

Social Justice Visioning Group

Have an idea that you'd like to encourage the congregation to explore that doesn't fall under one of our task group areas? Our Social Justice Visioning Group exists to create a forum for the exploration of other social justice efforts the congregation might pursue including those which might lead to the development of a new task group as well as those which are time limited. If you are interested in participating in the Social Justice Visioning Group, please contact the chair Sally Burnell.

Social Justice Coordinating Group

The Social Justice Coordinating Group exists to provide an umbrella for all our social justice ministries. The coordinating group is made up of the chairs of the Social Justice Task Groups, the chair of the Social Justice Visioning Committee, the Trustee for Outreach to the Wider World and the minister. In addition to overseeing the social justice work of the congregation, the Social Justice Coordinating Group will oversee the finances of our social justice ministries, evaluate proposals for new task groups and select the recipients for the beneficiaries of our monthly special collections. If you have an idea for an organization you'd like us to consider as a beneficiary of our monthly special collections or have a question about our social justice ministries, please contact our Social Justice and Community Outreach Coordinator Vivien Sandlund.



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Social Justice Ministries of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



- ✓ Identifying Opportunities for Action
- ✓ Facilitating Learning
- ✓ Creating Pathways for Service and Growth

Purpose

The purpose of the Social Justice Ministries of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent is to engage the members and friends of our congregation in important social justice issues of our time. We will support a variety of methods of engagement including identifying opportunities for action, facilitating learning and creating pathways for service and growth. We will strive to work for justice in all of our communities: congregational, local, national, and global.



Social Justice Task Groups

We have three task groups that are charged with engaging members and friends on particular justice issues that are timely, relevant and which reflect the principles of Unitarian Universalism. The goal of the task groups is to encourage broad congregational participation in social justice work. Each task group will endeavor to promote at least one opportunity for engagement every three months. We encourage members and friends to consider taking advantage of these opportunities as often as possible. The task groups will endeavor to offer a variety of opportunities for engagement so that people of all ages and abilities can participate. As always, if you have an idea for a project related to one of these areas you would like to pursue independently, we encourage that and would be happy to provide assistance.

Environmental Justice Task Group Coordinated by Mary Lou Holly



Some of the activities of the Environmental Justice Task Group include promoting recycling, participating in the annual Cuyahoga River clean up day, organizing and educating against fracking and supporting the work of our congregation's Green Sanctuary Team. What else would you like to see our congregation do to promote environmental justice? If you have an idea, Andrew would be happy to hear from you.

Hunger and Economic Justice Task Group Coordinated by Elaine Yehle Bowen



Some of the activities of the Hunger and Economic Justice Task Group include supporting local agencies that work to reduce hunger including Kent Social Services, the Center of Hope and the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. We have also supported organizations that work to help people struggling with the challenges of poverty including local homeless shelters Miller House and Freedom House and Empower Portage. What else would you like to see our congregation do to alleviate hunger and work against poverty? If you have an idea, Elaine would be happy to hear from you.

The first essential component of social justice is adequate food for all mankind. Food is the moral right of all who are born into this world.

Norman Borlaug



Human Rights Social Justice Task Group Coordinated by Susan Poole-Wilke

Some of the activities of the Human Rights Social Justice Task Group include providing opportunities for people to learn about:

- Women's Rights
- Racial Justice
- LGBTQ Rights
- Immigrant Justice

We offer a variety of adult religious exploration classes on these matters and hope to provide opportunities for people to engage directly in support of justice for all people. What else would you like to see our congregation do to affirm and promote human rights?

