

## ***JUSTICE AND WITNESS MINISTRY TEAM***

**Focus:** Encourage the conference and its congregations to engage in direct action as prophetic voices for justice, peace and the integrity of creation, to provide study materials and other resources to support such action.

### **Major Areas of responsibility:**

**Ecumenical activities:** relate to the legislative and action activities of organizations such as Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; interfaith action projects of areas within the Central Pacific Conference; endorse and/or support public actions which promote justice, peace, environmental responsibility and recommend such endorsement or support to others throughout the conference.

**Denominational initiatives.** Review, recommend and support as appropriate various actions and initiatives brought to the attention of the United Church of Christ by the Justice and Witness Covenanted Ministry or the General Synod; provide resources to interpret and educate on such issues; initiate actions, resolutions or recommendations for consideration by the Conference and the national settings of the UCC regarding concerns of interest to Central Pacific Conference; provide resources, consultation, and focus on the multicultural, multi-racial, open and affirming, accessible to all positions of the UCC; assist congregations in the study of and response to issues of Open and Affirming declarations.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Task Force:** Serve as a support and education resource to persons who are GLBT, their families and friends, and to congregations and groups welcoming of GLBT persons, activities or discussions. Assist congregations which engage in study and discussion of issues related to the Open and Affirming proclamation of the United Church of Christ.

**Support of justice and witness activities of other groups or congregations:** Provide grants and other resources which complement the goals and focus of this team.