

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 - On Thursday Oct 26th the Se voted on the Comprehensive Criminal Justice Bill (Now, S.2185). There were a number of terrible amendments defeated and some great ones passed! The main bill passed 27 to 10. There were a total of 163 amendments voted on. I guess our Senators earned their keep on this one.

You may know that our state Senate is more liberal than our House. This will be a tougher time in the House. The plan is for the House to debate and vote on **their** version of this bill before the legislative session break on Nov 17th. The likely day for the debate and vote is Nov 15th.

If you have not yet sent a letter of support to your representative, you can find a template to help you do so here → tinyurl.com/yaqakpu (Jerry says → I have my Rep on speed dial!)

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 Nov 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: 9:00am to 12:00pm or 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- This is a one-shot volunteer opportunity.

THIS SUNDAY – SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY – WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU? TELL US ABOUT IT SO WE CAN PLAN AHEAD FOR EVENTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

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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?*

#StandUpCharlie Campaign Update - So far over 100 people have stood outside the Governor's office in the State House, demanding that he stop supporting new fossil fuel infrastructure and instead invest in renewable energy and our communities. Thank you to all the UUs from Boston area congregations that have participated!

We still need more people! UU congregations have committed to recruiting people to show up on Tuesdays at noon. We meet at noon outside the Hooker entrance of the State House and, after a short orientation, make our way to the hall directly outside Governor Baker's office. There we stand in silent protest for about half an hour before delivering our demand letter. If you feel moved, you can also speak directly to Baker's Director of Constituent Services, telling him why you care deeply about climate justice and are demanding Baker take action.

If you'd like to get involved in the campaign, either by showing up for a noontime protest at the State House, or by supporting with art, media, or recruitment, please email (Evan) at eseitz@uumassaction.org or call [413-687-8444](tel:413-687-8444).

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.