Social Justice Council (SJC)
Annual Report 2016-2017

Mission and Core Values

As the administrative umbrella for all social justice groups and projects at UUAA, the SJC's mission is to:

- Coordinate, nurture, and support the congregation's efforts to advocate, educate, organize, serve, and witness for social action.
- Develop and maintain policies and procedures for UUAA's social justice groups.
- Review and provide oversight for the initiatives and actions of the congregation's social justice programs and projects.

The SJC works to realize UUAA's Core Values of Social Justice and Environmental Action, Community, and Culture through ministries that:

- Work for peace, search for truth in love, and identify ways to help one another
- Promote the inherent worth and dignity of every individual

Members

Carolyn Madden and Connie McGuire (co-chairs), Hayley Boyse (Board liaison), Cristy Cardinal, Mark Jagner, Sally Preston, Julie Voelck, Kate Warner, Hannah Hotchkiss, and Carol Acitelli (Facebook facilitator)

Selected Activities

- Organized a potluck to introduce Interim Senior Minister, Doug Wadkins, to our social justice cluster. The dinner was held in honor of Don Pelz, longstanding member of the SJC who died in 2016.
- Held an Involvement Fair for social justice groups.
- With Challenging Racism and the Board, named an SGD classroom after Viola Liuzzo, a UU social activist from Detroit.
- Initiated *Social Justice Connections*, a monthly presentation during the Sunday service by UUAA's social justice groups.
- Supported Cristy Cardinal who brought the *Examining Whiteness* curriculum to UUAA in her role as a UUSC Justice Building Innovator.
- Sponsored *Justice Day @ UUAA*, organized by Angelina Zaytsev, which had over 120 participants.
- Assisted UU Indivisible with a Town Hall featuring Congresswoman Debbie Dingell.

Goals

- Hold a retreat in preparation for searching for a new minister
- Revise and update policies and procedures
- Increase awareness of SJC's role

Carolyn Madden and Connie McGuire
SJC co-chair