

# Shared Ministry Team Meeting

## September 25, 2022

### Social Justice Team

#### 1. **Schedule Team meeting dates/times for the year.**

These dates will be added to the church calendar. Suggested meeting themes:

- Fall – Developing the team’s goals for the year:
  - **The theme for the fall meeting is Reconnection.**
  - **Date: October 18**
    - **The SJ Shared Ministry team will meet at 6:30, half hour before the meeting starts at 7 PM**
  - **In November we will host a social Justice Fair. Date TBD. (Luke can select an appropriate Sunday)**
    - **We will display sticky notes or personal writings on a large roll of paper posted on the back wall of the Commons where congregants can share what justice work with which they are currently involved through the church or in the community. We plan on coming up with various categories where they can post their info. We would like to also get their contact information or if they are the link or contact with the community partner.**
- Winter – Discussing budget requests
  - **Our meeting will be in January. Date TBD.**
- Spring – Planning for the following year, Nomination suggestions for new team members
  - **Meeting date April. TBD**
- Summer – Reflecting on the year
  - **Meeting in July. Date TBD.**

#### 2. **Identify roles for team members.**

Who will be the facilitator? Who will serve as notetaker? Are there other roles that are important to your team meetings? Will these be year-long roles, or will the roles rotate?

- **What has worked well for our team is to rotate these jobs on a voluntary basis.**
- **The agenda will be established by Luke**
- **Our team is in contact with each other by email as needed between meetings as concerns or issues arise.**
- **Luke will answer email questions or concerns from congregants and cc the team with his response. He will also connect prior to responding with the team if needed.**

### **3. Develop Team Goals for the year.**

What would your team like to accomplish this year? Consider how the work of your team will support the mission and goals of the church.

- **To reconnect with subgroups and their members and help promote their efforts, i.e., welcoming congregation on transgender justice, classism, etc.**
- **To be the conduit for connection and awareness between congregants and justice opportunities within the church and the community.**
- **To offer forums, book reads, etc. that provide deeper reflection within the context of our UU values.**
- **To select shared plate recipients that not only mirror our values but address the most pressing justice needs that may arise.**
- **To update the printed volunteer brochure.**
- **To have current and relevant information on the church website.**
- **To address our institutional practice of justice, i.e., socially responsible investments, staff compensation, environmental use of our space, etc.**
- **Begin congregational discussion of the 8th Principle.**

### **4. Communication**

In addition to notes from team meetings, all teams are invited to present at least one Wednesday night forum to the Congregation. This is an opportunity to share what your team has been focusing on this year. Discuss possible ideas for a forum presentation from your team. Is there a particular time of year that your forum topic would be most applicable?

- Forum topic idea(s)
  - **There will be many topics at forums this year with a social justice theme.**
- Suggested month(s) for your team's forum(s)

### **5. Other business your team needs to attend to this fall.**

- **We determined what charitable organization would be the recipient at the November 5 service auction.**
  - **We will support the Immigrant Justice Fund.**
  - **There will be four opportunities at the auction to bid and the categories are: Food, Household supplies, Educational needs, and Transportation**
  - **All would be \$10 bids.**

## **6. Additional time?**

Discuss the large group conversation we had about the overall strengths and needs in our Shared Ministry governance model. Does your group have any additional input? What has been working well for your team specifically? Is there anything your team feels could be improved or clarified in order to help your team function better?