SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee represents the congregation's priorities on social justice issues in the public and private sectors, offering opportunities to move the world toward more justice and peace, and to learn and change ourselves in the process.

Contact: **Lee Hulquist**
sj@uucmp.org

STEWARDSHIP

We help the Church to be financially sustainable by overseeing and advising on a broad range of fundraising activities. These include the annual pledge drive, fundraising events and projects, endowment planning, and donor appreciation.

Contact: **Steve Johnson**, *stewardship@uucmp.org*

SUPER FLEA

This is our annual flea market sale—clean out your closet and benefit the church's bottom line!

Contact: **Lauren Keenan & Mibs McCarthy**

superflea@uucmp.org

T'AI CHI CHIH

Join us on Tuesday afternoons for this series of 19 movements and 1 pose that make up a moving meditation to balance the vital energy within us.

Contact: **Mary Kay Hamilton**

taichi@uucmp.org

WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

A team of Worship Associates work with the ministers to create meaningful Sunday morning worship services, and to organize and implement all services with outside or lay worship leaders.

Contact: **Axel & Elaine Gehrmann,**

minister@uucmp.org

For additional opportunities to participate at UUCMP:

- Consider creating a new group or activity
- Speak with the Co-ministers as to how you might become more deeply involved in this amazing community!

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2026 UUCMP Connections

Find out what our church committees and groups do, and how you can get involved!

Unitarian Universalist Church
of the Monterey Peninsula
490 Aguajito Road
Carmel, CA 93923

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ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee seeks out and selects local artists to show their work at the church, schedules and publicizes shows, and helps the artists to hang their work at UUCMP.

Contact: *art@uucmp.org*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

B & G works with the church staff to maintain the church, its grounds, and systems. Join a B&G task force!

Contact: **Lauren Keenan**
bg@uucmp.org

CARING NETWORK

The Caring Network, comprised of a large number of volunteers, brings food and comfort to members during times of illness or sorrow. They also send cards and make calls of joy and concern, and generally let members know that others in the congregation care about their welfare.

Contact: **Mibs McCarthy** 831-320-9914, *caringnetwork@uucmp.org*

CHALICE CIRCLES

There are a variety of small groups which meet regularly for conversation, connection and more.

Contact: **Rev. Axel Gehrmann,** 831-624-7404, *minister@uucmp.org*

CHOIR

The UUCMP Adult Community Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 7—9 pm in the Sanctuary, and performs twice a month on Sundays.

Contact: **Jorge Torrez**, *music@uucmp.org*

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

This committee works to strengthen the ministry of UUCMP and serves as an additional communication channel between UUCMP and the ministers.

Contact: **Carl Christiansen** *commonmin@uucmp.org*

COMMUNICATIONS

This committee works to design and oversee consistent and coordinated communication within the church as well as to publicize UUCMP events.

Contact: **Ray Krise** *communications@uucmp.org*

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee oversees the UUCMP church endowment fund as to investment and relation to the Finance Committee general fund.

Contact: **Steve Johnson,** 831-402-7601, *endowment@uucmp.org*

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This Committee represents the congregation's priorities on environmental issues within our church and beyond into the broader community. We offer opportunities to inspire our congregation, as well as our local and state governments, plus the wider world toward more sustainable policies and practices as we learn and change ourselves in the process.

Contact: **Nan Foster**

environmental-justice@uucmp.org

FAMILY MINISTRY

This Committee works to meet the spiritual needs of our children and youth. In cooperation with their families it surrounds our children with our loving community, shows them the transformative power of justice and love, and develops their UUism into a lifelong, sustaining faith.

Contact: **Rebecca Irwin**

dre@uucmp.org

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviews policies to ensure the security and accountability of the church's finances as well as proposes to the Board of Trustees and the congregation the annual operating budget and then oversees its execution. The Finance Committee is a standing committee of the church, reporting directly to the board, and coordinates with and advises the board, the ministers and the church treasurer on fiscal policies and matters related to budgeting and contracts.

Contact: **Ted Raabe**, *finance@uucmp.org*

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This committee oversees the general development of lay leadership and provides recommendations for non-elective leadership vacancies. It seeks to foster leadership skills to move UUCMP in fulfillment of its mission.

Contact: **Elaine Gehrmann** *leadershipdev@uucmp.org*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee provides a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers, familiarizes them with UUCMP and Unitarian Universalism to develop & deepen membership and involvement.

Contact: **Rose Lovell**, *membership@uucmp.org*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.

Contact: **Mike Lovell**, *mensbreakfast@uucmp.org*

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee works in close coordination with the Music Staff to deepen the spiritual experience of the congregation through a wide variety of high quality music .

Contact: **Jorge Torrez**, *music@uucmp.org*

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Members of the Pastoral Associates provide a one-on-one relationship with church members at times of need, major life changes, isolation, mourning and other challenges. They provide regular contact, caring presence, and emotional support. They are trained and supervised by the Co-ministers in active listening, securing resources and appropriate referrals.

Contact: **Rev. Axel Gehrmann** *minister@uucmp.org*

SACRED EARTH CIRCLE

This group meets to plan and celebrate seasonal rituals related to the wheel of the year. A variety of nature-based, earth-centered and pagan traditions are welcomed.

Contact: **Ali Shapard** *sacredearthcircle@uucmp.org*

SANGHA

Our UU Buddhist Sangha meets Wednesday evenings at UUCMP.

Contact: **Rev. Dennis Hamilton**, hamilton-dennis@att.net

SERVICE AUCTION

Many volunteers work together on all aspects of our annual fundraising auction, including planning, organization, publicity, mailings, decor, auctioning, clerking, food service, and accounting. Volunteer, and/or join in for a wonderful evening!

Contact: **Lauren Keenan or Steve Johnson** *serviceauction@uucmp.org*