

# Excerpt from 2016-2019 Draft Statement of Conscience—Our Democracy Uncorrupted

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Congregations/covenanted communities can take actions such as the following.

1. Conduct a congregational democracy audit that includes any practices that continue to sustain white supremacy and income inequality. Take action to address findings.
2. Organize action groups based on the needs of democratic reform and investigate how structural racism, sexism, classism, environmental degradation, and militarization have driven the accumulation of wealth and political power.
3. Partner with other UU congregations and with other faith communities, non-profits, and unions to work on democratic reforms.
4. Support the Declaration for American Democracy campaign for comprehensive federal and state democracy reform.
5. Organize advocacy initiatives such as postcards, social media campaigns, rallies, sit-ins, petition drives, and other forms of direct action in support of democratic reforms.  
Sponsor educational forums about factors contributing to the corruption of democracy.
6. As part of the offering or special collections, ask for funds to support democracy-strengthening efforts.
7. Adopt resolutions supporting democratic reforms.
8. Collaborate with ongoing UU-related partnerships such as UUSJ's "Write Here! Write Now!" campaign for democracy reform.
9. Include children and youth of the congregation in conversations and invite them to join actions.