

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHARGE**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 11, 2016*

**Purpose**

The Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC) shall support the social justice ministry of the church, enlarging its capacity

- To promote personal changes that help us live more socially just lives;
- To engage in service to others, guided by our social justice priorities;
- To witness and advocate on behalf of social justice in legislation and public policy; and
- Thereby to enliven the principles and theologies that inspire our social justice ministry.

**Responsibilities**

- Design an overarching structure to coordinate the Church's social justice leadership groups, including Davis Community Meals, Dove & Serpent (Daroc Partner Church) Committee, Green Sanctuary Committee, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter Team, Quilting Bee, and Uniting for Racial Justice Committee.
- Establish procedures for SJCC review of proposals for major new social justice programs or activities submitted by existing social justice leadership groups, by staff, or by congregants.
- In consultation with the minister(s), review proposals, charges, and recommended chairs for new social justice leadership groups before they are submitted for Board approval.
- Review annual operating budget requests from social justice leadership groups before they are submitted for Board approval.
- Help develop and maintain social justice communication tools and materials.
- Help social justice leadership groups develop leadership skills, grow participation in their activities, and shape new initiatives.
- Enhance coordination between the Church's social justice programs and activities and its worship, educational, and other endeavors.
- Connect UUCD social justice programs and activities with other UU entities, interfaith efforts, and appropriate secular groups.
- Celebrate UUCD's social justice accomplishments and thank their leaders and participants.

**Special Qualities or Skills Needed by Members**

It is desirable to have represented on the committee experience with the variety of activities that make up social justice efforts, such as education, direct provision of services, and policy advocacy. In addition, all members should have:

- Willingness to devote time each month to strengthening the overall social justice ministry of the church, and
- Good communication and organizational skills.

### **Number of Members Needed**

One committee chair or two co-chairs, plus chairs or co-chairs of the church's social justice leadership groups and up to 3 at-large members.

### **Terms of Office**

- Chair or co-chairs and the up-to-3 at-large members: 2 years, with the possibility of serving a second 2-year term.
- Chairs or co-chairs of the church's social justice leadership groups: as long as they remain chairs or co-chairs of the leadership groups they represent.

### **Membership Selection Process**

- Chair or co-chairs are appointed by the Board of Trustees, following consultation with the minister(s).
- The up-to-3 at-large members are selected by the chair or co-chairs, following consultation with the minister(s).
- All other members serve by virtue of their being chairs or co-chairs of other social justice leadership groups.