

## District Leader Role

District Leaders will *promote social justice* and the common good of all Minnesotans, as reflected in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, *by helping to build, strengthen, and mobilize the JRLC network* in her or his local senate district.

District co-Leaders are encouraged. Interfaith/Ecumenical Leadership Teams are preferred.

## Responsibilities

### Legislative Advocacy

- During session, participate in regular webinars for briefings and strategies
- Upon receiving JRLC action alerts, take requested action and reach out to other JRLC advocates in your district to encourage them to do the same
- Build productive relationships with legislators

### Day on the Hill

- Attend and lead district delegation at Day on the Hill (DOH)
- Recruit substitute to lead delegation if unable to attend DOH
- Invite others to attend DOH
- Set DOH appointments with legislators at least one month in advance
- Facilitate District Table Time
- Guide advocates through the Capitol complex and keep group organized throughout the day
- Debrief legislative meetings with district attendees
- Gather contact info of attendees and set a follow-up meeting with interested members

### District Organizing

- Build relationships with other justice minded individuals in your district from both your own and other faith communities
- Meet with a small gathering of other dedicated JRLC advocates in your district at least once a year
- Coordinate one JRLC forum, event, or workshop in your district/region each year with support of JRLC staff
- Reach out to new congregations and communities in your senate district

- Invite individuals and congregations to become JRLC members
- Consider constructing a phone tree or email list among strong advocates in your district
- Recruit or suggest replacement leader(s) for your district if you are no longer able to fill the position
- Meet with **Katie**, the JRLC Statewide Organizer, either in-person or by phone once per year.

## **Resources and Support**

- Access to JRLC advocate contact information (phone and email address) in your district
- During the legislative session, monthly DL online meetings and issue briefings
- E-newsletters, action alerts, and ideas for further local action.
- JRLC Bulletin inserts, postcards, issue papers, DOH promotional materials, and sample letters to the editor
- Contact information of other district leaders in your region
- Discounted registration fee for Day on the Hill
- Support from JRLC staff

## **Time Commitment**

- Day on the Hill responsibilities – five hours, not including times spent at DOH
- Legislative Advocacy: February - May – five hours per month
- Direct Organizing: June – January – two hours per month
- JRLC District Leadership is a two-year commitment with opportunity for renewal

To become a District Leader or to request more information, contact the JRLC's Statewide Organizer, Katie Powell, at [kpowell@jrlc.org](mailto:kpowell@jrlc.org) or 612-230-3232.