

fSocial Justice Committee Commitment and Responsibilities

What is the Social Justice Committee?

The Social Justice Committee is a group of Buddhist social justice advocates that advocate and organize around issues important and pertinent to our community and beyond.

The Social Justice Committee of YBE was started in the Summer of 2020 after the murder of George Floyd and the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement. YBE held a series of workshops called the "Let's Talk About" series to give our community the space to be able to talk about race within a Buddhist context. In Summer of 2021, the Social Justice Committee hosted our Face to Face series which discussed how the topics of Queerness, Abolition, Colonization, and Environmentalism intersected with Buddhism.

The Social Justice Committee conceptualizes our meetings as not just procedural, but also a forum for discussion about current events and Buddhism. Our mission is:

- To support the Jodo Shinshu and greater community in learning and growing together in the current context of social justice movements and injustices that people face.
- To provide a brave and safe space for people of all identities in our community to learn and grow together and to think critically about the existing inequalities in the United States and the world. We are a diverse community with many intersecting identities that make us who we are as individuals and who we are as a community.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Attend at least 8 Social Justice Committee meetings a year
- Commit to create, contributes to SJC initiatives and projects
- Keep the community alive, contribute to building community
- Contribute to at least one community-facing event of the year

Skills desired

- Interest in social justice, education, and advocacy initiatives
- Interest in Buddhism
- Interest and/or experience with...
 - Virtual event planning
 - Community building
 - Education and advocacy initiatives

Time Commitment

1-2 hours/week

Term length

1 year
