

2023-24 UUCJ ARTICLE II TASK FORCE CHARTER

PORTFOLIO: REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE UUCJ BOARD **APPROVED:** August 24, 2023

GROUP TITLE: **UUCJ ARTICLE II REVIEW TASK FORCE**

UUCJ VISION: UUCJ is a welcoming community. We encourage religious freedom, nurture individual spiritual and ethical growth, celebrate diversity and promote a just and sustainable world.

UUCJ MISSION: By serving compassionately and connecting authentically, we change the world.

GROUP FUNCTION: The UUCJ Article II Review Task Force is charged by the Board to establish a process, set a timeline, and carry out the necessary procedures to conduct a series of seminars to both inform and get feedback from the congregation about:

- UUA Congregational polity
- Current UUA Article II content
- History of
 - UUA's Fifth Principle Task Force
 - UUA's Commission on Institutional Change (COIC)
 - The Eighth Principle
 - UUA's Article II Study Commission (A₂SC)
- UUA's proposed Article II By-Laws amendments
 - Relevance
 - Implications
- UUA 2024 General Assembly

GROUP COVENANT: The members will:
1. Abide by the UUCJ Covenant.
2. Practice deep listening skills
3. Honor everyone's right to search for truth and meaning without judgement
4. Respect everyone's right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

RECORDS/REPORTS: The task force will appoint a member to serve as liaison between the task force and the Board as well as a record keeper or note taker. Appointments may be alternated among members.

The task force will prepare monthly virtual reports for the Board's review.

2023-24 GOALS/TASKS: 1. Seek Board approval for the UUCJ Article II Review Task Force charter.
2. Request the Board send out an e-mail to the entire congregation announcing the creation of the task force and informing them of the books available for check-out.
3. Obtain Board-approved Zoom Link and Google e-mail address.

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4. Set-up and participate in an organizational Zoom meeting.
5. Identify volunteers.
6. Establish the process and procedures for engaging the congregation in the review of UUA's Article II Proposed Amendments.

LEADERSHIP:

CHAIR: Tessie Bond

Co-Chair: Marge Powell

The Chair may be re-appointed at the discretion of the majority of the task force.

TERM OF OFFICE: 9/2023 – 6/2024

MEMBERSHIP:

The task force is a collaborative group interested in evaluating the viability of the UUA's proposed changes to the UUA's By-Laws Article II., and is to be composed of volunteers who have expressed an interest in offering their skills and time to educate both UUCJ members and non-members and speak to concerns.

Participation in all meetings is open to members and non-members and does not require agreement or disagreement with any or all of the proposed changes.

MEMBERS:

Julie Aaron
Virginia Deroy
Liz Dion
Lois Hoefl
Scott Kessler
David Laffitte
Terri Keller

Sam Lane
Kathleen McKenzie
Marge Powell
Robert Prager
Penny Reid
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