

Social Justice Action Groups

2003-2004

Economic Justice

- Educates congregation on economic issues
- Promotes fair and just economic policies and practices.
- Creates educational resources for other Unitarian Universalists and our allies.
- Organizes lectures and forums by leading economic activists/authors

For more information, please contact:
Corey Cliffe, 503-238-7683

Beloved Community

- Fosters the spirit of understanding and respect for racial and cultural diversity.
- Offers classes, film series and workshops to congregation in order to stimulate conversation, insight and personal transformation.
- Creating an anti-racism curriculum which will be piloted in the Spring of 2004

For more information, please contact:
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Seventh Principle

- Seeks to promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.
- Provides concrete ways to be more ecologically responsible, including ways to live more simply and to reduce global warming and junk mail.
- Helps church maintain it's Green Sanctuary status.
- Provides classes, lectures and other special events to highlight ecological issues.

For more information, please contact:
Barbara Ford, 503-621-9587

UUs for Global AIDS Awareness

- Educates congregation on the AIDS epidemic, especially as it relates to African countries.
- Successfully passed an "Action of Immediate Witness" at the 2003 General Assembly, thereby drawing attention and resources to the African AIDS epidemic.
- Organizes lectures and special events to promote AIDS awareness, including World AIDS Day.

For more information, please contact:
Ann Pickar, 503-246-8629

Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good (MACG)

- Part of a collaborative effort among churches, schools, synagogues, labor unions and community groups to work for the common good.
- Working to create a greater sense of connectedness between congregants of this church.
- Dedicated to promoting meaningful discussion that analyzes the impact of public trends on our private lives.

For more information, please contact:
Margaret Gribskov, 503-284-9557

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

- Highlights the mission of UUSC by celebrating Annual UUSC Sunday.
- Sells Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate to promote fair trade and to raise funds for UUSC
- Raises money for UUSC by selling holiday cards
- Provides information on UUSC Youth Camps and other UUSC projects.

For more information, please contact:
Madeleine Lefebvre, 503-247-7503

Peace Action

- Organizes ways in which our congregation can act for peace.
- Provides celebrations and rituals by which to express our sorrows and joys related to the U.S. Occupation of Iraq.
- Orchestrating a Voter Registration/Education/Mobilization Campaign.
- Circulates information and gathers signatures for peace-related political advocacy.
- Connects our congregation with other community groups working for peace.

For more information, please contact:
Shirley Geiger, 503-235-6189

Recent Special Events

- New York Times columnist and economist Paul Krugman came to the church to discuss the economy and U.S. Occupation of Iraq. Attendance: 620
- The church hosted a community-wide Town Hall Meeting on Free Trade. Attendance: 300 plus 5 elected officials.
- Our educational video on Free Trade debuted at General Assembly and is now in use throughout the country in churches, classrooms, union halls.

Social Justice Council

- Oversees the administration and operation of the Social Justice Program
- Coordinates the annual Alternative Gift Market
- Takes public stands on social justice issues.
- Nurtures the growth of new groups.
- Sponsors special events related to social justice.
- Meets monthly to coordinate the social justice activities of this church.

For more information, please contact:
Teresa Schader, 503-636-7488

Mission of the Social Justice Program:

- To coordinate and support the congregation's effort to advocate, educate, organize, serve and witness for social action.; to establish First Unitarian Church as a beacon of hope and social justice in our community.