

A Shadow Rock Call to Action – An Economic Justice Covenant

Economic justice, which touches lives starting with individuals and progresses through the entire social order, is the set of moral principles, based on concepts of fairness and equity, which drives the design and functioning of key economic entities. The ultimate result of a beneficial economic justice system is enabling each person to reach their fullest potential of mind, body, and spirit, unimpeded by economic system constraints.

The Shadow Rock UCC congregation places a high value on being a just and inclusive community, with a fundamental belief that justice for all people should underlie everything we do and say. We have chosen to formalize those priorities through an ***Economic Justice Covenant***, stating our beliefs and how our commitment to those principles will guide our future actions.

Our justice principles and priorities are to:

- Educate ourselves to understand the root causes of poverty
- Work to create a world where mercy and justice are available to all people
- Help everyone share in what God provides and work towards service and care for people in need
- Empower the disadvantaged to improve their own lives
- Incorporate Economic Justice as a guiding light for policies we make and activities we undertake
- Reflect on our own life styles and our church infrastructure, while providing encouragement and support for proper stewardship of what God has given us
- Join with other organizations to address poverty and injustice in the world
- Use economic and political action to take a stand on our Economic Justice principles
- Examine the results of our actions in a critical light, and be open to changes in direction to improve our effectiveness in creating a more just world

Representative projects which could be outcomes of these priorities are:

- Using education to increase congregational awareness of critical and current justice issues and possible paths towards meaningful solutions
- Representing Shadow Rock in community support programs and activities while encouraging deeper member involvement and partnering with like-minded community organizations
- Integrating with neighborhood associations in disadvantaged areas to understand issues and help achieve positive change
- Taking a clear and public stand with elected officials on legislation and policy that will create positive outcomes for those in need
- Implementing innovative social programs in support of underrepresented community populations

With the adoption of this Covenant, Shadow Rock UCC recognizes Economic Justice as one of our key priorities for passion and action in our congregation and our community.