

Environmental Justice Team
CHARTER

Date: December 1, 2023

Responsible to: Social Justice Committee/Minister

Justice Team Chair:

Justice Team Members: (minimum of 3 people)
Frances Whittelsey, Amy Olander, Valerie Scopaz

Key Responsibilities of Justice Team:

- Raise awareness of UUFH members and the larger community to threats to the environment and the impact of climate change, with particular emphasis on threats that impact disadvantaged and vulnerable people in accordance with the 8th principal.
- Educate and demonstrate best practices for sustainability and harmony with our 7th Principal.
- Advocate for individual life-style changes and changes in community policies and infrastructure that will lead to mitigating climate change, correct harmful practices and provide environmental justice.

Limitations on Authority/Approvals Required:

The Climate/Environmental Justice Team, in communication with the Social Justice Committee, is empowered to take action, sponsor activities, sign public documents, meet with policymakers, or co-host events with other organizations when the UUFH and/or the UUA has a specific written policy or position on the issue. When there is no UUA or UUFH policy or position, the team will first get the support of the Social Justice Committee and the Minister, and if obtained, then create a process for educating the congregation and obtaining congregational support before engaging this issue on behalf of UUFH. Only the Minister and the Board President may make public statements to the media on behalf of UUFH, unless they specifically approve a designee. All press releases must be approved by the Minister in advance.

Committees/Teams/People to Coordinate with:
Buildings and Grounds; Grow to Give Garden; Worship; RE

Other:

Board approval ____X____, Date ____12/19/23____