

## Social & Environmental Justice Committee

### New Ministry Action Team Charter Application or Charter Renewal

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

**Team Name:** Immigrant Rights Team

#### 1. **What are your team's mission and goals?**

The Immigrant Rights Team mission is to affirm and promote peace, justice, fairness, and equality through action, education and raising awareness within our community and the wider world, specifically around immigrant human rights issues. The team works to support and collaborate with organizations in our community that advocate for immigrants.

**2. Membership:** A ministry team must have a minimum of five committed BUF members, or pledging friends, committed to active participation. Please list below.

**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?

We are motivated to create this team by 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person; 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

#### 4. **Mission and Vision:**

The work of the Immigrant Rights Ministry Action Team is centered on promoting social justice for the immigrants, including fair working conditions and the abolishment of abusive practices against this under-represented group of our local citizens.

**5. Timeline:** How long do you intend your team to exist?

Until undocumented immigrants have a means of becoming documented in place, reform of the immigration process including the Dreamers.

**6. Measurement of success:** What will you accomplish? How will you determine your success?

Our involvement has contributed to the establishment of Familias Unidas por la Justicia, Passing of the Washington Works Legislation, the establishment of Raid Relief to Reunite families, and the recent unionization of Roozengarde tulip workers.

We will be involved in such efforts in the future.

**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?

No funds are requested.

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**8. Engaging the Congregation:** How will you reach out to engage the rest of the congregation in your ministry?

Direct support and fundraising with/to/for immigrants such as Community to Community, Familias Unidas por la Justicia, and Raid Relief to Reunite Families.

Educational programming that seeks to increase community understanding

Legislative work to lobby local, state, and federal government agencies

Attending rallies, events, and marches for immigrant rights

Promoting comprehensive immigration reform detailed in the Dignity Campaign

Providing opportunities for compassionate action in our community

**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):**

Michael Betz

Kara Black

Deborah Cruz

Sita Amba-Rao

Jane Ronca-Washburn

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**Application (or Renewal) Date:**

**Charter Application Approval date:** \_\_\_\_\_SEJC \_\_\_\_\_BUF Operations Team