

Social Justice Task Forces
Application for Recognition or Renewal
Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington (UUCB)
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Hope for Prisoners

Name of Task Force: _____ Initial____ Renewal X____

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Name _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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?

We seek to reach out to marginalized people who have little voice or people who advocate for them, and who are currently or have been incarcerated. Once we connect, we provide support where needed.

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?

Planned activities:

- a. KAP will continue to provide activities and are supporting some of the caregiver as they become leaders; continue to meet with children and caregivers for activities on a monthly basis; raise more funds for kids to attend summer camp.
- b. Continue to connect with Amethyst House and Courage to Change to provide mini-sessions to people living there; ask other UUs to volunteer
- c. Do a quarterly request for inmate complaints from MOCO; notify County Council of issues; write LTE when specific changes need to be made; create line of communication with newly elected Sheriff in November.
- d. Provide funds to Phillip Stroud to continue Hope for Prisoners group inside Pendleton Correctional Facility
- e. Seek ways to donate money to an inmate's commissary or phone account so they can connect with loved ones expanding to the Women's Prison.
- f. Make phone calls to IDOC or specific prisons when IDOC WATCH has requests
- g. Book study of Defund Fear by Zach Norris for adult RE.
- h. Plan a way to showcase the many artistic talents of incarcerated persons and others that are part of all of our task forces.
- i. Share the work of our task force with elementary students in RE.

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?

Members: Bill Breeden, Glenda Breeden, Mary Goetze, Ann & Chris Haynes, Marcia Hart, Debbie Fish and several others who respond to emails and show up for Zoom meetings

4. It 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?
Use funds for several incarcerated persons with UUCB connections for hygiene products, and for purchasing music and newsfeeds on their tablets. Parking cars at football games is another funding source

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.**

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.
1) planning committee for art showcase, 2) help park cars during football game; 3) write letters and make phone calls on behalf of prisoners when their human rights are ignored

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.