UUCSC Social Justice Team Chairperson Job Description

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Provide leadership to fulfill the mission of the Social Justice Team which is:

LEARN * EDUCATE * ADVOCATE

In order to do this, the SJ Chairperson must:

Identify specific social justice issues that are important to members of the congregation and align with the UU principles. These priorities may change over time.

Create an advisory team to help planning and to create a succession plan.

Identify members of the congregation who have interest in and passion for social justice who can contribute to the team.

Learn: Capture and share relevant information about each social justice issue, paying particular attention to issues that have a local impact. This can be done in a number of ways: reading, building connections with local and national justice groups, discussion groups. How this information is captured will depend on the size of the group interested in the topic.

Educate: As information is gathered and understood, share it with the congregation. This can be done in a number of ways: through an internal newsletter, bringing in guest lecturers, suggested group readings and video/movie lists, field trips.

Depending on the size and resources of the SJ Team, the education action could extend beyond the congregation to the wider community.

Advocate: Share opportunities with the SJ team to advocate for social justice. This may include rallies, protests, letter/postcard writing, legislative action.

Be A Good Neighbor Create relationships with local South County social service agencies and help fill basic needs gaps where possible.

Report as required to the Coordinating Council and the board.

Collaborate with RE and other committees.