

Social Justice Task Forces
Process and requirements for Recognition or Renewal
Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington (UUCB)
September 2022

Social Justice Task Forces are recognized groups within the UUCB that are composed of at least three active people, the majority of whom are UUCB members or friends. Task Forces must apply to the Social Justice Chair/Minister for initial recognition (any time) and for annual renewal (in summer).

Each Task Force is expected to:

- Serve, Educate, Advocate, Witness and/or Organize in a specific area of social justice concern. These are the five approaches (pillars) for social justice work. See <http://www.uubloomington.org/five-main-approaches-to-taking-action/> on our UUCB SJ page for more information; we will use these categories as a primary way of organizing our SJ Coordinating Circle meetings this year (2022-3).
- Hold meetings at least quarterly
- Use the group function via our church database for your email list; and, add Jackie Hall to them. Jackie can help with this.
- Send one representative to meetings of the Social Justice Coordinating Circle (meetings to be determined)
- Each spring; prepare a brief written report to the congregation that will include accomplishments, number of people involved in task force activities, and totals of money or goods collected throughout the year
- In the task force's chosen month(s), offer a Social Justice Moment from the pulpit (coordinated with the ministers), display task force materials on the social justice bulletin board (and, if possible, arrange to have photos of task force activities showing in the social justice digital picture frame), have people at the SJ Table on Sunday mornings, and contribute a feature story to Prologue in the issue preceding their month
- Work with Religious Education program to incorporate SJ opportunities for families and children for SJ information and activities
- Share expertise and information with other task forces and groups

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Name of Task Force: _____ Initial____ Renewal _____

Form submitted by: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Task Force Chair if different than above:

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?

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?

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?

4. 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?

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.

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.