Covenant of Collaboration

The ______________________ (congregation) wishes to collaborate with the Texas UU Justice Ministry, TXUUJM. We will join with the network of Texas UUs who are living out our faith by educating, organizing, and advocating for public policies that:

• uphold the worth and dignity of every person
• further justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
• ensure use of the democratic process
• protect religious freedom, and
• promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence

Our congregation will:

• Provide ongoing input to the TXUUJM board as to the justice priorities that are important to our congregation and its members;
• Make one or more TXUUJM justice issues a part of our congregation’s social justice ministry agenda;
• Designate two TXUUJM Advisory Board Leaders and support their work to:
  • foster TXUUJM support, visibility, and involvement in our congregation;
  • designate leader(s) to coordinate education and action on those TXUUJM justice issues with which our congregation wishes to engage;
• Encourage communication between TXUUJM and our congregation;
• Send an annual contribution (either from a special collection and/or budgeted item) to the TXUUJM equal to two dollars per member per year;
• Encourage members to join TXUUJM as individual members in the membership level that best fits them.
TXUUJM will:

• Engage UUs in justice work that is congruent with our principles, and that has broad based UU support;
• Create vehicles through which we may coordinate congregational justice/advocacy ministry across the state;
• Establish working relationships between UUs and other allies (interfaith and secular);
• Foster the spiritual foundation of justice ministry;
• Share and develop educational and worship materials;
• Host leadership training opportunities & lobby days;
• Foster the engagement of young adult UUs;
• Coordinate enhanced media visibility for UU values;
• Implement the tools of e-advocacy; and,
• Build a loving network of support.

We have selected the following people to serve as our TXUUJM congregational Advisory Board Leader(s) to promote visibility and participation

______________________________________________________________________
Name, Phone, email

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Address, City, Zip

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Plan for donation from Congregation: (month anticipated – some congregations pay their donation monthly, or twice a year, which is very helpful; please let us know if you plan to have a special collection or fundraiser, and/or contribute as a budget line item)

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We affirm that TXUUJM and our congregation will renew this covenant annually, creating opportunity for feedback and planning; either TXUUJM or the congregation may choose to end our collaboration at any time.

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Signature Congregational President or Minister Date

Name, Phone, email: _____________________________________________
Address, City, Zip: _____________________________________________