

Social & Environmental Justice Committee

Family Promise Ministry Action Team Charter Renewal (Circle one)

Please answer all questions you are able to at this time.

Team Name: BUF Family Promise Team

1. What are your team's mission and goals? Our mission is to affirm and promote: peace, justice and equality through action, education and advocacy throughout our community, specifically to address issues of homelessness and the needs of the unsheltered. The Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Family Promise Team will work in coordination with the Family Promise Program of the Interfaith Coalition to provide shelter and care to families in partnership with other support and host congregations in Whatcom County. In support of our longstanding tradition of BUF activism and UUA priorities, we will provide opportunities to care for our neighbors and to building understanding around the complex issues of homelessness.

2. Membership: A ministry team must have a minimum of five committed BUF members, or pledging friends, committed to active participation. Please list below: Sita Ambo-Rao, Murray Bennett, Barbara Davenport, Claire Lending, Michael Berres, Carol Dukes, Kathy and Jim Fonte, Judy Fruhbauer, Bharti and Tom Kirchner, Erica Mallin, Henry Ohana, Jana Williams, Carol and David Smith, Nancy Steele, Ann Stevenson, Lee Willis, Isa Werny.

3. Theological Foundation: How does your ministry action team support our Unitarian Universalist principles? What inspires you to devote yourselves to this ministry? What is your spiritual reason for creating your team? All 7 UU Principles are supported in this work. We are called to this ministry by our concern for our community and caring for families in need.

4. Mission and Vision: The Mission of the Social & Environmental Justice Committee is to affirm and promote peace, justice and equality through action, education and raising awareness within our community and the wider world. How does your ministry action team align with SEJC's mission? The Family Promise Team work is aligned to BUF's mission as follows: by encouraging lives of purpose, service and joy in compassionate action for the unhoused in our community. By participating in responsible community action, we will nurture the personal, spiritual and intellectual development of our congregation.

5. Timeline: How long do you intend your team to exist? As long as this program is in operation.

6. Measurement of success: What will you accomplish? How will you determine your success?
A. Continued support of the Family Promise clients through our regular contribution of meal kits, supplies, hospitality, and support. B. Ongoing education and involvement with homelessness issues. C. volunteer training as needed. D. Sharing financial support through our in-kind contributions, and E. Publicity about Family Promise events

7. Finances: Will you need a budget? If yes, what amount and how will it be used? Does your team plan to raise money? If so, how? Who on your team will be permitted to authorize expenditures of funds? We have not had an official budget. But we have asked for small grants from SEJC on occasion to support incidental spending towards expenses incurred for family needs, food and hospitality. Most of our work is supported through individual member contributions.

8. **Engaging the Congregation:** How will you reach out to engage the rest of the congregation in your ministry? Regular updates, volunteer opportunities, educational offerings, Christmas eve service special collection which shares the work and care for families.

9. **Ministry Action Team Requirements:** Actively participate with the Social & Environmental Justice Committee by sending a representative to each of three annual SEJC meetings. Report a summary of your activities and accomplishments to SEJC prior to each meeting. Abide by subcommittee procedures as developed by the BUF Operations Team.

Does your ministry team agree to meet these requirements? yes

Names of Lead Applicants (minimum 5): Murray Bennett, Carol Dukes, Kathy and Jim Fonte, Judy Fruhbauer, Ann Stevenson

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Application (or Renewal) Date: October 20, 2021

Charter Application Approval date: _____SEJC _____BUF Operations Team

Ministry Action Team Charter Annual Review and Three Year Renewal

Every winter SEJC meeting, all Ministry Action Teams will orally report about the state of their team vis a vis the statements of their charter. If a team reports not succeeding in following their charter, they will be given until the spring SEJC meeting to report (orally again) that they are doing so.

Every three years, beginning in winter of the '21-'22 church year, every Ministry Action Team shall submit a renewed charter, editing the form above, consistent with the Team's current membership and plans, two weeks in advance of the winter SEJC meeting. The full committee shall have the opportunity to review these renewed charters, and these updated charters will be posted to the website.

If a Team is not up to date with their charter by each spring meeting, or if they do not provide a satisfactory charter renewal, the full committee will vote on whether to disband that Ministry Action Team and remove their information from the website and other places where they are listed, and what to do with any funds remaining in the Team's account.