

Organizations that Social Justice Ministry Supported in 2019

Recently Social Justice Ministry has chosen to focus on a few core areas: Sanctuary, Solidarity with People at Risk, Hunger/Homelessness, and Environmental Justice. We have sponsored hands-on activities, publicized and attended events, and allocated money to organizations that work in these areas. During our Advent services we asked the congregation to also support some of these organizations.

In 2019, we took on the Accompaniment of a father and son from Guatemala. We have been helped tremendously in this effort by **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**. We have attended their trainings and have had a staff member assigned to our team. im4humanintegrity.org

We support two local groups that are part of PICO, a national network of faith-based organizing groups. **Faith in Action Bay Area** focuses on San Mateo County, while **People Acting in Community Together (PACT)** focuses on Santa Clara county. faithinactionba.org pactsj.org

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View connects workers and employers in a safe supportive environment and empowers workers through fair employment, education and job skills training. dayworkercentermv.org

Puente is the only Community Resource Center serving the San Mateo County South Coast. Puente “advocates for the communities and leverages resources that foster economic prosperity and security, and that promote individual and community health and wellness.” mypuente.org

Immanuel House provides newly arrived refugees seeking freedom from persecution with transitional housing and the opportunity to thrive in their new home. immanuelhousesj.org

South Bay Sanctuary Covenant (SBSC) is an interfaith, non-partisan organization of churches and individuals in the Bay Area from San Francisco to Santa Cruz. They are concerned with peace, justice and liberation for the people of Central America and for the refugees who have fled these areas. southbaysanctuarycovenant.weebly.com

Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice (MVPJ) represents diverse faith communities who put convictions into action by saying NO to war and YES to peace and justice. This year they sponsored Peaceful Presence services on the 11th of each month. multifaithpeace.org

LifeMoves combines interim housing with comprehensive services that enable homeless families and individuals to find a rapid return to stable housing and self-sufficiency. We host their Hotel de Zink program every July. lifemoves.org

Ecumenical Hunger Project (EHP) in East Palo Alto strives to “sustain our neighbors through immediate crises and help them regain stability and independence.” Some of our Crop Walk money goes to EHP. ehpcares.org

Heart and Home Collaborative operates a winter shelter at two Palo Alto churches for unhoused women in our community. We sent them a Valentine’s basket of coffee gift cards. hcollab.org

More Light Presbyterians works for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. mlp.org

Trans HeartLine “builds bridges between Faith, Spirituality, and Gender through safe post-op housing and community education.” They led a worship service during Advent. transheartline.org

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF) “takes seriously God’s call to God’s people to participate in God’s nonviolent work of love, peace, and justice in the world.” They work on gun violence, divestment from Fossil Fuels, peace churches and accompaniment. presbypeacefellowship.org

Peninsula Peace and Justice (PPJC) is a long-time leading local grassroots voice for peace, justice and human rights. They host speakers, forums and an annual Harvest Fair at 1st Pres. peaceandjustice.org

United Campus Christian Ministry (UCCM) at Stanford is a progressive Christian fellowship which “welcomes all students and is dedicated to exploring spirituality and social justice.” uccmpa.com

Youth Community Service (YCS) “builds life skills and leadership through meaningful service learning experiences that encourage youth to make purposeful school and life choices.” youthcommunityservice.org

Crop Hunger Walk benefits both Church World Service hunger program and EHP. We co-sponsor the local event and field a team of walkers “to help end hunger in our community and around the world.” crophungerwalk.org/menloparkca

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable. We packed 10000 meals for them in May. riseagainsthunger.org

Front Door Communities carries on the hunger programs started by First Presbyterian San Jose. fdcsj.org

The **Poor People’s Campaign** is a non-violent campaign “based on our deepest religious and constitutional values that demand justice for all.” poorpeoplescampaign.org

We responded to North Bay fires in November with donations to two local groups who work primarily with the Spanish-speaking population. corazonhealdsburg.org undocufund.org