



Olympia UU Congregation

HOW TO ENGAGE WITH FAITH IN ACTION



OUUC engages with many issues as part of putting our Faith into Action. It is how we answer the call of love and put our values into action.

Historically, OUUC has been strongly engaged in responding to homelessness, has earned certification as both a "Welcoming" (LGBT affirming) Congregation and a Green Sanctuary (responsible environmental care).

Our current focus areas for Faith in Action at OUUC are: Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression. We have standing teams to shepherd work in these focus areas.

Additionally, as Unitarian Universalists we are engaged with a larger network of people of faith engaged in justice work, with Interfaith Works, Faith Action Network, JUUSTICE Washington, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Side with Love, and more.



Environmental Action Team

Also affectionately known as "EAT", this team currently meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, in person.

A larger team, the EAT is engaged around a variety of environmental issues, from divestment in fossil fuels to helping us properly recycle at OUUC.

Social Justice Team

The purpose and mission of the Social Justice Team at OUUC is to affirm and emphasize the ways in which we are interconnected, in order to promote justice and combat disparity in racial, economic, and other areas in our community.

We will strive toward this goal by: informing the congregation and others of like mind about social justice issues and activities; connecting social justice activists to each other, to allies, and to institutional support; and demonstrating and encouraging behaviors that engage and welcome all.



Siding With Immigrant Families Together Team

The "SWIFT" team is working to oppose deportations and support immigration justice.

Get In Touch with a Team

All of the teams are open to new members, and many are open to moving their meeting times as needed for new members.

To get in touch with any team, you can contact our FIA staff lead, Rev Sara Lewis: dcd@ouuc.org





Faith in Action Alert List

Although we include many faith in action opportunities in our regular weekly announcements, sometimes the call to action is immediate. How do we spread the word about an urgent petition to sign or a rally to show up for?

We have created a group in Realm (our congregation directory and software platform) called the “Faith in Action Alert List”. This is an Opt-In list, for those who want to receive more Faith in Action news. You can find the group in Realm and request to join, or you can contact Rev Sara or the OUUC Administrator to be added to the list.

Service Teams

We have crews who volunteer together to provide shelter meals on one Wednesday a month, groups who volunteer together at the Community Kitchen, folks working to build tiny houses and support tiny house villages, and more direct service opportunities. If you are interested in joining in hands on service, Rev Sara can help you get connected with others.



Action Hours

We plan to organize “action hours” during the legislative session, and possibly at other times as well, to gather together for letter writing, signing petitions, etc, together. Watch for more details coming soon.