

Social Justice Action

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If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2022 would raise the wages of roughly one million workers, close to a third of the state’s workforce. More than 90% of workers who would be affected are over 20 years old, and nearly 60% are women. Workers who are paid low wages include highly skilled professions, like nursing assistants, childcare providers, teacher aides, and paramedics.

Emergencies arise for all of us at some point, but 87% of workers in New England lack access to paid leave. In Massachusetts, 1.2 million workers risk losing their jobs if they take time off work to take care of a family medical emergency or to care for a new child.

Will you collect signatures at coffee hour? It’s easy!

See Jerry if you can help.

The Supreme Court will hear the “Muslim ban” case related to President Trump’s Executive Order 13,780 on October 10th. The Executive Order blocked citizens from 6 primarily Muslim nations (Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen) from entering the US, and has put sharp limits on the US refugee program, among other draconian provisions. Both the UUA and UUSC have signed onto a faith community amicus brief which will be part of the legal documents discussed in those proceedings.

Visit: uua.org/loveresists to find the resource provided by the UU Love Resists Campaign which processes info on how you can take action to support Muslim Rights.

Mark your calendar! Habitat for Humanity Build in Northborough. Our congregation, will work on **Saturday October 21st** to rehab a house for two families. Come be a part of this Social Justice effort. You don’t need to be a carpentry whiz to do this – no tools required, only enthusiasm. Morning and afternoon shifts available. Contact Ed at walshnboro@gmail.com for more information.

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The Massachusetts Ballot Initiative in Support of The 28th Amendment.

This Act establishes a non-partisan Citizens Commission to advance Massachusetts’ policy in favor of amending the U.S. Constitution to affirm that: • Corporations and other artificial entities do not possess the inalienable Constitutional rights of the People • Campaign contributions and spending can be regulated and limited in order to eliminate the undue influence of money on elections and government It is the intent of this Act: • To protect the integrity and fairness of elections and government • To prevent corruption • To secure the right of all Americans to be represented and to participate in self-government as equal citizens We need to collect 65,000 signatures in 9 weeks between Sept. 20, 2017, and Nov. 22, 2017, to place this initiative on the Massachusetts ballot in 2018. Many volunteers will be needed to accomplish this important task and we need your help. Donna Scalcione will be in a Coffee Hour (at a Sunday NOON) to gather signatures for a petition to start an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Citizens United ruling. The *People Govern, Not Money* group is behind this proposed Amendment, and I am helping collect signatures to get dark money out of our elections. You can learn more about this group at PeopleGovernNotMoney.org.

MA Against Solitary Confinement

The MA Against Solitary Confinement Coalition (MASC) is working to end the practice of locking people into solitary confinement for up to 10 years. This occurs in the DDU (Department Disciplinary Units) in MA. People imprisoned in this manner are often released directly to the street. We are one of just a few states that treat people in this manner and it needs to end. For more on this, go to jobsnotjails.org/.

Social Justice Survey coming October 15th - The very small Committee that works to keep issues before you, wants to know what you do and what you care about with regard to Social Justice. Please fill out this short survey when it comes to you.

**Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here.

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