

**Social Justice Task Forces**  
**Process and requirements for Recognition or Renewal**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington (UUCB)**  
**August 2023**

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.
- Hold meetings regularly, place on church calendar and publicize in other ways.
- Use the group function via our church database for your email list; and, add Jackie Hall to them. Annabel can help with this.
- Send one representative to meetings of the Social Justice Coordinating Circle (meeting times to be determined by the SJ Circle.)
- 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 actively engage with congregation about SJ issue through out the month. In particular during Sunday service offer ideas for Time For All Ages stories, music, readings, speakers, activities before and/or after service. Tabling all month with things to do, could host lunch, brunch, program, coffee houses, discussion topics for tables are some of the possibilities. When function is available, furnish task force slides for projection before and after service. **The goal is to Inform, Inspire and Connect about your SJ issue culminating in participation.**
- Work with Lifespan Religious Education program to incorporate SJ opportunities for families as well as children and adults. Things like forums, movies, book discussions, classes.
- Share expertise and information with other task forces and groups

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**Application for Recognition or Renewal**  
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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 some of your planned **activities throughout SJ month and year**. There will be a planning meeting Aug 12 to identify SJ Months and SJ planning for the year.
3. Who are the **members** of this task force, and what is the normal schedule of your meetings? Do you have a plan 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. How will you make initial timely, meaningful connections with those interested in your task force and issue?**
6. once procedures are established, participate in keeping UUCB website and other social media up to date.

Submit this application electronically to Jackie Hall at [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu) by Aug 3, 2023.. Please be specific and accurate. Please attend planning session on August 12.

**DRAFT**  
**Suggestion for All especially newcomers**  
*Basically Getting involved on steroids*  
*Thanks to Stephannie for proposal*

Have a meeting in early fall to inform, inspire and invite participation

1. advertise church wide – all task forces participate
2. could be Sunday or another time. Special invitations for newcomers that have signed guest sheet and those that have signed book in last year or two.
3. Include food for sure and possible door prizes, gifts, etc
4. Have mini presentations by task forces, like circle meetings but a little more general: purpose, projects, contacts, meeting times. Invite ideas and participation,
5. Brainstorm in large group – listen and affirm thoughts and ideas
6. Get to know attendees: talents, skills, experience, interests, motivations and what they need to be able to participate.
7. Make sure to follow up – call, note, emails, meet