





## UUSC Coffee Project Church Bulletin, April, 2004

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The UUSC Coffee Project is a great way for Unitarian Universalist congregations to make a difference in the world through their everyday purchasing choices. By the end of last year, almost 500 churches had participated, serving fairly traded coffee at fellowship hour and in the office, and at community events and fundraisers!

World Fair Trade Day, Saturday May 8th, is a great opportunity to spread the word:

- Share the UUSC Coffee Project with members of your congregation by cutting and pasting this bulletin insert into your church newsletter. 
- Submit a press release to your local paper. Contact Equal Exchange for a sample release, or visit [www.equalexchange.com/fairtradeday](http://www.equalexchange.com/fairtradeday)
- Organize a special fundraiser for UUSC in your congregation, offering fairly traded coffee, tea and cocoa from Equal Exchange.
- Show Equal Exchange's new video on the Interfaith Program to your congregation. Copies are available from Equal Exchange for \$10.
- If there is a World Fair Trade Day event planned in your area or at your congregation, put local information in the blank space provided here. 

Whatever you decide to do, please let us know about it. Give us a call, drop us an e-mail, send us a copy of your newsletter or article, share your ideas for events and activities by sending them to the address below. Thank you for making the UUSC Coffee Project a success and building Fair Trade for small farmers and their families.



For ordering & other information, contact:


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# “Thanks to Fair Trade, we will not die of hunger. We will not lose our land. Our children can attend school..”



— Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, Small Coffee Farmer, El Salvador

 We are used to bad news about the global economy. Over the past few years, for example, farming communities from Latin America to Africa and Asia have faced a crisis as world coffee prices have collapsed to their lowest point in decades.

But today we want to share some good news: Through the **UUSC Coffee Project**, hundreds of Unitarian Universalist churches like our own are making a difference in the lives of small farmers. By purchasing fairly traded products from Equal Exchange, they are ensuring that they receive a fair price, have access to affordable credit and are able to invest in their families and communities. **To date, almost 500 congregations have been involved in the project, purchasing more than 22 tons of fairly traded coffee, tea and cocoa in 2003.** At fellowship hour and in their homes, at fundraisers and community events, Unitarian Universalists are spreading the word about Fair Trade, making an enormous difference in the lives of small farmers and offering their families hope for the future.

But what difference can a cup of coffee make? Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, a member of a cooperative in El Salvador that sells to Equal Exchange put it simply: **"I want to thank all of the congregations that purchase our coffee,"** he said. **"It is thanks to you that we have a seed of hope in our lives."** 

For more information on the **UUSC Coffee Project**, please visit [www.uusc.org/info/coffeeproject.html](http://www.uusc.org/info/coffeeproject.html)



On Saturday, May 8th, communities around the world will be celebrating **World Fair Trade Day**. For more information, please visit [www.equalexchange.com/fairtradeday](http://www.equalexchange.com/fairtradeday).

