

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF PORTLAND:

A beacon for social justice action in the community

The Social Justice Program of First Unitarian Church promotes education, advocacy, witness, service and community organizing in 10 different areas, including: peace, economic justice, environmental sustainability, racial justice, mental health and the global AIDS crisis. Fueled by our shared spiritual values, we direct our energies towards developing effective leaders, engaging and educating our members and working for systemic change--both in Portland and throughout the world. It is our hope that in so doing our children and our children's children may know peace, compassion, religious freedom and a vastly more equitable world.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUPS:

- **BELOVED COMMUNITY:** Fosters understanding and respect for racial and ethnic harmony through arts, education and dialog.
- **CUBA AYUUDA:** Connects US travelers with Cubans and Cuban life resulting in transformation and friendships through service.
- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE ACTION GROUP (EJAG):** Raises public awareness of equal access to economic opportunities.
- **UU GLOBAL AIDS COALITION:** The goal is to address the devastation caused by the epidemic through education, outreach, advocacy and service.
- **METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD (MACG):** Alliance of 30 community organizations (faith, unions, schools) committed to renewing democracy in Portland.
- **PEACE ACTION GROUP:** Brings the church community information and events in support of peace and justice in the world.
- **7th PRINCIPLE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP:** “Respect for the interdependence web of all existence of which we are a part.”
- **UU SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Works to advance justice worldwide by combining human rites education and advocacy with support for grassroots initiatives.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL: Comprised of the chairs of each action group, three officers and the Social Justice Director, this Council oversees the administration and operation of the Social Justice Program. Responsibilities include setting policy, coordinating activities, nurturing the growth of new groups and vision implementation.

