

Social Justice Council Annual Report 2018-2019

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. As of April 2019, there are 19 active social justice groups.
- 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, Connie McGuire, Sally Preston, Leah Tame, Kate Warner, and Quiana Perkins (Social Justice Coordinator).

Selected Activities

- Approved the creation of two new groups: *Sponsor A Family* and *Days for Girls International*
- Participated in the process of hiring a Social Justice & Pastoral Care Coordinator.
- Met with Rev. Manish and Glen Thomas to discuss strengthening the impact of social justice work during Sunday services.
- Created an online survey to gather information and feedback from the social justice group leaders on how well their groups' needs are being met. The survey covered funding, communications, logistics, and organizational structure. Received responses from 20 individuals representing 17 groups.
- Analyzed the survey responses, created a summary of the major findings, and sent the summary to the group leaders.
- Organized, in coordination with the Leadership Development Team, a Listening Session to discuss the survey findings.

Goal

Continue the dialog begun with the social justice leaders to enhance collaboration, communication, and the effectiveness of social justice work at UUAA.

Connie McGuire,
SJC Chair