

**Social Justice Task Forces**  
**Application for Recognition or Renewal**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington (UUCB)**  
**September 2022**

**Name of Task Force:** Green Sanctuary Task Force Initial      Renewal X

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Please answer these questions:

1. What are the **goals** of the task force, and how do they reflect UUCB principles and enhance the life of our congregation?

The Green Sanctuary Task Force promotes mindful, Earth centered living, working to educate and motivate individuals and institutions to take positive steps toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions with the understanding that it is our moral imperative to care for the Earth. Being a Green Sanctuary affirms and promotes the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

2. What are your planned **activities** this year (**especially thinking of families, children, chalice circles, and connections**), including fundraising and educational meetings, and how do you plan to accomplish them?

Our level of activity has been curtailed by the pandemic. We continue to engage with monitoring and improving the energy efficiency of the church facility. We will work on GOTV efforts and host events.

We are active members of Citizens' Climate Lobby, Earth Care, Bloomington's Interfaith Group on Climate Change, and Faith in Place.

As we are a volunteer based task force, we are responsive to the interests of people in our group and plan additional events based on where the energy is. Additionally we are frequently approached by other groups to assist with projects throughout the year.

3. Who are the **members** of this task force, and what is the normal schedule of your meetings? Do you have plans to expand within the congregation and to the larger community?

Marcia Veldman, Stephanie Kimball, Iris Kiesling, Sura Gail Tala, Molly O'Donnell, Sandra Hernshaw, Chris Haynes, Anne Haynes, and other people participate from time to time.

We do not currently have a set meeting schedule.

We extend an open invitation to new members at our events and activities.

4. A \$300 budget is available to each task force this year – How would your task force use it this year? Be specific. What other **resources (financial and otherwise)** will you need to meet your goals and how will these be met?

The most critical resource needed to date has been the human resource. We also rely heavily on the ability to communicate via *The Prologue*. The church administrative staff has also been a crucial part of the success of this task force.

5. **List at least 3 small bites - short-term or one-time volunteer opportunities (especially thinking of families, children, chalice circles, college students) that might be used to invite new members to your task force.**

Right now we do not have any set volunteer opportunities, but reach out to the congregation via the Prologue as opportunities arise.

6. What other information and resources would you like listed on your task force web page? See current SJ task force web pages for format and ideas.

Molly O'Donnell maintains up to date information about the GSTF and our activities on the GSTF webpage.

Submit this application electronically to Jackie Hall at [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu). Please be specific and accurate. Your information will be used in creating social justice web pages, bookmarks, and other church documents.