

First Parish Cambridge TASK FORCE APPLICATION FORM

Task Force Name: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)	
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Primary purpose/mission of TF (describe the <i>Issue, definition of social problem, religious values involved</i>):	
<p>The main purposes are to build on and expand on our congregation's ability and opportunities to further our work effectively on social justice public policy issues through an interfaith organization of 50 faith communities. Since October 2015 when FP voted to join GBIO, our Task Force has concentrated on both in congregation relationship and community building and on connecting with people and faith-based organizations in the Greater Boston region.</p> <p>Through a two year grassroots process, GBIO selected five priorities: criminal justice reform, affordable housing, gun safety/violence, health care, and education. In addition, through its established ties and leadership in the community, GBIO is convening interfaith and community dialogues and teach-ins to defend Muslims and immigrants. These issues link to UU's 7 principles and our congregation's deep concerns for justice especially for people who have limited or no voice or power.</p>	
TF Objectives for church year 2017-2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the use of GBIO's organizing and relationship building techniques; • Use GBIO's priority actions and events to serve as entry points for FP's priorities and interests in order to enhance our impact on changing public and corporate policies (e.g. changes in criminal justice laws; influencing affordable housing priorities; defending health reform and challenging high health care costs) • "Reach in" to the FP community to engage new participants who have not yet participated in GBIO activities and broaden and enhance leadership capacity within FP • <u>Help provide a welcoming atmosphere for the new minister.</u> 	
Possible strategies, activities or events planned for church year 2017-2018:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct one-on-one conversations with FP congregants • Personal conversations to find out what motivates people who haven't yet been involved in GBIO and create educational activities in response • Increase the number and excitement of FP participants in GBIO's large gatherings and within smaller meetings that facilitate closer ties among GBIO members of different racial, ethnic and faith backgrounds. • Increase visibility of UU faith in GBIO committees and gatherings • <u>Contribute to GBIO strategy development</u> 	

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Organizers commit to serving on the task force and actively working on this issue.	
Identify Organizers:	Signatures:
1. Elizabeth Kline	
2. Marcia Hams	
3. Margaret Drury	
4. Sharon DeVos	
5. Alison Altman	
6. Rashid Shaikh	
7. Chris McElroy	
Supporters agree to participate in activities of the task force.	
Identify Supporters:	Signatures:
1. Rosalie Anders	
2. Maria Altamont	
3. Allegra Heath -Stout	
4. Laura Heath -Stout	
4-5. Susan Shepherd	