

Social Justice Resolution, Resisting Authoritarianism

BECAUSE of UU Principles [1](#), [2](#), [6](#), and [7](#), [Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenant for Democracy and Freedom: 2025 Action of Immediate Witness](#), and the [Statement on the Killing of Renee Good by Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#)

WHEREAS, To [Side With Love](#) is to reject the lie that faith can remain neutral in the face of injustice, and to affirm the liberating power of love;

WHEREAS, the pillars of justice, equity, democracy, and the rule of law are under siege from authoritarian assaults on the justice system and constitutional protections, to the erosion and dismissal of due process, freedom of speech and press, and the values of diversity and inclusion; from the unlawful deportation of immigrants to the weaponization of state power to silence dissent;

WHEREAS, autocratic actors are wielding institutions like the FBI and the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, Defense, and Health and Human Services not for the common good, but to intimidate and punish their political opponents and ideological challengers;

WHEREAS, autocratic actors are ignoring and deriding the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS, Congressional legislators have been attacked, arrested and indicted for attempting to fulfill oversight responsibilities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

WHEREAS, Thirty-two people died in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody in 2025;

WHEREAS, Minneapolis Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota have filed a lawsuit to stop the federal government's unlawful, unconstitutional and dangerous federal immigration actions in the state;

WHEREAS, Masked, anonymous, federal agents have shot three people and killed two in Minneapolis in January 2026;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, will contribute to a vital pro-democracy movement by organizing to :

- Build on existing infrastructure, guidance, and support by engaging with UU organizations (such as Side With Love, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice, UU State Action Networks, and other local UU congregations), as well as other local, state, and national organizations, religious groups, and allies (such as

League of Women Voters, ACLU, Poor People's Campaign, Common Cause, Protect Democracy, the Brennan Center for Justice, Democracy Forward, Idaho 50501, Idaho Sierra Club, and the Wassmuth Center,);

- Work collaboratively with our justice ministries, Fascism Fighters, Chanting Choir and Tableau Troupe and other groups resisting authoritarianism;
- Provide needed education and training opportunities to engage the congregation and keep members safe and protected in non-violent protest and non-cooperation actions;
- Organize and communicate pro-democracy congregation actions and events that align with local grassroots efforts to protect and assist those directly harmed by injustice;
- Promote, support, and participate in national and local rallies and non-violent actions that are consistent with our UU values and principles;
- Provide a faith-based presence to local pro-democracy actions and events.