

UUCWI Social Action Committee Role Description

Approved by Board of Trustees on March 14, 2005

Purpose: Inform and educate congregants and the community about social-action needs, concerns and actions; encourage our congregation to participate in, sponsor or support activities or groups addressing social-action or social-justice situations; develop and engage resources of UUCWI that will most directly benefit those in need in our community.

Nature: This is a standing committee.

Key Responsibilities:

- Set criteria for the selection of social action initiatives and activities to pursue and judge opportunities in light of these criteria.
- Participate in local, regional and national social action programs as resources allow.
- Cooperate with and participate in UUA and UUSC committee work.
- Generate ideas, proposals and plans for social action work.
- Conduct educational efforts to inform congregants and the public in social action needs.
- Plan and conduct Sunday Services with social action/social justice themes.
- Publicize programs so that the church and community can become involved.
- Encourage congregants and friends to witness or advocate social action concerns.
- Develop public statements in the name of the committee, to be recommended to the Board of Trustees, in accordance with UUCWI bylaws.
- Work within the constraints of the social action budget, as proposed by the Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- In cooperation with UUCWI Publicity Coordinator, publicize activities as appropriate.

General Project Criteria

- as far as possible, any project should meet these criteria:
- local, rather than remote projects
- direct help, rather than simply fund raising
- group work, with a view to building community
- measurable projects so we can get a sense of progress and accomplishment
- time constrained so we can review/alter/cancel periodically
- sufficiently high profile so we draw attention to UUCWI work and mission.