

## **Beacon SJA (Social Justice Allies) History Timeline & Collaboration List**

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### ***June, 2012***

General Assembly in Phoenix; focus on immigration social justice  
Nearly 40 Beacon folks attended all or part

### ***Late fall, 2012***

Launched 1st steps of Initiated CBCO (Congregation-Community-Based Organizing) to eventually determine social justice priorities

### ***2013***

- Named ourselves Social Justice Allies
- Began collaboration with NAIC
- Received matching grant from UU Funding Program for 1 year's dues to local CBCO affiliate, NAIC
- Engaged in CBCO training
- Initiated City Council Watch(dog)
- Approved congregational Public Stance in support of families of undocumented immigrants

### ***Fall, 2014***

In collaboration with NAIC, No. AZ Dream Fund and Dreamers in Action, with Full Circle Trade and Thrift Grant: raised \$12,245 benefitting Flagstaff's young immigrants.

### ***2015***

- Became official member of UUJAZ
- Broadened leadership base by forming SJA Steering Committee, which met between monthly SJA meetings

### ***2016***

- CBCO process to determine issues for Beacon social justice priorities
- Public Stance in support of local efforts toward non-violence
- Public Stance in support of efforts toward reform that provides a living wage for local workers.  
Action: Created a table that compared/contrasted the Flagstaff City and AZ state ballot initiatives

### ***2017***

- Lead effort to develop Beacon Policies and Procedures for Political Activity, based on the
  - UUA's *The Real Rules* (IRS Guidelines on Advocacy, Lobbying and Elections)
- In collaboration with Beacon Adult RE, presented "Literature of the Borderlands" a community series on 4 Saturday mornings in July and August. It was planned and lead by Dr. Chuck Tatum, part-time Beacon friend and Emeritus Professor of Spanish at the U of AZ.

### ***Winter/Spring, 2017-18***

Co-sponsored a four-film series with some members of Keeping Flagstaff Together, focusing on democracy and public engagement.

### ***2018***

- Beacon Board of Trustees approved Policies and Procedures for Political Activity.
- Promoted, collected and delivered a truckload of school supplies for Killip Elementary School

### ***Winter, 2019***

In a meeting that included longtime SJA regulars, some who had been on sabbatical, a few newbies, and Rev. Robin, we discussed and approved a shift in SJA's structure to a Mobilizing Task Force rather than a monthly meeting group.

### ***Spring, 2020***

When Beacon cancelled all in-person activity in March (due to the Corona-19 virus), plans for the launch of "Activate" were also halted. Numerous community organizations had been invited to participate.

### **Over the years (June, 2012-June, 2020), SJA has collaborated with:**

- No. AZ Interfaith Council (NAIC)
- No. AZ Dream Fund (funds application fees for DACA applicants)
- Dreamers in Action
- Killip Elementary School
- Flagstaff Trade and Thrift (a local thrift store)
- No More Deaths
- UUJAZ (UU Justice AZ) network
- Keeping Flagstaff Together
- Somos America (collects food and travel supplies for immigrants—including babies and toddlers traveling from Phoenix bus station eastward, usually at least 2-3 days ride!)
- League of Women Voters