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The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: advancing human rights and social justice in the United States and throughout the world.

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Action alert: Urge Senate to strengthen welfare reform in reauthorization bill

Now is the time to call or visit your senators in support of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the nation's primary cash assistance program for low-income families with children. The U.S. Senate is likely to vote soon on the Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone (PRIDE) Act. This is the Senate Finance Committee's effort to reauthorize TANF. The PRIDE bill reflects some of the nongovernmental organization and faith-based religious communities' principles for TANF reauthorization but falls short in other areas.

For more about how to contact your senators and urge them to support amendments to the PRIDE bill on the Senate floor, visit

<http://www.uusc.org/news/alert021804.html>

UUSC plans workcamps for 2004

Join us for one of the several workcamps planned for the upcoming months. This year, workcamps include a teen workcamp on Native American issues to be held in Tacoma, Wash., during the summer. UUSC will also hold several workcamps as part of the Defending Democracy program for members and supporters who wish to learn about ways to become involved in the 2004 elections. For the 2004 workcamp schedule and other details, visit <http://www.uusc.org/news/wcsched2004.html>

Action alert: Support democracy and human rights in Morelos, Mexico

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and our partner organizations, Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center and the Independent Commission of Human Rights of Morelos (CIDHM), are concerned that excessive force has been used against the people of Tlalneplantla, Morelos, Mexico following unjust electoral procedures and their subsequent declaration of themselves as an autonomous municipality before the Mexican state.

For more about how you can express your concern about repeated human rights abuses in Morelos, visit <http://www.uusc.org/news/alert020504.html>

For more about UUSC program partner, CIDHM, and a recent conference for indigenous youth, visit <http://www.uusc.org/info/article022704.html>

People's movements show strength at World Social Forum in India

People's organizations worldwide joined together at the fourth World Social Forum to further strengthen their struggles in stopping anti-people and pro-market economic reforms. UUSC partners that attended the forum in Mumbai, India, in January, are working to ensure that WSF remains a platform for bringing people's movements together to consolidate their struggles for justice and further strengthen their relationships with each other.

To learn more about the World Social Forum, visit <http://www.uusc.org/info/article022604.html>

Justice Sunday 2004: Let Justice Flow

On Justice Sunday, March 28, 2004, thousands of UUs nationwide will act collectively to advance human rights. As more and more UU congregations together reaffirm their commitment to justice, equality and compassion, our chances of ending abuse and achieving justice on the local, national and global levels grow stronger.

For more information on how your congregation can take action for social justice on Justice Sunday, visit <http://www.uusc.org/info/memcelinfo.html>

UUSC holiday cards on sale

Take advantage of our holiday card sale to stock up on cards for next year. Due to consignment returns, there is now a limited quantity of last year's cards available for purchase at a special price. For more information, visit <http://www.uusc.org/info/holiday2003.html>

It is also not too late to participate in the 2004 Holiday Card Contest. Creative members and supporters of all ages are invited to submit designs. For more information and guidelines, visit <http://www.uusc.org/info/holidaycardcontest2004.html>

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