**The April 18, 2023 SGUUF Social Justice Team Report**

The SGUUF Social Justice Team met via Zoom at 7 pm to discuss updates on plans and actions from our previous meeting. Attending this meeting were Lou Snead, convenor; Michelle Augustine, Susan Patterson, and Clara Dugan. Reports and activities discussed included:

* Plans to purchase and install a Peace Pole on the corner of Hutto and University. We are waiting to hear possible suggestions by our Board for wording that could be used on 1 or 2 of the sides of the pole. Ideas have been submitted by the Habitat and Social Justice Teams.
* Supporting an interfaith effort with First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown to address our unsheltered population with collection of plastic grocery bags.
* Report on DRUUM and ARE conference in Austin on April 8&9

Report on Yearly Budget Allocations and Expenditures:

 We have now allocated $2,800 of our annual $3,000 budgeted amount leaving us with $200 for the remainder of this year.

Discussion of Possible Social Justice Initiatives:

* Plans to support the Earth Day program on April 23 with a green pledge card and the distribution of green reusable grocery bags to the congregation, along with environmental activitist and education resources.
* Publicizing continued food collections to restock the Free Little Food Pantry.
* Promoting TXUUJM Legislative Action alerts in our congregation during April & May, as well as attending Action Hour (weekly).
* Recommending to the Board a 5th Sunday of the month “Share the Plate” offering collection in 2023-2024 to support designated selected social justice initiatives.
* To design SGUUF door-hanger flyers to distribute in the neighborhood to encourage support of the free little food pantry by SGUUF neighbors.
* Consideration of ways we might help Keesha Mase per her requests
* Continue to explore ways of collaborating with other UU churches on Reproductive Justice
* To develop a proposed SJ budget for 2023-2024 to submit to the Board in May.

Social Justice Budget Approved Allocations:

* To reimburse Michelle Augustine $200 for the purchase of canned goods for the Free Little Food Pantry, for copying of green pledge cards and Article II handouts, postcard campaign stamps, UU Women History book, and the purchase of green reusable shopping bags to distribute to the congregation.

*Report submitted by Lou Snead*