

Justice Sunday 2008 – Additional Resources

The following is a list of informational resources and nongovernmental organizations working on the issues presented through UUSC's Justice Sunday 2008 resources. Some of the organizations listed are UUSC program partners, many are not. UUSC has not officially endorsed any of the content linked to below.

On Dr. King's message:

"A nation that continues, year after year, to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

["Enlarging on Martin Luther King's Profound Truth that militarized America is approaching spiritual death"](#) by Dr. Gary G. Kohls, an American physician, writer and peace activist.

2008 Elections

Peace Action's [Question Candidates on Peace](#) and resources at www.PeaceVoter.org will help voters ask the right questions to learn candidates' positions on vital issues.

[National Priorities Project](#) analyzes and clarifies federal data so that people can understand and influence how their tax dollars are spent.

[Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities'](#) **mission** is to change US budget priorities to reflect a national commitment to education, healthcare, energy independence, job training and deficit reduction -- at no additional taxpayer expense -- by eliminating funding for unneeded Cold War era weapons systems.

[Council for a Livable World Review of 2008 Senate Elections](#)

[Council for a Livable World Republican House Election Priorities](#)

Gulf Coast

UUA-UUSC [Gulf Coast Response](#) and [volunteer program](#).

Unitarian Universalist congregations and groups can take an active part in the Gulf Coast recovery work by participating in the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Volunteer Program.

Reports and articles

[Blueprint for Gulf Renewal: The Katrina Crisis and a Community Agenda for Action](#)

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[A Report of the Mississippi State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: Envisioning a Better Mississippi: Hurricane Katrina and Mississippi -- One Year Later](#)
Creating Innovative Public Policy to Rebuild and Transform Mississippi

[Forgotten Communities, Unmet Promises: An unfolding tragedy on the Gulf Coast](#) (A report on the first anniversary of Katrina.)

[AND INJUSTICE FOR ALL: Workers' Lives in the Reconstruction of New Orleans](#) July 2006

Gulf Coast mental health issues

[Mental illness on increase in Gulf Coast communities](#) The Times-Picayune November 1, 2007

[Suicidal thoughts, PTSD rising in the Gulf Coast](#) MSBNC August 21, 2007

[Reports of Serious Mental Illnesses Increase Among Gulf Coast Residents Two Years After Hurricane Katrina, Survey Finds](#)

[Study Says Long-Term Mental Health of Children Who Survived Katrina, Rita Not Met By Gulf Coast Schools](#)

Multimedia education and action

This short film, "[When the Saints Go Marching In](#)," tells several heartbreaking stories of families who survived the storm and continue to struggle to rebuild their lives.

["This Is My Home"](#) is a documentary about the fight for public housing in New Orleans. Most of the city's public housing withstood the hurricane with little or no damage, yet thousands of families are still shut out of their homes and remain displaced across the country.

["Beyond Vietnam – A Time to Break Silence"](#) delivered 4 April 1967 at a meeting of Clergy and Laity Concerned at Riverside Church in New York City

Grassroots and nongovernmental organizations

The [Katrina Information Network \(KIN\)](#) is a [collaboration of groups](#) in the Gulf and across the country to build power for change.

[Advancement Project](#) is a democracy and justice action group. Using law, public policy and strategic communications, we act in partnership with local communities to advance universal opportunity, equity and access for those left behind in America.

[Equity and Inclusion](#) is building a national movement that advocates for an equitable and inclusive recovery of Gulf Coast communities destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

[The Katrina Research Project on Equity \(KRPE\)](#) is a clearinghouse and network for research on the role of race and class in the Post-Katrina recovery process in the Gulf Coast and in displaced communities. KRPE facilitates communication and collaboration among researchers, volunteers, and community groups interested in research on race and class disparities in reconstruction programs. Our goal is to encourage community-directed research that promotes a just and equitable society.

[Gulf Coast Reconstruction Watch](#): A project of the Institute for Southern Studies

Governmental organizations

[Senate Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery](#)

[Louisiana Office of Mental Health](#)

Iraq War

Reports and articles

[Financial Management in the Department of Defense: No One is Accountable](#) by Kwai Chan

[Washington Post/ABC News Poll September 30, 2007: Most in Poll Want War Funding Cut](#)

UUA resources

[An Open Letter to Members of the United States Congress](#) from UUA President Rev. William Sinkford September 6, 2007

GA 2006 [Issue Brief: Iraq](#) from the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy

[UUA President Sinkford Delivers Petitions for Peace](#) October 10, 2007

[The True Cost of War: A Moral Balance Sheet](#)

[War costs may total \\$2.4 trillion](#) By [Ken Dilanian](#), USA TODAY

[ABC News/Washington Post Poll](#): Iraq and Politics finds that 67% of Americans think Congress should "reduce" funding for the war, 67% of Americans want war funding to be decreased and 43% want that funding to be reduced "sharply."

The Washington Post: [A Tough Tour of the Home Front: New Joint Chiefs Head Hears of Wars' Strains](#) . Admiral Mullen, highest ranking military officer was assailed during his bases "listening tour" by captain about the lack of dwell time. The Webb Amendment, which sought to increase dwell time for US soldiers, failed because of GOP lawmakers.

The NY Times: [Feedback for the Chairman of Joint Chiefs](#) . The Iraq War is has military stretched thin. The Army faces shortages of equipment and of more than 6,000 captains and majors in response "the Army has lowered the bar" for recruitment and "the officers at Fort Sill told Admiral Mullen that the move had caused a new set of problems."

Grassroots and nongovernmental organizations

[Win Without War](#) is [a coalition of national organizations](#) representing broad constituencies that aim to keep America safe. The coalition advocates that international cooperation and enforceable international law provide the greatest security for the United States and the world. WWW offers a mainstream, patriotic voice for engaging opinion makers, activating concerned citizens, and communicating effectively to the media.

[The Priorities! Campaign](#) of Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities aims to create a political culture, grounded in spiritual and human values, that will not tolerate wasting billions of dollars on nuclear weapons, Star Wars, or other outmoded weapons, while, for example, one out of every six of our own kids live in poverty and millions of children worldwide die each year from hunger-related illnesses.

[Council for a Livable World](#) provides Senators and Members of Congress with sophisticated technical and scientific information that helps them make intelligent decisions about weapons of mass destruction

[Americans Against Escalation in Iraq](#) is a major, multi- million dollar national campaign to oppose the President's proposal to escalate the war in Iraq by sending more than 20,000 additional troops into the violent civil war between Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias.