

Live Oak UU Fellowship Social Justice & Service Group

1. The Live Oak Social Justice & Service Group (SJSG) shall be composed of no less than three Live Oak members or friends. The group chairperson shall be a Live Oak member.
2. The primary role of the Social Justice & Service Group is to proactively provide opportunities to participate in social justice actions and community service projects, with the goal of participation of Live Oak members and friends as a group. Additional roles may include the following:
 - a. Inform and educate members and friends in areas of social concern, through educational programs, newsletters, or other means of communication, in conjunction with other Live Oak committees as indicated.
 - b. Encourage and enable members and friends to take action on social justice issues, through letters to the editor and to elected officials, signing petitions, participation in demonstrations, and other means of public witness.
 - c. Recommend support and/or sponsorship for groups working to foster social justice.
 - d. Develop public statements in the name of the fellowship as approved by the Board of Trustees. The SJSG will not make public statements in its name alone.
3. The Live Oak Board of Trustees must approve any associated proposal by the SJSG for actions related to any political or public policy initiative taken in the name of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.
 - a. Proposals for actions taken in the name of the fellowship should be presented by a SJSG committee member at a regularly scheduled board meeting. Approval of proposals, as presented or as revised after further discussion by the board and possible consultation with others in the congregation, will be based on a majority of board members voting in support. The Board may elect to consult more broadly with the fellowship before reaching a decision.
 - b. If there is an unusually time-sensitive and urgent matter needing board attention, the board members may choose to deliberate and make a decision by conference call (preferably), or by written electronic communications among themselves. In such a situation, board approval of a proposed action or ongoing campaign must be based on an affirmative vote by every board member.
4. Board approval is not required for actions taken by SJSG members as

individuals, including informing other fellowship members of upcoming social justice or community service events and sharing information relevant to the events.

5. For participation in community service events, no board approval is required for the group to initiate or participate in such events. However, the SJSG will work with the board, other committees and staff as indicated to coordinate scheduling and logistics of planned events.