

## Social Justice Committee - Resolution for Annual Meeting, December 2018

The First Universalist Unitarian Church's Social Justice Committee (SJC) intends to work cooperatively with the area's larger faith community on issues of common interest (e.g., poverty, Woman's Community, Neighbor's Place, prison reform, etc.). However, the SJC's primary focus will be on issues that define us as a liberal religious community (e.g., immigration, reproductive justice, climate change, LGBTQ welcoming and equality, religious tolerance, and civil liberties).

Concerning the issues that define us as a liberal religious community, which may be controversial, the SJC accepts responsibility for clarifying that it is acting on its own behalf in the public expression of position on such matters. Any position considered for public advocacy *in the name of First Universalist Unitarian Church* on matters of social justice and conscience shall require approval by congregational vote.

Recognizing that certain actions by the SJC may, nevertheless, reflect upon the Congregation as a whole, the SJC requests congregational approval for the SJC (on its own behalf) to promote social change or affect public policy on such issues as immigration, reproductive justice, climate change, LGBTQ welcoming and equality, religious tolerance, and civil liberties. The SJC will arrive at such positions following full and open discussion within the Minister and Board of Trustees, guided by commonly shared UU principles and, where possible, by published resolutions or action issues of the Unitarian Universalist Association.