

**LETTER WRITING UPDATE:**  
**TWO MORE CHANCES TO PARTICIPATE**

How can we best communicate our concerns about the world? Who in the government wants most to hear from us? Are there helpful strategies for "being heard"?

The two recent letter-writing clinics here at First U focused on writing letters to editors, and on communicating (by phone/letter/post card/email) with legislators. These meetings also inspired some good conversation about what it means to communicate our values as UU's. Many of us feel overwhelmed by the number of issues that we care about which seem to need urgent attention. Coming together in community helps!

(Extra copies of the handouts are posted in the Gathering Room.)

A related topic we verbally wrestled with was: how can we "build bridges" to connect with people of opposite opinions? I'm sure it'll take all of us working together to figure out that one. First step: taking the letter-writing clinic to Merrill Memorial Library for the first two Saturday mornings in April (free coffee & donuts included). This non-partisan location is an effort to include more people who might have different opinions. It could inspire some interesting conversations! Please join us if you can.

Need more information? You can contact point person Mariana Tupper by inquiring at our church office 207.846.4148