

FCC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

Addresses climate change through education, political action, worship and coordination with other churches.
Contact: *Caitlin Smith, csmitty12@gmail.com*

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Seeks multiple ways to lessen the impact of gun violence in the community through public awareness and education for our congregation and local community on issues of gun violence.
Contact: *Carol Young, ccyoung2010@gmail.com*

MENTAL HEALTH

Puts into practice the principles enumerated in First Congregational Church Boulder 2014 WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Covenant by being more welcoming, inclusive, supportive and engaged with all of God's people especially those touched by mental illness and their families.
Contact: *Anne Weiher, anne.weiher@gmail.com*

LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES

Welcomes and affirms through fellowship and advocacy, LGBTQ+ persons as well as encourage and expect LGBTQ+ persons to share their talents and gifts in the life, liturgy and leadership of our congregation and the world.
Contact: *Linda Kowatch, linda@firstcong.net*

RACIAL JUSTICE

Partners with organizations, such as NAACP, doing anti-racist work by planning educational opportunities and experiential activities for self-exploration, growth and service.
Contact: *Matt Hess, Hess.matt.j@gmail.com*
Contact: *Jessica Austin, jessgaustin@yahoo.com*

BOARD OF MISSION AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

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The Board of Mission and Christian Social Action serves as a crucial connector among our congregation, the wider UCC and the broader community.

Our key responsibility is to diligently and thoughtfully direct financial resources to organizations that are effectively addressing vital needs. This effort is closely aligned with our congregation's fundamental values, which encompass social justice, mental health awareness, inclusivity, environmental stewardship, and the advocacy of LGBTQ+ rights.

We also aim to bolster the efforts of our ministries and community partners by promoting volunteer opportunities that align with our goals and by clearly communicating the impact of our congregation's time and financial contributions. This integrated approach is designed to foster active involvement and informed understanding among our members. By doing so, we not only strengthen our shared values but also build meaningful relationships within our community, thereby deepening our connections as we collaborate to make a significant difference in the world.



JOIN US!

See Volunteer Opportunities Available for All FCC's Community Partners

MISSION



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BOULDER
A COMMUNITY ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH**

do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God - Micah 6:8

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Project July 2023



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BOULDER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING IN BOULDER AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES

Advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by promoting inclusion and community engagement, while providing navigation support through healthcare, public assistance, education and employment systems.

Contact: Caitlin Looney, info@aclboulder.org
www.aclboulder.org

BOULDER COUNTY AIDS PROJECT (BCAP)

Provides support, advocacy, and education to individuals affected by HIV by assisting low-income people living with HIV with housing, utilities, transportation, oral healthcare, food and other basic needs.

Contact: Mary Freund, mary@bcap.org
Mariah Frank, mariah@bcap.org
www.bcap.org

BOULDER FOOD RESCUE (BFR)

Redistributes healthy food that would otherwise be wasted to low-income communities by addressing immediate food access needs and promoting participatory and inclusive programs.

Contact: Lindsey Loberg, info@boulderfoodrescue.org
www.boulderfoodrescue.org

BRIDGE HOUSE

Empowers individuals experiencing homelessness by connecting them to housing and employment opportunities.

Contact: Scott Medina, Scott@BoulderBridgeHouse.org
boulderbridgehouse.org

COLORADO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION (CIRC)

Aims to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees in Colorado by providing civic engagement, public education, and advocacy by supporting the Healthcare Implementation Campaign in 2024.

Contact: Keilly Leon, keilly@coloradoimmigrant.org
www.coloradoimmigrant.org

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. (EFFA)

Supports families with basic needs services including food, financial assistance, and case management by offering essential aid to vulnerable households.

Contact: Sue McCullough, sue@efaa.org
For donations: donations@efaa.org
For food drives: Walter O'Toole, walter@efaa.org
www.efaa.org

FAITH4ALL (FAITH FOR ALL)

Supports communities of faith in becoming more inclusive and empowering for individuals living with disabilities.

Contact: Kevin Pettit, kevin@Faith4All.org
www.Faith4All.org

THE FAMILY LEARNING CENTER (FLC)

Facilitates educational and economic self-sufficiency for families of diverse cultures and limited incomes to build economic mobility.

Contact: L'Shawn Howard, shawnh@flcboulder.org
flcboulder.org

GROWING GARDENS OF BOULDER COUNTY, INC.

Enriches the community through sustainable urban agriculture by offering education and opportunities for people to connect with their food and the land.

Contact: Erika Carlson, info@growinggardens.org
www.growinggardens.org

INTERCAMBIO DE COMUNIDADES

Offers English classes and citizenship test preparation for immigrants by promoting community connections and understanding.

Contact: Irene Donhowe, irene@intercambio.org
www.intercambio.org

MEALS ON WHEELS OF BOULDER, INC.

Aims to provide nutritious meals to Boulder area residents regardless of age, income, gender or race.

Contact: Karen Kay Thompson, karen@mowboulder.org
mowboulder.org

RISE AGAINST SUICIDE

Aims to reduce youth suicide rates by offering free mental health counseling to overcome financial and social barriers to treatment for at-risk youth in Boulder County.

Contact: Michelle Aquino, michelle@riseagainstsucide.org
www.riseagainstsucide.org

ST. BENEDICT HEALTH AND HEALING MINISTRY

Improves the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community by providing access to healthcare resources.

Contact: Shelly Dierking
shelly@stbenedicthealthandhealing.org
stbenedicthealthandhealing.org

TGTHR (ATTENTION HOMES)

Aims to build a movement that galvanizes communities, empowers young people, and puts an end to youth homelessness.

Contact: Tamara Fox, contactus@tgthr.org
www.tgthr.org

WILDLANDS RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS (WRV)

Integrates justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion into over 150 planned environmental restoration projects by supporting training for staff, board members, and volunteers.

Contact: Jess Turner, info@wlrv.org
www.wlrv.org

WINDHORSE GUILD, INC. (MINDFUL WORKS)

Aims to empower individuals through job training to overcome challenges related to mental health.

Contact: Susan Williams, susan@mindful-works.org
mindful-works.org

YWCA BOULDER COUNTY

Promotes awareness and understanding of racism through the Reading to End Racism program by supporting the training of volunteers to foster an inclusive and understanding school environment.

Contact: Shiquita Yarbrough, syarbrough@ywcaboulder.org
www.ywcaboulder.org/ways-to-get-involved/#volunteer

FCC INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

ALTERNATIVE GIFT INTERNATIONAL (AGI)

Aims to inspire support for humanitarian and environmental causes by offering donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends and associates.

Contact: Maria Jacobia, maria@alternativegifts.org
alternativegifts.org

KENYA EDUCATION FUND (KEF)

Offers scholarships to financially challenged Kenya students, ensuring their education from high school through to the first year of college, irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, race, religion, or physical abilities.

Contact: Jim Knopf, knopfjm@gmail.com
www.kenyaeducationfund.org

NOOR EL-SALAM

Educates refugee children in Lebanon, and provides humanitarian relief to communities suffering from lack of electricity, food, and water.

Contact: Susan Bryant, susan@susankbryant.com
noorelsalam.org

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that aids in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world.

www.one-great-hour-of-sharing/oghs_resources

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

www.neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

www.our-church-s-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

www.our-church-s-wider-mission/christmas-fund

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION

Covenant calls us to support one another in all settings of the United Church of Christ. Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), the giving of the local church to the wider settings, is the life blood of that Covenant. As that life flows, congregations are empowered and individual lives are changed.

www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission

