

Social Justice Action

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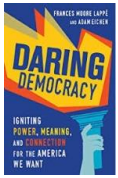
If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

MASS SHOOTINGS, 2017

<http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>

288 gun deaths last week. 14,677 gun deaths so far this year

Coming this Spring to UUCSW →



Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, (Beacon Press, 2017) lifts up the importance of democracy itself. It examines the anti-democracy movement that has led to the Trump presidency, then offers a vision and call to action to save our democracy and to take our civic life to a place it has never been.

As this Green Sheet goes to press, it seems that Doug Johnson has defeated Roy Moore in the Alabama Senatorial race. While I (your editor) applaud this victory, I understand that there are people so convinced that abortion is an evil that they will vote for a child molester. So how do we –liberals in the far left Commonwealth - meet half-way those people with this view of abortion? How do we say there are many sides to the abortion issue?

The Love Resists Campaign is activating people of faith and conscience to resist the criminalization of our neighbors and communities, and create a safer, more just, welcoming, and sustainable world.

1. Expand Sanctuary - Help to create safe spaces for people who are under threat through advocating for sanctuary policies, supporting sanctuary communities, and offering physical sanctuary.
2. So who is providing sanctuary? No one congregation can do it all. Typically, a number of churches coalesce to provide a portion of the support required to a place for an undocumented immigrant. Does this interest you? See Sylvia.

Our State Senator Jamie Eldridge is a major sponsor

Some of our more conservative members may be interested in a website here → <http://www.massfiscal.org/> It's an organization of business leaders whose goal is to reduce government spending. You may appreciate this point of view.

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So how are YOU able to think about Social Justice and add yet one more thing to a life that's overwhelmed with the things you really have to do?

Did you know that more than half of people held in jail have not been convicted of a crime, but are awaiting trial and can't afford bail? When a person can't pay bail, they can lose their job, housing, and even their kids. Black Lives Matter Cambridge and the MA Bail Fund are working to free as many people as possible this December to be home with their families for the holidays. Learn more about how you can donate, fundraise, or volunteer at: <https://www.massbailfund.org/holiday-bailout.html>

The Criminal Justice Omnibus bills have both passed the senate and the house. The next step is the Conference Committee where the differences in the two bills will be addressed and a final version of the bill will result. We will have a summary analysis of the differences between the bills and a list of priorities for which we will be asking for your help with advocacy.

In 2015, when America's Supreme Court extended marriage to gays and lesbians, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote that religious people should remain free to trumpet their "conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned". Today the justices ask how far that promise goes, when they hear the case of Jack Phillips, a Christian baker who says Colorado's law protecting LGBT people from discrimination violates his religious liberty and freedom of speech. When Charlie Craig and David Mullins shopped for a wedding cake in 2012, Mr Phillips told the couple he did not "provide cakes for same-sex weddings", as he considers gay nuptials sacrilegious. That wasn't acceptable to Colorado's civil-rights commission, which ordered Mr Phillips to create cakes for gay and straight couples alike—or stop making them altogether. The outcome will probably turn on the vote of Mr Kennedy, a staunch defender of both LGBT equality and First Amendment rights.



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

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