

## First Parish Cambridge TASK FORCE APPLICATION FORM

<b>Task Force Name: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)</b>	
<b>Lead organizers' names: Elizabeth Kline, Tod Hibbard</b>	
<p><b>Primary purpose/mission of TF (describe the <i>Issue, definition of social problem, religious values involved</i>):</b></p> <p>The main purposes are to build on and expand on our congregation's ability and opportunities to further our work effectively on social justice public policy issues through an interfaith organization of 40+ faith communities. Since October 2015 when FP voted to join GBIO, our Task Force has concentrated on both in congregation relationship and community building and on connecting with people and faith-based organizations in the Greater Boston region.</p> <p>In April 2019 GBIO Delegates approved a "Refounding" of the organization to attract more member congregations comprised primarily of people of color and immigrants. While staff and GBIO leaders focus primarily on this objective over the next 18 months, staff and members will prioritize our attention on health care reform legislation (i.e., high cost of prescription drugs; out of pocket costs; mental health; and health care for immigrant children). In addition, members are encouraged to work on "local action projects". We, at First Parish are taking a lead in organizing and participating in the GBIO Racial Equity Group as our local action project.</p>	
<p><b>TF Objectives for church year 2019-2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the use of GBIO's organizing and relationship building techniques within FP;</li> <li>• Actively participate in GBIO Liaison meetings—the two FP liaisons are Elizabeth Kline and Tod Hibbard</li> <li>• Actively participate in GBIO's Health Care initiative. Marcia Hams is both on GBIO's Health Care Team and president of Health Care for All, which convenes the Rx coalition GBIO has joined (MA Prescription Drug Affordability Coalition).</li> <li>• "Reach in" to the FP community to engage new participants who have not yet participated in GBIO activities and broaden and enhance leadership capacity within FP</li> <li>• Encourage service related activities that provide spiritual and psychological satisfaction</li> <li>• Participate in the FP Social Justice Council</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Possible strategies, activities or events planned for church year 2019-2020:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct one-on-one conversations with FP congregants</li> <li>• Organize and host small group discussions on health care and racial equity</li> <li>• Increase the number and excitement of FP participants in GBIO's large gatherings and within smaller meetings that facilitate closer ties among GBIO members of different racial, ethnic and faith backgrounds.</li> <li>• Increase visibility of UU faith in GBIO committees and gatherings</li> <li>• Contribute to GBIO strategy development</li> </ul>	

***Organizers* commit to serving on the task force and actively working on this issue.**

<b>Identify Organizers:</b>	<b>Signatures:</b>
1. Elizabeth Kline	
2. Tod Hibbard	
3. Margaret Drury	
4. Sharon DeVos	
5. Rashid Shaikh	
6. Chris McElroy	
7. Marcia Hams	

***Supporters* agree to participate in activities of the task force.**

<b>Identify Supporters:</b>	<b>Signatures:</b>
1. Rosalie Anders	
2. Anne Smith	
3. Allegra Heath-Stout	
4. Susan Shepherd	
5. Grace Hall	
6. Alison Altman	
7. Kate Ryan	