

# Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California

## Covenant of Collaboration

*"Our congregation wishes to collaborate with the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California. We will join with the network of California UUs who are living out our faith by educating, organizing, and advocating for public policies that speak to our UU values while building beloved community, collaborative justice, and collective liberation."*

### **Our Congregation/Fellowship/Community will...**

- Engage in social justice education, witness and advocacy as part of our congregational life;
- Inform UUMCA as to the justice priorities that are important to our congregation and its members, updating this information as priorities change;
- Designate a UUMCA Ambassador to represent our congregation in cluster decisions and, as appropriate, to the statewide network.
- Encourage members of our congregation to participate UUMCA-sponsored regional and statewide trainings, activities (related to congregational justice priorities), and cluster events;
- Foster UUMCA support, visibility, membership and involvement among our congregation;
- Ensure our congregation utilizes UUMCA to strengthen our justice ministry through education, witness and advocacy opportunities and resources;
- Ensure social justice materials from UUMCA are displayed in an accessible manner for our membership; and
- Hold an annual Sunday for the UU Justice Ministry of California – either by inviting a guest minister or lay leader from UUMCA leadership, or by including UUMCA content in your own minister/service leader's worship service.
- *Not required but encouraged - Send an annual contribution to UUMCA. The suggested donation is .5% - 1% of your annual budget and can come from a budget line item or special collection.*

### **Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California will...**

- Provide regular updates on issues, legislation, and witness and advocacy efforts in a timely manner to the congregation;
- Provide access to resources for the congregation to delve deeper into UU-grounded, accountable social justice work by developing and sharing educational and worship materials;
- Provide regional trainings on issues and capacity building in a way that helps strengthen the congregation;
- Provide leadership development opportunities for the congregation's leadership, both clergy and lay, related to social justice and capacity building;
- Support inter-congregational cooperation in justice-making efforts;
- Provide opportunities for the congregation's membership to engage in social justice education, advocacy, and witness that deepens their faith and makes life better in California;
- Connect congregations to partners and coalitions relative to their areas of focus, interfaith and secular;
- Foster the spiritual foundation of justice ministry;
- Foster the engagement of young adult UUs;
- Coordinate enhanced media visibility for UU values; and
- Provide e-advocacy tools for federal, statewide and local engagement on issues related to our shared UU values along with an on-line environment for collaborating on local social justice engagement.



# Affirmation of Affiliation

**1) We have selected the following person to serve as our UUMCA Congregational Ambassador Team Leader to promote connection, visibility, and participation:**

Name	Phone (Cell? ( Y / N )	Email
Address	City	Zip

*(If choosing to have Co-Ambassadors/Team Leads, please include additional contact)*

Name	Phone (Cell? ( Y / N )	Email
Address	City	Zip

**2) We plan the following for our annual donation from our congregation:**

**Option 1:** We have budgeted \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which represents \_\_\_% (recommended 0.5%) of our annual budget. We have elected to:

\_\_\_ give in monthly payments

\_\_\_ make one annual payment in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year

\_\_\_ other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 2:** We will take up a collection in \_\_\_\_\_(month) and commit to a collection each year going forward.

**3) Our congregation is currently working on the following social justice issues (describe issues, related activities, partner organizations, etc.):**

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# Action Team Collaboration

**Our congregation would like to collaborate with UUs across California by working on the following UUMCA justice priorities, and has selected the following individuals to serve as our primary contact(s) with the UUMCA statewide Education and Action teams.**

Please circle the issues your congregation intends to engage and available contact information. If you are in the process of recruiting leadership, UUMCA may be able to suggest names of those who have shown interest from your community.

## Immigrant Justice

Congregational Contact:

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Name Phone (Cell? ( Y / N ) Email

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Address City Zip

## Environmental, Climate, & Water Justice

Congregational Contact:

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Name Phone (Cell? ( Y / N ) Email

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Address City Zip

## Economic Justice & Poor People’s Campaign

Congregational Contact:

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Name Phone (Cell? ( Y / N ) Email

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Address City Zip

## Healthcare Reform

Congregational Contact:

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Name Phone (Cell? ( Y / N ) Email

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Address City Zip



# Communicating our Shared Commitment

UUJMCA will place your congregation’s name and appropriate information on our website under “Affiliated Congregations,” and you will receive a letter and certificate as recognition of our commitment to a vital and sustained justice ministry in California. If your congregation has a Facebook page, we will also link it to ours. We ask that your congregation place a link to [www.uujmca.org](http://www.uujmca.org) on its website and include our contact information (email, phone, address) in your congregational directory. We will also provide an introductory letter from our Executive Director along with a booklet for placement in newcomer packets or wherever is appropriate to reach newcomers to your community.

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*We affirm the value of a statewide justice ministry that supports congregations and empowers UUs to take action in a faith-rooted, effective manner. We affirm the importance of congregations as a core community for Unitarian Universalists and as vital to effective relationship-oriented justice.*

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**Congregation Name**

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**Congregation Address, City, State, Zip**

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Congregational Representative

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UUJMCA Representative

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