

## Initiatives Outside the Social Action Committee

Our Social Action Committee welcomes every interested person affiliated with our Church to be a member. However, in most cases, if they want to form their own non-duplicative project regarding a particular issue without our involvement, we are also supportive.

This has resulted in a number of important initiatives that functioned outside our committee, but with support from key Social Action Committee members, such as:

- Creating a Centennial Committee to raise \$100,000.00 in cash and in kind for local and international social action efforts in celebration of our congregation's one hundred year anniversary;
- Working with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for those in need;
- Working with Planned Parenthood and its affiliates;
- Working for marriage equality in both New Jersey and in the United States Nationally;
- Creating a Racial Justice Task Force made up of Church members;
- Undertaking a Green Vespers service to celebrate and honor our congregation's commitment to the environment; and
- Creating a memorial of colored ribbons hanging from the front of the Church honoring the military and civilian men and women who were wounded or killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and communicating publically about the human toll of war.



The UCS has many other social action initiatives that take place outside the Social Action Committee