- ___ Inclusiveness of LGBT people
- ___ Israel/Palestine
- ___ Poverty
- ___ Race & White Privilege
- ___ Other _____

This will help us disseminate information and keep our goals focused. It will not preclude you from working on other issues.

Have you been a member of MFSA in the past? _____

Which chapter? _____

Please tell us what congregation you are a part of.

Send form & check to:

UNYMFSA
 c/o Heather Smith
 10 Arthur Rd.
 Newtonville, NY 12110

Membership Form

Enter my annual membership in the following category:

- \$500+ Stellar
(\$450 for national/\$50 for chapter)
- \$200 Spirited
(\$160 for national/\$40 for chapter)
- \$150 Supporting
(\$120 for national/\$30 for chapter)
- \$100 Sustaining
(\$80 for national/\$20 for chapter)
- \$60 Subscribing
(\$48 for national/\$12 for chapter)
- \$_____ Other (set your own amount)
(80% for national/20% for chapter)

I also wish to contribute an additional gift toward the work of the chapter, in the amount of \$_____.

I do not wish to join, but would like to receive chapter emails/information.

Total amount enclosed is \$_____

Name(s)_____

Address_____

E-mail

Why Become a Member?

By joining, you will be connected to a network of like-minded folks who are working to shape the future of the church. MFSA changes lives through its prophetic witness and social justice activities. The money you give to support this work makes a difference. MFSA is a grassroots organization supported entirely by annual memberships and contributions.

Why Not Give a Gift Membership?

Do you know someone who lives a life of social justice? Alternative gift-giving is a responsible way to honor someone without buying something that was expensive to produce.

Additionally, making a one-time donation to MFSA in memory of a friend or loved one who set you on a justice-minded path would be a lasting tribute.

Gifts can be made at any time by sending a check payable to:

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with questions.



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