


First Unitarian Universalist Church Columbus, Ohio		
Chapter: VI. Social Concerns		Source: Social Justice Committee
Title: Selecting Vendors		
Approved by: Board of Trustees		Date Approved:
Effective Date:		Date of Last Review:

- A. Policy:** Re: Selecting vendors/writing contracts that express our social commitment: Because we value and celebrate the diversity of our congregation—people who are young and old, rich and poor, gay and straight; white people and people of color, single people and people in a variety of family structures—the church will seek vendors, including contractors, who are sensitive to the diversity of our membership.

- B. Procedures:** The following guidelines, with the exception of review by the church counsel, pertain primarily to the representatives and employees of vendors who will have direct contact with a significant number of members and friends of the church, rather than to those who have little or no contact with church members (e.g., Xerox employees, office supply representatives).

The chair of the committee working with the vendor is responsible for helping the vendor understand our membership. To carry out this task, the chair will meet with those representatives and employees of the vendor who will work directly with our membership. He or she may provide relevant brochures from the UUA and from our church to explain our views.

The chair will review the vendor’s promotional material and proposals to determine compliance with the objectives of this policy.

The chair will request that the church counsel review any major contract and make recommendations on whether the contract should be signed, modified, or rejected.