

About Us

About Us

Justice Organization Sharing Hope & United for Action (JOSHUA) is an interfaith coalition of faith communities joined together to bridge differences and focus on common values to address community concerns.

JOSHUA dedicates itself to:

- Celebrating and respecting our diversity and our varied faith values of justice.
- Stimulating creative efforts to improve our community through dialogue both in the public and private sector, and through education and action.

Mission Statement

JOSHUA deepens relationships within and among congregations and empowers people to act together for justice in pursuit of their individual and collective interests.

JOSHUA is an affiliate of the national Gamaliel Foundation. At the state level, JOSHUA is part of an umbrella organization called WISDOM , which includes the following congregation-based sister organizations:

- MICAH in Milwaukee
- RIC in Racine
- CUSH in Kenosha
- JOB in Rock County
- JOSHUA in Brown County
- ESTHER in the Fox Valley
- SOHPIA in Waukesha
- JONAH in Eau Claire
- NWJA in Northern Wisconsin

JOSHUA membership is by congregation or organization. Congregations or organizations pay dues and are the true owners of JOSHUA. Each JOSHUA congregation is represented on the JOSHUA Religious Leaders Caucus.

JOSHUA is based on building relationships, and within each member congregation or organization there are Core Teams which meet monthly to respond to the concerns and passions of their congregation. Core Team members are intentional about meeting one-on-one with people in their congregation and in the public arena, to foster mutual understanding and clarity of purpose.

Members of JOSHUA congregations or organizations are eligible for weeklong leadership training programs provided by JOSHUA's national umbrella organization. There are four training institutes offered each year, including Spanish-speaking training sessions.

JOSHUA is a 501 C3 organization. Staffing fees and related expenses are funded by dues, grants and fundraising events. Charitable contributions to JOSHUA are tax-deductible.