

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Social Justice Committee Charter

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Mission:

To educate and inspire the congregation – and sometimes the wider community - by elevating social justice issues aligned with UU values; and to address them through advocacy, programming, and action.

Purpose:

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) shall implement, coordinate and sustain programs for and with the Fellowship, in concert with our core values and congregational covenant, to advance social justice, which includes these three areas: (1) Social Concern (Educate) – engage the mind and spirit with respect to societal injustice; (2) Social Responsibility (Serve) – alleviate and remedy the adverse impacts of societal injustice; and (3) Social Action (Act) – take measures toward altering systems and confronting the root causes of societal injustice.

Chair and Committee Members:

Qualifications for Chair of the SJC include: (i) membership in the Fellowship, (ii) previous engagement in Social Justice programming with GUUF, (iii) willingness and ability to represent the Fellowship in a manner that reflects our core values and the GUUF Vision, Mission and Covenant, (iv) effective communication skills, (v) ability and willingness to work collaboratively with the GUUF community and, as needed, the wider community, to advance social justice.

The SJC Chair shall recruit and appoint at least 3 SJC members. The members may agree to share the chair responsibilities among two or more members.

Responsibilities of the Committee:

The SJC will represent and facilitate the coordination of all SJC programs, projects, communications, and services in accordance with the GUUF By-Laws. This includes making recommendations to the Program Council (PC) and to the Fellowship, identifying and coordinating the initiatives it undertakes, developing and proposing a committee budget and operating within the congregation-approved budget, seeking out the advice and guidance of GUUF's minister(s) and other leaders with respect to SJC initiatives, and keeping the PC and congregation apprised of its actions. Selection and the continuation of SJC subprograms shall be based on (i) grounding, (ii) fit, (iii) opportunity, (iv) accountability, and (v) present relevancy and sustainability. The SJC will conduct a continuing review of initiatives for ongoing relevance and sustainability. The SJC's activities are informed by the UUA Workbook, "Inspired Faith, Effective Action."