

## Organizations that Social Justice Ministry supported in 2021

In 2021 Social Justice Ministry chose to focus on the core areas of Sanctuary, Solidarity, Hunger and Homelessness and Youth Mental Health. We have sponsored hands-on activities, publicized and attended events, and allocated money to organizations working in these areas. Following is a description of those groups.

Our accompaniment team worked closely with **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI)**, who “connect clergy and people of faith to the work of social justice, especially to make the criminal justice system more just, and the immigration system more fair and humane.” [www.im4humanintegrity.org](http://www.im4humanintegrity.org)

**South Bay Sanctuary Covenant (SBSC)** is an interfaith organization of churches and individuals in the South Bay Area. They help support a partner community in El Salvador and support refugees who have fled from Central America. [www.southbaysanctuarycovenant.weebly.com](http://www.southbaysanctuarycovenant.weebly.com)

**The Day Worker Center of Mountain View** connects workers and employers in a safe and supportive environment and empowers workers through fair employment, education and job skills training. In 2020 they also provided free meals to people who needed them. [www.dayworkercentermv.org](http://www.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.” [www.mypuente.org](http://www.mypuente.org)

**Immanuel House** provides newly arrived refugees seeking freedom from persecution with transitional housing and the opportunity to thrive in their new home. [www.immanuelhousesj.org](http://www.immanuelhousesj.org)

**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. They sponsor Peaceful Presence services on the 11th of each month and other gatherings. [www.multifaithpeace.org](http://www.multifaithpeace.org)

**Trans HeartLine** “builds bridges between Faith, Spirituality, and Gender through safe post-op housing and community education.” [www.transheartline.org](http://www.transheartline.org)

**More Light Presbyterians** works for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in the life, ministry and witness of the PC(USA) and in society. [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)

**Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF)** encourages us “to take seriously God’s call to participate in God’s nonviolent work of love, peace, and justice in the world.” [www.presbypeacefellowship.org](http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org)

**Peninsula Peace and Justice(PPJC)** has long been the local area’s leading grassroots voice for peace, justice and human rights. They host speakers, forums and an annual Harvest/Holiday Fair at FPCPA. [www.peaceandjustice.org](http://www.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.” [www.uccmpa.com](http://www.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.”

[www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org)

**Ecumenical Hunger Project (EHP)** in East Palo Alto strives to “sustain our neighbors through immediate crises and help them regain stability and independence.” One quarter of the money that our Church World Service Crop Walk team raises is given to EHP. [www.ehpcares.org](http://www.ehpcares.org)

**LifeMoves** (originally Urban Ministry) combines interim housing with comprehensive services that enable homeless families and individuals to find a rapid return to stable housing and self-sufficiency. We participate in their Opportunity Center and Hotel de Zink ministries. [www.lifemoves.org](http://www.lifemoves.org)

**Heart and Home Collaborative** operates a cold-weather shelter for unhoused women at churches in Palo Alto. We support them with donations and hosted them for six weeks in 2021. [www.hhcollab.org](http://www.hhcollab.org)

**Rise Against Hunger** is “an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable.” We have packed meals for them for several years. In 2021 we donated to them instead of hosting a packing event. [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

Among other projects, **Downtown Streets** operates a food closet in downtown Palo Alto. We usually support them with donations of food, but in 2020 we donated money. [www.streetsteam.org](http://www.streetsteam.org)

In 2021 we added two new groups:

The **Association of Ramaytush Ohlone (ARO)** represents the interests of the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula. The purposes of the ARO “align with ancestral responsibilities to care for Mother Earth and to care for the people who reside in the ancestral homeland.” [www.ramaytush.org](http://www.ramaytush.org)

**Project Safety Net (PSN)** “mobilizes community support and resources in Palo Alto for youth suicide prevention and mental wellness.” [www.psn youth.org](http://www.psn youth.org)

We also donated to an interfaith San Jose Pride booth and to a holiday drive for the Standing Rock Lakota.