

## UUCivs Annual Report 2021-2022

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**Mission:** To inform and inspire UUAA members and friends about civic and political actions we can each take to advocate for all voices to be heard in the democratic process. We believe sustained efforts will result in a more just and equitable society.

UUCivs continues to support and work directly with communities who experience voter suppression and other voting barriers. As a member of the Voting Access for All Coalition (VAAC), we are engaging with low income communities and those impacted by the justice system.

Early in 2022, we were monitoring anti-democratic election bills proposed by the Michigan legislature, and we invited the congregation to a Zoom event with a representative from Voters Not Politicians (VNP) who explained the status of these efforts and strategies to combat them.

We have also been educating the congregation about the many petition drives that are trying to get ballot proposals onto the November ballot. UUCivs is collaborating with Kaleidoscope and Restorative Justice to provide opportunities for congregants to learn about these proposals and sign the petitions that promote UU values of justice and democracy.

We continue to be mindful of how we can support the work of our community partners: Interfaith Council of Peace and Justice, Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network, and the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County/Michigan—especially in the important work of voting access and election security and integrity.

Within the congregation, UUCivs has been an active part of the Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Priority Area and many of our members participated in the AR/AO Gathering Table event in February.