

# Social Justice Council

## Annual Report 2021-2022

### **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.

### **Members**

Sally Preston, Connie McGuire, David Kohn, Mary Ann Hergenrother, Susie Thompson, and Jeannie La Prad

### **2021-22 Highlights**

- Most of the 2021-2022 year has been focused on reimagining the SJC and whether it should become a larger council that oversees all groups and the Vision 20/50 priority areas. Connie McGuire worked with the Vision Steering Committee to help create a "Playbook". VSC members attended SJC meetings in late summer and early fall. Eventually, a separate Transition Team was formed to examine and decide the organizational question. The VSC focused on holding Gathering Tables for the three PA's: Climate Action | Climate Justice, Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression, and Radical Welcome.
- Connie McGuire and Sally Preston participated in the Transition Team to draft a document that creates a new Vision Support Committee that will focus on the Priority Areas and coordination of the Gathering Tables. The SCJ will continue as a separate administrative council for SJ groups.
- Budget approved for the 2022 calendar year was increased to over \$6,000 for social justice groups and PA expenses.
- Carolyn Madden has coordinated with the Worship Team to continue Social Justice Connections.
- The position of QuianaDenae Perkins as the Coordinator of Congregation Life was eliminated this year due to budget constraints and this has created a hole in the coordination of groups and connection to staff for the council.

### **Goals**

We plan to hold a retreat for the SJC to examine our membership and focus. We plan to work with the Leadership Development Team to improve leadership transition at the council and work with the SJ groups in leadership development and transition. We will work closely with the new Vision Support Team to coordinate work that affects our many social justice groups.

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