



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Board of Trustees Statement re: Reaffirmation of UUA Reproductive Choice Resolutions

April 14, 2012

In response to the increasing assault on women's contraception and abortion rights in today's political and cultural atmosphere, the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF) strongly reaffirms the 1987 and 1993 resolutions of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) that support women's access to contraception and abortion as legitimate expressions of their constitutional rights and our progressive religious values. More than ever, these resolutions remain vibrant and essential.

Over the past five decades, the UUWF has been unwavering in its defense of reproductive rights for women. The UUWF was a founding member of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC); UUWF members were prominent contributors to the Texas court actions leading up to the historic Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* to uphold a woman's right to abortion; and this issue has remained a leading concern of our constituency.

In addition to reaffirming our commitment to championing reproductive choices for individual women based on the inherent worth and dignity of every person; the right of individual conscience; and respect for human life, the UUWF Board recognizes the need to look more thoughtfully at this issue through the lens of reproductive justice. Therefore, we support efforts to explore and engage UUA member congregations in the new proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue which calls for a broad analysis of the racial, economic, cultural and structural constraints on women's power.