

Action Group Member Position Description

Goal of Position:

To increase community awareness and work towards systemic cultural change through education, social action, targeted work projects, and political initiatives. To participate in collaborative events with other organizations in the community committed to the same causes.

Action Group foci vary, but share grounding in the Seven Principles. Results of the work of an Action Group can be: educational venues within and outside the church organization, participation with other community groups that lead to initiation of legislative initiatives, or specific projects that directly impact our natural environment or provide direct service aid and support to marginalized populations (e.g.: food bank, mental health, voter registration).

Sample activities:

1. Participate in events with other community organizations
2. Attend educational events (film series, guest lecturers, public forums)
3. Network with other congregation members to promulgate group through newsletter, Sunday announcements, and table at Sunday social hour round table
4. Attend monthly meetings (feel free to recommend agenda items to the Action Group Leader!!) with group members

Timeframe:

Length of Commitment: one year minimum

Estimated hours: 10 hours/ month (including meetings and activities)

Scheduling: Fixed monthly meeting times; other hours dependent upon nature of project, with flexibility dependent upon the specific nature of outreach activities (coordination with other community groups, or scheduled rallies or marches, etc.)

Site:

Meetings will be at the church building. Other activities in the community will vary in location. Some travel may be required associated with political rallies or other community gatherings.

Supervision:

The Action Group leader coordinates the work of the group members, and brings any issues or conflicts to the attention of the Social Justice Program Director.

Qualifications sought:

A passion for a particular cause consistent with the vision and mission of the Social Justice Council is a foremost requirement. Willingness to commit to participation in events and community networking and the ability to work well in a collaborative atmosphere are essential.

Benefits:

All group members are encouraged to complete the cord curriculum of the Adult Education Department. Additional classes about social justice issues are regularly available through the Adult Education Program. At the annual church meeting, one of the ministers reads a long list of the varied ways congregants serve the Church. Volunteers are asked to stand and remain standing as the list is read. These volunteers are honored by applause. All group members are eligible for the “UU of the Year” award. Individual action groups hold their own social events such as pot-lucks where members pause to celebrate their work and recognize each other in fellowship.

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