



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of OAKLAND – PROPOSAL TO SPONSOR AN EVENT –

Before submitting this formal proposal, please contact FCCO Booking Coordinator by calling 510-444-8511 or email to booking@firstoakland.org to ensure that the desired space is available.

Sponsorship does not include the costs of staffing, sound, security guard (if alcohol is served), or refundable deposit. ONLY a percentage of the room rental fees are included in sponsorship, up to 100%. We ask that organizations/individuals requesting sponsorship consider paying at least a small percentage of the room rental fees. If the event will include a very large number of participants, FCCO reserves the right to request a fee to cover the costs of utilities and supplies.

A Rental Contract will need to be signed with the Bookings Office to complete the reservation.

Information about the Proposed Event Sponsorship

- 1. Name of Group/Organization:**
- 2. Date of Event:**
- 3. Percentage of Sponsorship requested:**
- 3. Name of the event and brief description:**

5. How does this event, organization or individual affirm, support and/or extend the mission/vision of First Congregational Church of Oakland? (see our statements on the next page)

Prophetic Public Witness (Social Justice): ppwfcco@googlegroups.com

Prophetic Public Witness Team Decision

Approved? (yes/no, date and venue):

Two signatures:

FCCO Mission Statement

First Congregational Church of Oakland gives glory to God by reaching out to people of all racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds, ages, abilities and sexual orientations: to welcome them into the beloved community where together we discover our gifts; develop authentic relationships with God and each other; join in passionate, creative, Spirit-led worship; grow in faith, understanding, power, love and service; and respond to the word of life we encounter in Jesus Christ by becoming part of what the Spirit is doing to create justice and peace, heal the earth, and restore kinship with all creation.

FCCO Vision Statement

First Congregational Church of Oakland is the church where love is first.

We believe God is ready, willing and able to grace each and every one, no matter of what faith tradition or none, with freedom and acceptance, teaching us to love as Jesus did. We praise and worship God, allowing each other to experience abundant glory and grace freely without constraint.

To live into this path we seek to embody the Spirit through a radical inclusivity that welcomes people and families of all backgrounds and experiences into a faith-based community committed to love, justice, solidarity, intercultural fellowship, and spirit-led worship.

We are a community of broken people, perfect in our brokenness. We strive to walk in faith, surrendering to and being led by a power greater than ourselves. We embrace personal metamorphosis, striving to become our whole, best selves, learning to steward our personal and communal time, talent, treasures and other resources for the flourishing of all life. To this end we seek to nurture in each other and in ourselves generosity of spirit, integrity, faithfulness, and authenticity.

We grow spiritually through service within and outside of our church, through praise, worship and radical actions, to love first no matter what. Through fellowship with each other, our community, and the spirit of life, we seek to create genuine relationships and deepen existing ones, strengthening our connections to our souls, to the earth, and to the Creator.

We believe that human creativity mirrors the divine as Creator and value art as a medium for expressive worship, self-expression, prayer and self-reflection. We intend to minister to ourselves and others through cultivating the creative energies of our congregation and larger community.

We commit to act with courage in the face of injustice, using non-violent means to transform our communities, our planet, and ourselves, seeking a world free from inequity, prejudice, oppression, poverty, and war.

This is the vision we seek to live into each day.