

Social Justice Task Forces

Application for Recognition or Renewal Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington (UUCB) Sept 2022

Name of Task Force: _Reproductive Justice Task Force___ Initial___ Renewal _x___

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Please answer these questions:

What are the **goals** of the task force, and how do they reflect UUCB principles and enhance the life of our congregation? Reproductive Justice is the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities.

We seek to promote and maintain an active, liberal voice as we educate ourselves and the community, advocate for reproductive justice, and connect with community partners (political, healthcare, and faith-based) to ensure reproductive justice for all.

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?

A: We will continue to support the 4th Trimester Team as they grow their presence and services with the congregation and friends or family of the congregation. This involves answering their questions, attending meetings and connecting them with resources.

B: We will help promote the OWL program as follow-up to the funds we made available to them for trainer fees.

C: We will again monitor and inform members of pertinent legislation during the General Assembly session.

D: We will again sponsor the Diaper Drive and Hoosier Abortion Fund drives benefitting All Options.

E: We donate to the Hoosier Abortion Fund and other similar charities as the group chooses

F: We may take other actions related to the abortion issue like promoting marches or providing outside meeting information on this issue.

G: We fundraise via football parking and our Siding With Love bake sale in February.

H: We will restart the visits of volunteers to Planned Parenthood for our Snack Stewards program as PP dictates re covid exposure risk. Meanwhile we would still purchase snacks for the staff to dispense until we are able to put out our snack cart ourselves.

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?

Nan McKinley and Cindy Lonnberg, co-chair with Melinda Swenson and Deborah Meader as emeriti co-chairs. Pat Slabach, Sharon Yarber, Cathy Hiatt, Iris Kiesling, and Margie Schrader are other core members. Membership varies around 130 and we have friends of the church, church members and community members. We meet on the 4th Mondays, Aug-May. We are trying the hybrid zoom/in person set-up this month. There are usually 6-8 attendees.

If a \$300 budget were available, 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?

We use the \$300 to purchase snacks for our Snack Stewards project. We spent approx. \$300 last Dec. but the staff is dispensing for now and we need to check on supplies.

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.

We could contact All Options to see if they need help with the arrival of large orders of diapers, to move them into the center. We could also ask about helping with their mobile diaper service days. Volunteering to deliver diapers to individuals' homes could be done with children. There is no contact with recipients. Bringing a baked item to our Feb bake sale and having older children help us sell items would be a great opportunity. Assisting with football parking by college students is another idea.

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.

Cindy has updated this recently but we will keep monitoring this.

Submit this application electronically to Jackie Hall at jmhall@indiana.edu. Please be specific and accurate. Your information will be used in creating social justice web pages and other church documents.