

UUFA Committee /Group Charter

1. **Name of Committee or Group:** Social Action Committee (SAC)
2. **General Purpose:** Members of the Social Action Committee attempt to address our UUA principles by researching and proposing humanitarian projects in which individuals in the congregation may become involved. We advocate for issues that create greater tolerance, diversity, social justice and economic opportunity in our community and in our world. We strive to promote the principles of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations and respect for the interdependent web of all existence.
3. **Membership:** There are approximately 12 active members with more on our list serve. Anyone attending UUFA can join SAC. There are no requirements for membership and no length of service for people.
4. **Leadership:** The leadership consists of several people: chair, secretary, can drive coordinator, Cause-of-the-Month coordinator. Leadership is selected by whoever volunteers, and there are no length of service requirements. The chair sets the agenda and facilitates the meetings. The secretary takes notes and sends the minutes to the committee by email. Also she keeps track of the budget and submits the budget on request. Can drive coordinator gets matching funds, sees cans are delivered and writes announcements for the Tapestry. Cause-of-the-Month coordinator keeps track of the organizations and the amount of money collected.
5. **Meetings:** The Social Action Committee meets once a month usually on the first Sunday in the administration office. Meetings are announced in the *Tapestry*, website, order of service, and weekly emails. Decisions are generally made by consensus, and meetings are open to anyone in the congregation.
6. **List specific duties and responsibilities of the committee:** These are stated in the general purpose category (#2)
7. **Annual Goals and Objectives:** We continue to focus on anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism.
8. **Accountability:** We are each accountable to the other members in the group.
9. **Reporting requirements:** This committee only reports to the members and to the Justice Lay Minister.
10. **Relationship to professional staff and other committees/groups of UUFA:** We work collaborative with other UUFA committees, groups, and teams. We have a good working relationship with the parish minister and other UUFA staff members, trying to involve them wherever and whenever possible.
11. **Communications:** SAC holds workshops in which the congregation is asked to participate. We ask for volunteers for various projects in which we are involved: Our Daily Bread, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, CANtributions for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank, and the Cause of the Month.
12. **What decision-making authority does the committee have?** Members of this committee decide with what UUFA and/or SAC become involved. In addition, many members of the committee as well as other members and friends of the congregation take an active role in social action organizations such as Economic Justice Coalition, Aids Athens, and the ARK and represent UUFA in these organizations.
11. **Spending authorities:** The chair is authorized to sign check requests.

Proposed charter submitted by Caryl Sundland, Social Action Secretary

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