

advocacy

UnitingJustice advocates nationally on issues of national and international significance. Our work has included advocating for: justice for refugees and asylum seekers; positive action to address climate change; peaceful solutions to terrorism and international conflict; international trade and industrial relations policies which support the most vulnerable people; active citizenship; and an end to violence, racism, discrimination and the abuse of human rights. Our work is broad ranging and responsive to contemporary social and political concerns, while setting agendas for reflection on these issues within the Church.

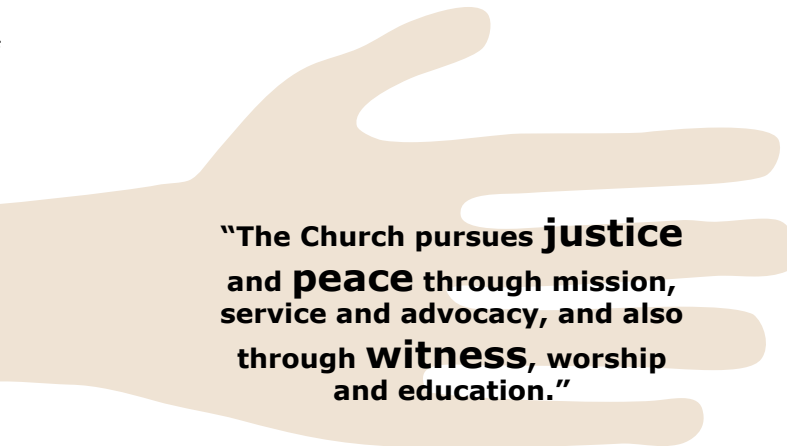
resources

UnitingJustice produces a variety of resources covering a wide array of issues. All resources are available on our website, including:

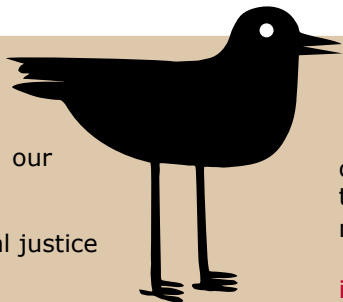
- fact sheets on specific social justice policy issues
- worship resources
- biblical and theological reflections on specific issues, as well as on the Church's role in advocating justice
- position papers exploring the basis for our work in particular areas
- submissions to Government inquiries

These can be found at our website: <http://nat.uca.org.au/unitingjustice> and are also available in hard copy.

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“The Church pursues justice and peace through mission, service and advocacy, and also through witness, worship and education.”



Uniting Church people work for justice and peace within their communities and across the life of the Church. Specialised social justice activities and the delivery of community services are supported by a number of other National Assembly agencies:

indigenous justice, reconciliation and mission

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
<http://nat.uca.org.au/uaicc/>

international aid and development and peacemaking

Uniting International Mission
<http://www.uim.uca.org.au/>

services for rural and remote Australia

Frontier Services
<http://www.frontierservices.org/>

advocacy and support for disadvantaged and marginalised Australians and Uniting Church community services

UnitingCare Australia
<http://www.unitingcare.org.au/>

cross-cultural and multicultural mission

Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry
<http://nat.uca.org.au/multi/>

inter-faith relationships

National Committee for Relations with Other Faiths
<http://nat.uca.org.au/relations/>



About UnitingJustice Australia

...for a world reconciled



"We pledge ourselves to seek the correction of injustices wherever they occur."

social justice and the uniting church in australia

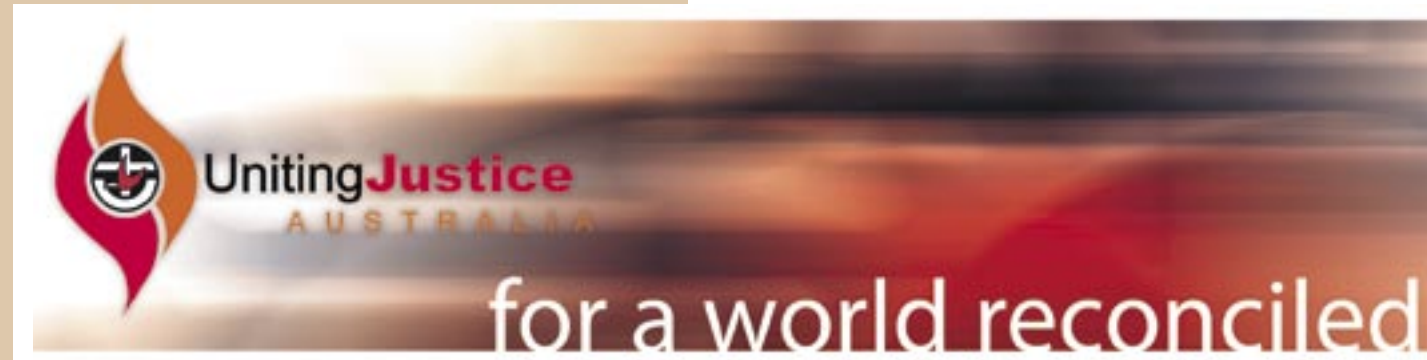
The Uniting Church in Australia has from its inception committed itself to the pursuit of social justice. The 1977 *Statement to the Nation* at the Church's inaugural Assembly expresses a mission of engagement with contemporary social and political issues. It states:

"We affirm our eagerness to uphold basic Christian values and principles, such as the importance of every human being, the need for integrity in public life, the proclamation of truth and justice, the rights for each citizen to participate in decision-making in the community, religious liberty and personal dignity, and a concern for the welfare of the whole human race."

UnitingJustice Australia is the National Assembly's voice on issues of social and environmental justice. We are part of the Uniting Church's National Assembly Agency, Uniting Faith and Justice and work in collaboration with other Assembly agencies, Uniting Church synod justice staff around the country, and with other community and faith-based organisations and groups. We pursue social and ecological justice and peace through advocacy and education and seek to communicate the Church's vision for a reconciled world. The name UnitingJustice Australia was adopted in 2003 and launched at the Tenth Assembly.

unitingjustice works to

- develop critical thought around issues of national and international significance
- participate in public debate on a national level, and advocate on national policy issues
- act on issues of injustice within the Church
- inform, educate and resource the Church and its members to engage in action for social and ecological justice and peace



transforming society

Jesus challenged the religious, economic and political systems and structures of his time that excluded and marginalised people. We believe that Christians are called to do the same – to transform the systems and structures of our society wherever they breed injustice, poverty and oppression.

This mission calls us to reflect on the meaning of Christianity in the lives of the nation and the world and to critically engage with the political and economic systems which order our world. We do this as we stand in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed.

UnitingJustice advocates for a society where economic and political systems serve the needs of people and not the other way around; where the human rights of all people are respected and upheld; and where all people participate as active citizens working with their governments for a just and peaceful world.

reconciling humanity

UnitingJustice seeks an end to violence and discrimination within the Church and throughout society. Jesus calls us to love our neighbours and even our enemies, and to work for a peaceful world. We advocate for the rights of refugees and those displaced by war, violent conflict and disasters. We hope for a world where all people can live together, free from fear, persecution and violence.

cherishing creation

God created the world, good and worthy in its own right, and human beings to live in relationship with the natural environment. UnitingJustice seeks justice and peace for the environment not just for future generations but for the sake of the natural world itself – the air, water, land and all the diversity of life on the planet. We advocate for the wise and responsible use of the earth's resources, just and sustainable energy strategies and the protection and care of all natural life.