

Social Justice Council Annual Report 2017-2018

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. There are 20 active social justice groups as of April 2018.
- 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

Mark Jagner, Carolyn Madden, Connie McGuire, Sally Preston, Leah Tame, Kate Warner, Hayley Boyse (Board liaison), Hannah Hotchkiss (staff liaison), and Carol Acitelli (Facebook facilitator).

Selected Activities

- Compiled brief descriptions of UUAA's active social justice groups for the Congregational Record that was viewed by the candidates.
- Organized a Social Justice Potluck that was held during Candidating Week.
- Created a job description for a Social Justice Coordinator.
- Co-sponsored, with Restorative Justice, a talk by Danielle Sered on mass incarceration; with UUJME, a talk by Alice Rothchild on health and human rights in Israel, East Jerusalem, and Gaza; and with ICPJ, the Connect and Act Summit 2018
- Held an SJC retreat.
- Revised the policies and procedures handbook.
- Met with the Board at a Chautauqua to discuss social justice activities at UUAA.

Goals

- Begin a dialog on social justice at UUAA with the new senior minister.
- Work with the Social Justice Coordinator to increase administrative support for our social justice ministries.
- Improve communication with and among UUAA's social justice groups.

Connie McGuire,
SJC Chair