

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Social Justice Committee is to promote the development of a congregation that embraces, in both word and deed, justice, equity and compassion.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Social Justice Committee (SJC) is to help lead the Parish in involvement in areas of Social concern. The SJC will investigate matters of concern for the Parish in areas outside the immediate needs of the Parish. It will provide discussion and design programs, lectures and services and other events that help to educate the congregation on these matters. This will encourage and enable the Parish membership to participate in action on issues of concern locally, nationally and internationally.

RESPONSIBILITIES LIST (My start to the list; what can you add?)

- Conduct at least two worship services a year: the Guest at Your Table Service in November and the Justice Sunday Service in March.
- Promote the sale of fair trade items especially coffee and other products from Equal Exchange, Olive Branch Olive Oil, and craft items from Global Exchange.
- Arrange a program, usually a Pot Luck at First Parish, with the GLBTA Pride Office at Bridgewater State College in conjunction with National Coming out Day in October. This is part of our continuing connection to GLBTA work as a Welcoming Congregation.
- Assist the Religious Education Committee with the Stone Soup Lunch in conjunction with GAYT Sunday.
- Promote the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).
- Participate in events run by UU Mass Action, especially the Annual Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House in April.
- Manage the monthly MainSpring House Lunch preparation.
- Select the appropriate local charities to receive the 10% profit from the church's four major fundraisers. These are: Fourth of July, AutumnFest, Holly Day Craft Fair, and the Goods and Service Auction.
- Serve as an umbrella group for the autonomous social justice task groups at First Parish: the First Principle Project; the Green Sanctuary Committee, the Peace Vigil Committee, and the Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry.
- Support ad hoc projects related to human rights and social justice.