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Proposed Social Justice Initiatives for 2017

Social Justice Council

December 4, 2016

The Congregation is asked to vote in December of each year to select one area of Social Justice to concentrate on in the upcoming year. Social justice interventions may include political and legislative advocacy, participation in marches and demonstrations, attending educational Forums, providing concrete assistance to human service organizations, and participating with other groups in their social movements and interventions.

The Social Justice Council is proposing the following four areas for social intervention in 2017. Members are asked to rank these 1 through 4, with 1 being your first priority and 4 being your last priority. Suggested recipients for the First Sunday Plate Collection are included under each social justice area. These are only suggestions at this time and are subject to change based on input from members of the Congregation.

Gun Violence

Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
Iowans for Gun Protection & Safety
Moms Demand Action/Iowa Chapter
Violence Policy Center

Mental Health

Abbe Center for Community Mental Health
Iowa Advocates for Mental Health Recovery
National Association for the Mentally Ill/Linn County Chapter
Tanager Place

Native American & Environmental Justice

Bismarck-Mandan UU Church Social Justice Working Group
BoldIowa.org
Indigenous Environmental Network
100 Grannies

Racial Justice

blacklivesmatter.com
Iowa Justice Action Network
NAACP-Cedar Rapids Branch
showingupforracialjustice.org