We come together
to deepen our spiritual experience and philosophical understanding,
to grow a vital, nurturing community, and
to act on our values in the wider world.

Charge issued by the Board of Trustees: Social Action Steering Committee

June, 2015

Background: The Social Action Steering Committee replaced the Social Action Council in 2011. Its tasks are to administer social action projects and oversee various ad-hoc social action activities.

Relation to Mission: To help us act on our values in the wider world.

Ministry Purpose: To minister to the congregation by promoting the strength and integrity of its social action program and to church leaders by helping them minister effectively and joyfully.

Under the Authority of (mark one):

☑ Board

☐ Committee (specify):
☐ Staff (specify):
☐ Other (specify):

Leadership: Chairperson is appointed by the Board with recommendations from this committee.

Composition: Required Representation: The minister or other lead-staff person appointed by the minister.

Recommended Representation: Three to five church leaders appointed by the President to two-year staggered terms, which may be renewed once, at the President's discretion.

Areas of Authority:

- Oversee the social action programs of UUCV.
- Determine whether ongoing projects are aligned with church values and resources, deciding which to approve, and terminating when appropriate.
- Maintain guidelines and timelines for making social action project proposals and periodic reports.
- Support and counsel project leaders to successful project conclusions or termination.
- Conduct a process to take proposals or resolutions to congregation for approval if needed.
- Oversee other short-term social action activities, such as petition drives.
- Be familiar with and adhere to policies and operational rules enacted by the Board and UUCV By-Laws.
- Monitor and oversee social action projects and activities.
- Collaborate with relevant other groups, such as Fundraising, regarding fundraising activities and special collections with social action dimension.
- Submit annual social action budget proposal / request.
- Deal with correspondence from outside UUCV regarding social action (from UUA, PNWD, UUSC, local congregations and organizations, etc.)

**Specific Responsibilities:**

- Promote collaboration on related topics between Social Action Steering Committee, staff and project leaders.
- Staff will communicate with Social Action Steering Committee before initiating social actions in the name of UUCV.

**Relationship to Staff:**

**Limitations / Constraints:** None specified at this time.

**Reporting Requirements:** Provide a concise report on the overall social action program for inclusion in the congregation’s Annual Report. To be given to the Minister annually or upon request.

Inform the Board about social action issues that are likely to be controversial or have a significant impact on overall resources within the church.

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