



Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation stands Up for Planned Parenthood

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Today the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF) stands up on the National Day of Action – **"Pink out Day"** – in support of continued federal funding for Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and its key role in the reproductive health of women across the country.

"Eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion care providers means millions could lose access to their trusted, high-quality care provider," said Dr. Kirstie Lewis, president of the UUWF. "It's shameful that politicians using a widely discredited, biased attack against Planned Parenthood which is orchestrated by a small group of zealots, is pushing legislation that would take away women's health care."

Along with so many people of faith, particularly women, we applaud Planned Parenthood and their incredible and necessary work. In this spirit, we are promoting and observing this National Day of Action – **"Pink out Day."** We are also giving a special \$10,000 gift to PPFA and will be encouraging our thousands of members and friends to donate generously.

For more than 50 years, the UUWF has been a voice for Unitarian Universalist women and for other women and girls across the country, working to advance justice for women and girls and promoting their spiritual growth. Over our history, the UUWF has spoken out for the right of individual conscience in decisions about family planning, and has worked in concert with many others to secure access to contraception and abortion.

We were a founding member of what is now the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, and sit on its coordinating council. In 1990, our Ministry to Women Award, honoring individuals or organizations that have ministered to women in an outstanding manner, went to Planned Parenthood. The UUWF underwrites a Clara Barton internship in women's policy position, in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Association, recently joining with them to implement a denominational statement of conscience on reproductive justice.

For more information:

Planned Parenthood Federation of America: www.plannedparenthood.org

Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation: www.uuwf.org.