

To respond morally and ethically to a troubled world

The Social Responsibilities Council

- coordinates and informs the congregation on social issues
- takes action on position and policies of the Society
- collaborates with other organizations in the community on issues of social concern

You CAN become involved...

by stopping at the SRC Table in Channing Hall during coffee hour, emailing Jean at poppej@sage.edu or src-chair@fuusalbany.org, or by attending a meeting of the SRC, at 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.



2014-15 Social Responsibilities Council members are:

Chair: Jean **Poppei** (poppej@sage.edu)

Members: Patty Burch, Ed Hancock, Jaye Holly, Karen Kaufmann, Martha Musser, Don Odell, Renee Panetta, Jessica Rae, Robb Smith, Jacqui Williams, Betsy Wright.

We welcome and appreciate the many contributions of others who actively serve with the SRC. Thanks!

Social Responsibility at FUUSA



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A welcoming congregation

The Social Responsibilities Council shall “guide and coordinate education and action in the realm of social issues of moral and ethical significance.”

The Social Responsibilities Council (SRC)

welcomes all interested persons to its meetings the first Sunday of the month (Sept. through June) and to take part in its activities.

There are 12 official members of the Council, but everyone is invited to participate in discussions and activities.

Subcommittees:

Peace Team—Ed Hancock, chair

Green Sanctuary committee—Betsy Wright, Chair

Homeless Action group—Barb Cooley, Patty Burch

SRC Focus on Social Justice

1. Making a difference in the lives of children and families in the city of Albany
2. Becoming a leader in sustainable environmental practices
3. Advocating for public policies that are in line with our UU values and principles. These include:
 - Economic and Racial Justice
 - Environmental Justice
 - Gender and Sexual Justice
 - International Justice and Peacemaking
 - Civil Rights and Religious Liberty
 - Health and Family Justice
4. Direct aid and volunteer activities (Sheridan Prep, homeless shelter, food pantries, Give Away the Plate Collections)

SRC informs the congregation on social issues through:

- Informational forums at FUUSA
- Information in *Windows* and *Order of Service* and on the FUUSA website and Facebook page
- Distribution of materials at the SRC table in Channing Hall

The Flaming Chalice design was originally used during WWII as a badge to identify Unitarians who were helping refugees flee Hitler. It became a symbol of risk, service, and freedom and has since been widely adopted by many Unitarian Universalist congregations.



SRC Activities

- Staffing the SRC table which sells Fair Trade items and Central American crafts, and efficient light bulbs
- Initiating petitions, public statements and letter writing on critical issues
- Demonstrating, public witnessing for justice issues, “Standing on the Side of Love”
- Preparing dinner 2 or 3 times monthly for the Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Collecting blankets and warm clothes for the homeless
- Selling items to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- FOCUS assistance (including monthly collections, serving breakfasts and collecting school supplies)
- Collaborating with other groups such as:
 - FOCUS Churches of Albany
 - Interfaith Impact of NYS
 - Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
 - Prison Action Network
 - Capital District Alliance for Universal Health Care
 - Peace Groups
 - Labor Religion Coalition