

Social Action Council Structure

The purpose of the Social Action Council will be to increase collaboration and effectiveness of our social action/justice efforts.

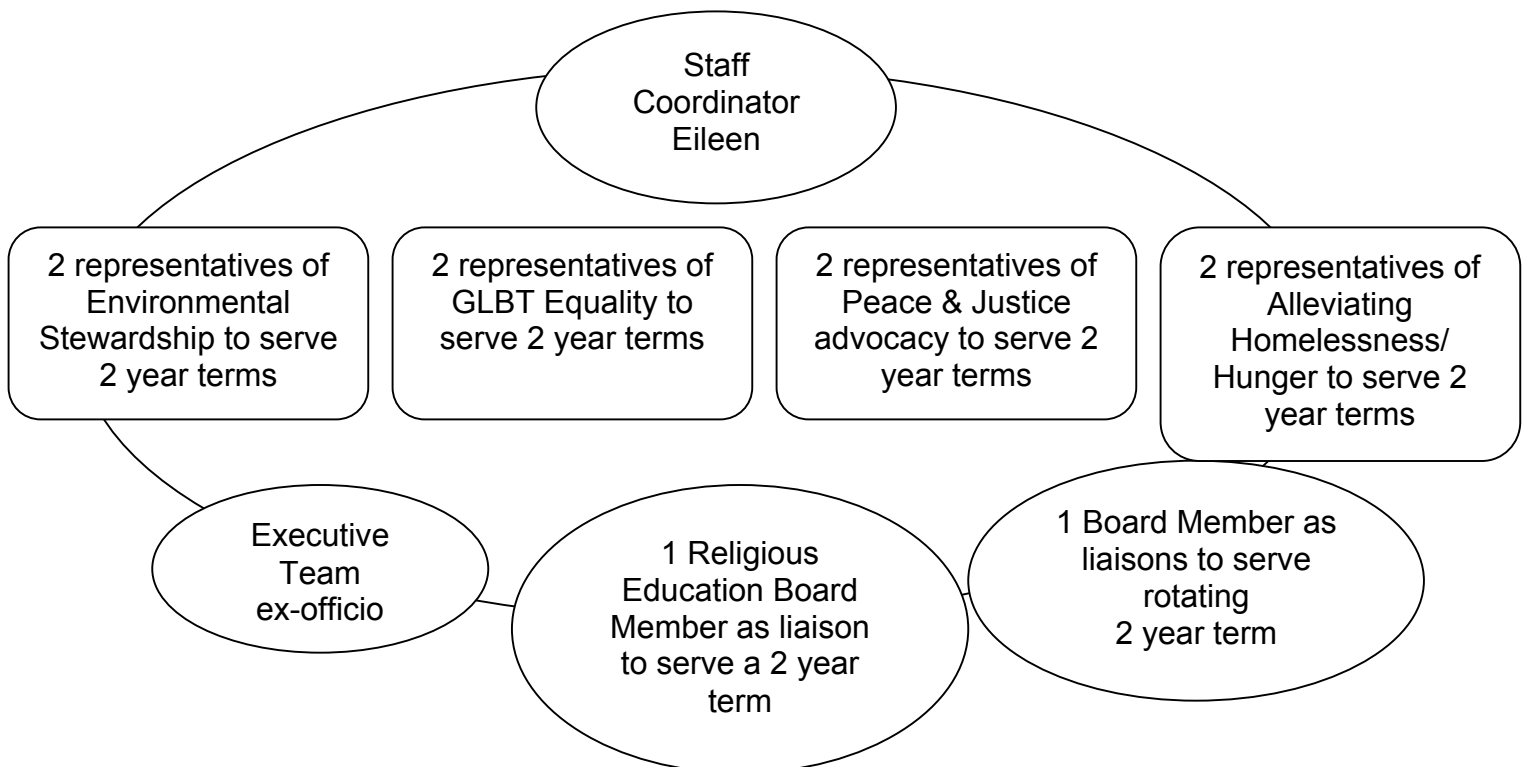
The Social Action Council will be integrated with the Board of Trustees and the Religious Education Board through three Board members and one Religious Education Board member acting as representatives on the Social Action Council along with representatives of the four focus areas of social action/justice at UCE, including environmental stewardship; gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender equality; peace and justice advocacy; and alleviating homelessness and hunger.

The Social Action Council will meet quarterly to further the following goals:

Goals of the Social Action Council

1. To increase collaboration and effectiveness of each team or focus area
2. To encourage each team to expand the participation of the entire congregation including all ages.
3. To explore ways to incorporate all five approaches to social action as much as possible: service, education, witness, advocacy and community organizing.
4. To raise consciousness of social justice issues by sponsoring a quarterly event such as a film showing, speaker's panel, or Sunday worship service.
5. To plan regular and continued opportunities for reflection to complete the cycle of action –reflection or praxis.
6. To review, analyze and, when appropriate, nurture new social action/justice initiatives.
7. To determine recipients of UCE's shared offering.

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To meet quarterly with the Spring meeting including as many members of the sub-committees as possible to plan the calendar for the following church year. Meetings of the sub-committees would continue as each group decides with additional support from Staff, Board Members and/or Ministers as needed and requested. The remaining quarterly meetings will review the activities of the four teams, determine loose plate offering recipients and discuss opportunities for greater social action. The Social Action Council will report to the Board of Trustees quarterly.

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