

# Social Justice Action

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

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILL

A big step happened last week: The state joint Judiciary Committee reported out a comprehensive **criminal justice reform bill** to the State Senate.

The Senate plans to vote on S.2185 on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. **Now is the time to call and send an email to your senator and ask for their support.** The Senate bill will then go to the house, where amendments are anticipated. Then, the bill is expected to go to the conference committee where a final version is the goal. The final step is the Governor. This processed could potentially be complete by the legislative break on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**If you want to help make comprehensive criminal justice reform a reality, please do this:**

Read Sen. Will Brownsberger’s summary of the Senate bill at <http://tinyurl.com/ybw3a66b>

**Take a look at this trailer.** Should we air this film?

<https://beyondthewallfilm.com/synopsis/#trailer>

Salem passed a Sanctuary for Peace Ordinance in March 2017. This local ordinance created a safe community for all residents in Salem. Anti-immigrant residents in Salem are trying to undo this protection and have added a ballot initiative which will be voted on November 7th.

**Would you and your kids like to help out at the Worcester County Food Bank?** Group opportunities fluctuate according to the amount of donations that WCFB receives. Groups receive training during the first part of their scheduled volunteer time.

- **Group size:** the maximum group size is 8 volunteers; a group of 6 to 8 volunteers is optimal.
- **Minimum volunteer age:** 13 years old

## Scheduling:

- **Group volunteer shifts:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
- **This is a one-shot volunteer opportunity**
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## THE OCCUPATION OF THE AMERICAN MIND

Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestinian territory and repeated invasions of the Gaza strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world -- except the United States. The Occupation of the American Mind takes an eye-opening look at this critical exception, zeroing in on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S. The film explores how the Israeli government, the U.S. government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel's favor. Does this topic interest you? Would you like to see the film?

## MA IINTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**When:** Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Where:** First Parish UU in Framingham, Scott Hall, 24 Vernon Street

Global warming is a moral issue we are compelled to address. We will continue to reduce our carbon emissions to ensure that the U.S. collectively can meet or exceed the Paris agreement goals. Learn how Massachusetts can lead by passing legislation to move to a clean energy future. Hear what congregations are doing to reduce carbon pollution, engage their communities and witness publicly

## Program Includes:

“Why Massachusetts Needs a Carbon Pricing Law” by Senator Mike Barrett.  
“Solar Access 4All Legislation” by Andrea Nyamekye (Neighbor to Neighbor) and Joel Wool (Clean Water Action)

For more information contact vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755.

View this 8-part comedic show (8 minutes per episode addressing gentrification and climate change - "ecological justice". You can view it on line: <http://www.thenorthpoleshow.com/> ← highly entertaining!!

\*\*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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