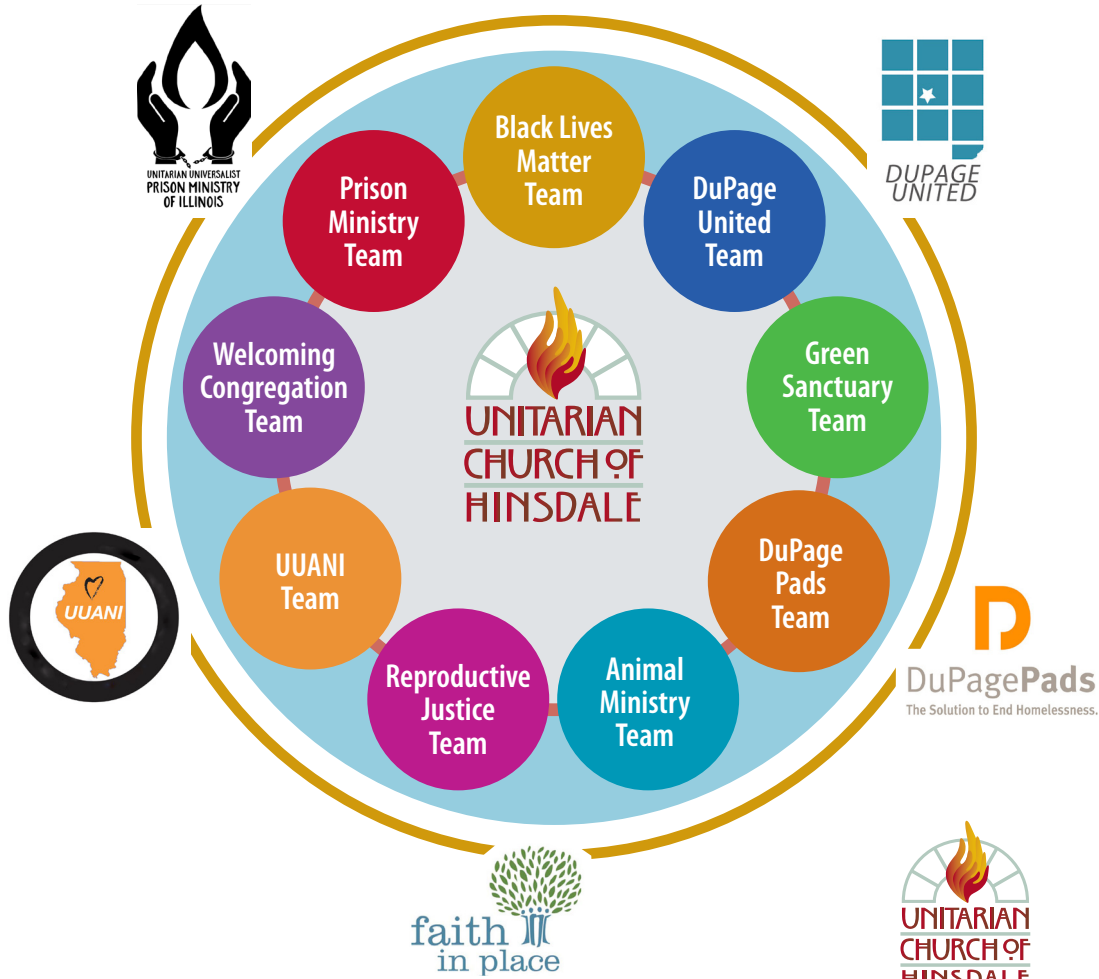


We work to build relationships with these organizations that represent, connect with or advocate for impacted communities.

Alliances and Partners

- DuPage United
- DuPage Pads
- Faith in Place
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You can make a difference and live your UU values by being a part of the UCH Social Justice Circle. This social justice ministry is a collection of teams – each with a particular focus – who connect with each other to create a better world. Each social justice team is connected within the church, and with partners* outside of the congregation.

● **Animal Ministry Team** Do you care about animals and the more-than-human world? Are you into wildlife, dogs, cats, humans, horses, pigs, leafy seadragons, Meatless Mondays, training service animals, rescuing raptors, trying vegetarianism, volunteering at shelters, saving endangered species, or protecting ecosystems? You've found a group of kindred spirits here, and you will want to learn about Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry (UUAM). **Contact: Tiffany Schafer, UCHAnimalMinistry@gmail.com**

● **Black Lives Matter Team** The Black Lives Matter initiative was formed to make visible systems of racism and to create and follow pathways to substantive change. Our goals include addressing policing policies, prison reform, and drug law reform; promoting how and why black lives matter through inquiry; and identifying ways to connect with existing UCH efforts to integrate our work into all aspects of church life. **Contact: Marian Honel-Wilson, mhonelwilson@gmail.com**

● **DuPage United Team** DuPage United is an inclusive, non-profit, non-partisan organization whose members are civil society institutions, churches, mosques, synagogues, non-profit agencies, and various associations. This mix has come together to form public relationships and to act together to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. DuPage United engages in democratic action in the public arena. **Contact: Kathy Salzano, ktsalzano@gmail.com**

● **Green Sanctuary Team** The UUA Green Sanctuary Program provides a path for congregational study, reflection, and action for today's environmental challenges—including climate change and environmental justice. As a Green Sanctuary, UCH guides the members of the congregation in environmentally healthy practices in their own lives as well as in church facilities. In 2016 the team helped spearhead the UCH Green Home Initiative, which seeks to bring our campus infrastructure into the 21st century. **Contact: Lynn Rotunno or Dave Lloyd, UCHinsdaleGS@gmail.com**

● **DuPage Pads Team** UCH staffs the interim overnight housing for people experiencing homelessness located at Redeemer Lutheran Church two weekends each year, usually May and September. Our members purchase and prepare food for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast, set up the pads in the sleeping areas, staff the overnight shifts, and clean up afterward. Each weekend requires more than 30 UCH members to accomplish all that is involved. **Contact: Mary Getty, kikget@gmail.com**

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● **Prison Ministry Team** UU Prison Ministry works within congregations to broaden an understanding of the criminal justice system by offering educational opportunities and working to transform unjust systems. Its goal is to restore the dignity and worth we know is at the core of every human being. We have an active pen pal program that affirms relationships between UCH members and those incarcerated. **Contact: Rev. Karen Mooney, soulfulstill@gmail.com**

● **Reproductive Justice Team** We work to keep women's health and reproductive services available and advocate for reproductive justice. Volunteers accompany clients into clinics to make sure these clients have full access to clinic services. **Contact: Mike Pabian, pabes6711@aol.com**

● **Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI)** provides UCH and UUs across Illinois with advocacy and legislative leadership to effectively build community and power to promote justice and a healthy planet. UUANI helps UUs in Illinois put their values of justice, compassion and equity into concrete action – affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person. UUANI builds a network by connecting congregations with each other and community organizations. UCH has been active with UUANI since the network was founded in 2013. **Contact: Tracey Olson, socialjustice@hinsdaleunitarian.org**

● **Welcoming Congregation Team** The Welcoming Congregation Team's goal is to make UCH openly welcoming and affirming of LGBTQ individuals and their families. We provide educational opportunities and work to meet the national Unitarian Universalist criteria for official Welcoming status. **Contacts: Carol Doty, cado622@gmail.com; or Char Cepek, jrcepek@sbcglobal.net**