



***Got a social justice idea? Feel some passion?
Wonder if Cedar Lane can help you take action?***

The Social Justice Council (SJC) wants to foster and develop the passion for social justice action at Cedar Lane. If you have an insight or a concern, and you want to find out how to make something happen or get involved with others who share your passion, we want to help you. We're happy to brainstorm with you, help connect you with others, and to provide support getting you started and as you travel your journey.

Consider joining with others already organized on your issue:

Take a look at the list on the other side. Is there already activity going on that meets your needs? There might be people already working on your issue. We can help you find individuals and organizations at Cedar Lane, in the denomination, or outside the faith.

Consider finding some kindred spirits:

Ask around - identify one or two (or more) people who want to explore this idea with you. They may be people you know already, or others who respond to a conversation over coffee, a posting on the Social Justice bulletin board, newsletter, website, or listserv (see below). SJC also has information about many Cedar Laners' interests that we will share with you.

Consider going "GAFO":

You are invited to arrange a meeting with a Cedar Lane Issues Incubator Squad (CLIIS) newsocialjusticeidea@cedarlane.org. Together, you and other Cedar Laners will talk through your Social Justice idea to explore the idea's:

- **Grounding** in UU principles
- **Accountability** to marginalized groups
- **Fit** with Cedar Lane's resources, aspirations, ability to make a difference
- **Opportunity** to work effectively on this issue at this time

GAFO is a very effective and enjoyable process for assessing how "actionable" your idea is from a Unitarian Universalist point of view. For more information on these criteria, please see the *Social Justice Empowerment Program Handbook* (pages 22-23) either in the Library or at http://www.uua.org/documents/aw/sje_handbook.pdf.

Other ideas the Issues Incubator squad can help you think through:

- What are your desired short-term/long-term outcome(s)?
- Are there groups in existence working on this or related issues? At Cedar Lane? Outside?
- What approach do you want to take? For example, do you see developing service to a client base? Promoting an understanding (media)? Motivating an action (advocacy, fund-raising)?
- Do you want to form an Action Group? (see Action Group Planning Form on the SJC website.)
- How many people would need to be involved to get started?
- Can you sketch how activities would flow from concept to fruition?
- What's the best next step for you to take?
- Is there some way the SJC or the CLIIS can help right now to get you started? Please email SJC at newsocialjusticeidea@cedarlane.org

And whatever you decide, be sure to stay informed: join Cedar Lane's social justice listserv

Stay up to date and share information on social justice events, meetings, developments, and other information. To join send a message to socialjusticebulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or email betsy@devlin-foltz.com

Thank you!