

Current Language

6.1. Social Justice Council. The Board shall establish a Social Justice Council to coordinate the activities of social action task forces.

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6.1 Social Justice. The Congregation commits itself to prioritizing our social justice work through the following bodies:

6.1.1 Social Justice Program Committee (SJPC). The Senior Minister shall charter the SJPC, inviting five lay Members and Friends involved in congregational social justice activities to serve. The Senior Minister or another minister designated by the Senior Minister shall be an ex officio member of SJPC. The role of the SJPC is to: 1) advise the Senior Minister on social justice funding, 2) identify opportunities to work with partner congregations on collaborative social justice activities, and 3) work with the staff communications director to inform the congregation on a regular basis of the social justice activities taking place within and outside of the congregation with which members and friends can become involved. The SJPC members shall serve two-year terms and may be invited to continue to serve one successive two-year term at the discretion of the Senior Minister.

6.1.2 Public Policy Position Panels. The Board shall establish a Public Policy Position Panel when a public policy position is proposed to the Board by members of the congregation and/or members of the Board, and is approved for consideration by a majority of the Board members. The Panel shall convene and oversee a congregational discernment and deliberation process. The panel shall be chaired by the vice chair of the Board or another chair- designated Board member and shall include the Board liaison to the relevant RRUUC social justice groups. The chair of the panel shall invite three congregants who have made a substantial commitment to social justice activities within the congregation, relevant to the proposed public policy position, to serve for the duration of the congregational discernment and deliberation process.