

2023-24 UUCJ ARTICLE II TASK FORCE CHARTER

PORTFOLIO: REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE UUCJ BOARD APPROVED: February 2024

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 townhall meetings 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 renewal of the UUCJ Article II Review Task Force charter.
2. Seek approval from the Board to continue sending out information to the congregation through Breeze.
3. Continue making Article II-related books available to the congregation.
4. Plan and schedule an April 21, 2024 Congregational Meeting, and manage the congregation's vote on the proposed UUA Article II changes by secret ballot.
5. Announce the vote results to the Board.

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LEADERSHIP: **Co-Chair:** Tessie Bond **TERM OF OFFICE:** 1/1/2023 – 12/15/2024

Co-Chair: Marge Powell **TERM OF OFFICE:** 1/1/2023 – 12/15/2024

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	Sam Lane
Ken Christiansen	Kathleen McKenzie
Liz Dion	Munsell McPhillips
Lois Hoeft	Robert Prager
Terri Keller	Penny Reid
Scott Kessler	Lynn Shad