

Social Justice Task Force Application to Become or Continue Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington (UUCB)

Guide: Social Justice Task Forces are groups within the UUCB of Bloomington that:

- advocate, educate, organize, and/or inform around a specific area of social justice concern,
- share expertise and information about that specific area of social justice concern with other Task Forces and groups as needed,
- be comprised of at least 3 people and at least 50% of task force membership from members and friends of the UUCB,
- have one representative on the Social Justice Coordinating Circle(SJCC) that meets at least three times a year (these representatives may be chairs or co-chairs of their Task Forces or members, but the Task Forces are to send representative persons who are both involved in and informed about the work of their Task Force AND are able to commit time to responsible involvement in the work of the Circle), and
- prepare a written report to the congregation annually.

The Social Justice Steering Committee receives and acts on (in consultation with SJCC) applications for Task Force status. The SJCC provides orientation for the leadership of new Task Forces.

To apply or request continuance of Task Force status, please respond to appropriate questions and submit electronically (preferably) to jmhall@indiana.edu or to the SJCC box in church office. Please note that this information will be used by the Steering Committee to describe your Task Force on the church web-site, on a “book mark” displayed on the Social Justice table, and in other publications.

Name of Task Force: MCUM **Initial Application** **Renewal** **XXX**

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1. What are the purpose(s) and goal(s) of the Task Force?

- a. to strengthen the congregation's relationship with MCUM by supporting their emergency services program and
- b. to continue the annual holiday food baskets and the annual Christmas Eve collection.

2. In what ways do these purposes and goals fulfill the principles of the UUCB and /or enhance the life of this congregation?

They relate to the mission statement of the church, "to engage in active efforts on Behalf of justice, love and truth"

3. Is this Task Force on-going or created to accomplish specific, time-limited goals? (If the latter, explain.)

This task force will be on-going.

4. What programs and/or events have been conducted during the past year?

An ad hoc committee conducted the annual holiday food basket drive.

5. How effective does the Task Force judge these programs to have been?

I understand this has been quite effective for many years.

6. What programs and/or events have been planned or are projected for coming months?

At this time we are planning a first Sunday of each month food drive to be called Bountiful Sunday. This will begin on Oct 1. We will have regular Common Ground articles with an educational component. We hope to have R.E. involved on a regular basis. Another idea is to have a "Stone Soup" Sunday with everyone bringing items needed by MCUNL

7. What are the funding needs of the Task Force? How are they to be met?

Unknown at this time. We have received a gift of \$150.00 that is in our T account. S. What other resources and support does the Task Force need to be effective?

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9. Who are the persons primarily responsible for decision making and policy setting for this Task Force? (Indicate which are members or friends [financial supporters] of the UUCB.)

Judy Bennett, Shanna Dietz, Diane Gregory, Beth Hollingsworth and Harriet Pfister. All are members of the church