## Guest Preacher, Sunday, February 21: Preview Number One

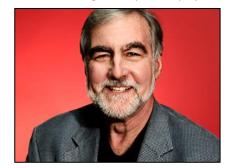
King's Chapel will have the honor of welcoming William F. "Bill" Schulz, D.D as our guest preacher on Sunday, February 21. Bill is currently the President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

#### **About the Preacher**

**William F. "Bill" Schulz** (born 1949) was the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) from 1985 to 1993 and the Executive Director of Amnesty International USA from March 1994 to 2006. He is currently the president and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. He is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and served as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1985 to 1993. He is married to the Rev. Beth Graham, who is also a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Schulz is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin College (1971), holds a master's degree in philosophy

from the University of Chicago (1974), and both a master's degree in theology and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 1973 and 1975. In addition to being awarded an honorary D.D. (Doctor of Divinity) from Meadville Lombard in 1987, he was also awarded an honorary L.H.D.s (Doctor of Humane Letters) from Nova Southeastern University in 1995, Grinnell College in 2004, Oberlin College, the University of Cincinnati and Willamette University in 2005, Lewis & Clark College in 2006 and Sage College of Albany in 2010.



#### **About the UUSC**

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a human rights organization powered by grassroots collaboration. In more than a dozen countries throughout the world, UUSC fosters social justice and works toward a world free from oppression. UUSC's innovative approaches and measurable impact are grounded in the moral belief that all people have inherent power, dignity, and rights.

**The mission of UUSC** is to advance human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. UUSC envisions a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights.

# About This Week's Featured Program: UUSC's Rights at Risk Program

The goal of the Rights at Risk Program is to defend human rights under threat throughout the world. In



extreme situations of natural disaster, armed conflict, genocide, forced migration, and systematic injustice, the program strategically addresses the needs of the most vulnerable by taking up the cause of structural change. In this work, UUSC focuses on the people most in danger of being excluded from existing responses. The program currently works in 11 countries across five continents, developing transferrable models and innovative strategies to address some of the core human rights

challenges of our time, including (1) migration and the right to freedom of movement across borders, (2) access to asylum and protection for refugees, exiles, and stateless people, (3) offering relief for people denied their rights during disaster and conflict, (4) ensuring disaster relief and reconstruction efforts guided by the voices and needs of the community, and (5) ending gender and identity based violence and discrimination by building the capacity of survivors to demand their rights.

The projects and locales where these goals are carried out by UUSC are the following:

- Relief program for women and other marginalized people living with disabilities in Vanuatu and Nepal have equitable access to participate in reconstruction
- Assisting the Rohingya minority displaced by ethnic persecution in Myanmar
- Supporting women and children fleeing political violence in Burundi
- Bolstering urban agriculture and sustainable development in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake
- Reintegrating unaccompanied minors and their families after deportation from the Dominican Republic to Haiti
- Strengthening indigenous communities and organizations of farmers, fishermen and women, mothers, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the Philippines
- Protecting refugee rights in Central America, Syria, ant the Balkans the rights to asylum, family reunification, and legal and humanitarian support

### **About Sunday, February 21**

On Social Action Sunday, Dr. Schulz will deliver a sermon at Morning Prayer on "The Blessedness of Bodies" with readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Job 7:1-9) and the Christian Scriptures (John 13:4-17). Afterwards, a luncheon at the parish house will be served by the Social Action Committee at which time Dr. Schulz will discuss in greater detail the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee throughout the world.