

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus	
Chapter: VI. Social Justice Committee	Source
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General Information

Any member or friend of the First UU congregation who is involved with an organization or project that would help the Social Justice Committee to fulfill its vision and mission is welcome to request either funds or volunteers through the committee.

OUR VISION

The Social Justice Committee has a dream of a sustainable world in which every person, every community, every nation resolves conflicts peacefully by working for equality, justice and equity for all.

OUR MISSION

Work on eliminating the root causes of poverty, intolerance and genocide by promoting fair and equitable access to and stewardship of the earth’s resources, through the use of the democratic process.

Identify, study, and provide opportunities for church members and friends to work on the important issues of our time.

Criteria

The primary criterion for funding and volunteers is that the funds or volunteers will be used in a manner that upholds the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Principles and Purposes. In addition, the following criteria apply:

- The requester must be actively involved with the organization or project. Personal involvement may include volunteer commitment or work, substantial contributor (preferably of time), Board or other committee member of organization or project. Other types of involvement will be considered, but must be detailed within the request
- Organizations or projects which involve the active participation or more than one UU church member or friend will receive preferred consideration

Procedures for Application:

- **Ongoing Projects:** Complete the Request for Funding Application (found in the workroom or on the SJC website) and submit it to the Social Justice Committee via mailbox in the church workroom. Requests are accepted annually during the committee budgeting process during February and March. Requests made outside of the annual budgeting process will be considered by the committee at the monthly meeting following submission of the request. The requester may be asked to attend the meeting to present back ground information and answer questions. Requesters will then be asked to leave the meeting for final committee discussion and decision making.
- **One Time Funds:** These requests may be made to the SJ Committee via the Church Mailbox. Requests should include the organization, amount requested, rationale for funding, additional sources of funds if appropriate, and date funds are needed. One time requests may be discussed

by committee members via email, prior to a monthly meeting or at a monthly meeting, per the SJ chair's discretion.

- **Volunteers:** Requests for volunteers are for the Congregation-at-large, not specifically from the Social Justice Committee. Requests to send information/calls to action to the members of the Social Justice Action List are handled via email by the person designated to distribute these action calls. Contact the SJC chair for current information. Requests may also be made to staff tables in the SJ area in Fellowship Hall. Requests for tables may be made to Administrator@FirstUUColumbus.org, or the church administrative assistant: Office@FirstUUColumbus.org. Unattended sign up sheets for volunteers or other materials may not be left on SJ tables.

Approval Process: A subcommittee of SJC will be appointed by the chair to review the submitted applications. If the project is approved as meeting the criteria listed above, the subcommittee will present the approved projects to the full committee for approval, and will make recommendations regarding the level of funding which is supported by projected income for the next fiscal year.