

Social Justice Council Annual Report 2019-2020

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 2020, there are 20 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, Kate Warner, Mary Ann Hergenrother, David Kohn, Susie Thompson and Quiana Perkins (Social Justice Coordinator).

Selected Activities

- Approved the creation of *UUAA Vets for Peace*
- Worked with the Worship Team and Sharing the Collection to coordinate the Social Justice Connections that highlight justice work during Sunday services.
- Hosted a Roundtable focusing on communication tools and room reservation changes.
- Planned a Leadership and Engagement Roundtable with the LDT for April that's been postponed until fall due to Covid-19.
- Will host a Zoom dialogue with SJ leaders and members to check-in and discuss how they're coping during the pandemic and what adaptations they've made.
- Worked with Wwebtech and each group to create uuaa.org emails for use in the brochure as a contact email rather than using personal emails.

Goals

Enhance collaboration, communication, and the effectiveness of social justice work at UUAA. Work with the 20/50 Vision Team on addressing the congregation's social justice strategic goals and engaging with our community social justice partners.

Sally Preston
SJC Chair