

Social Justice Action

"We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

The following is a request from Amy Rosenberg from the Congregation B'nai Shalom Social Action Committee:

Congregation B'nai Shalom has been talking with [Ascentria Care Alliance](#) (formerly Lutheran Social Services), one of 9 agencies nationwide that resettles people granted refugee status. Ascentria has a program called [Community Circles](#) in which small groups from faith congregations make a 6-month commitment to help a new refugee family settle in the US. Ascentria provides case management and other services; Community Circles provide assistance like companionship, transportation to medical appointments, help adjusting to the culture, language tutoring, etc. This volunteer help is increasingly critical, as Ascentria has had layoffs due to budget cuts under the current presidential administration.

Congregation B'nai Shalom is hoping to form a Community Circle and wanted to see if some members from UUCSW might like to partner. There will be an **informational meeting at CBS** (117 E. Main Street) with Beth Singley from Ascentria on **Thursday, January 25th at 7:30 PM**. Please contact Amy at arosenbe@law.harvard.edu with any questions.

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. This is a Book Club common read. We'll all be reading and discussing this book.

Interested in learning about ways to reducing government spending:

Some of our more fiscally 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.

UU College of Social Justice: 2018 Summer Internship Applications Open!

Learn about the program and internship opportunities at uucsj.org/internships/. Opportunities are open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who are passionate about social justice, so apply now and/or spread the word to express your social action agenda here.

Social Justice Information:
<http://www.uumassaction.org/>

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?

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUMS IN OUR AREA:

The Sudbury United Methodist Church is offering a series of "Vital Conversations" about racism with an emphasis on understanding the system that supports racism. For more information → <https://tinyurl.com/y7xjzlnf>

Resisting Surveillance Forum. When: Sat Jan 20, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: UU Urban Ministry, [10 Putnam St., Roxbury](#)

Join us at this community forum to learn and discuss local methods of surveillance and share tactics and strategies to resist!

This is part of our Resisting Surveillance series, which we've taken to Montgomery County, MD; Minneapolis, Chicago and are bringing it back to Boston. Read more about what we've learned so far at www.resistingsurveillance.org

First Parish UU Duxbury: Open Mind Speaker Series Featuring Rahsaan Hall of the ACLU When: Fri Jan 26, 7:00 PM

Where: First Parish UU, [842 Tremont St, Duxbury](#)

Rahsaan Hall, Director of Racial Justice for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, will speak about mass incarceration, criminal law reform, and the power of the prosecutor.

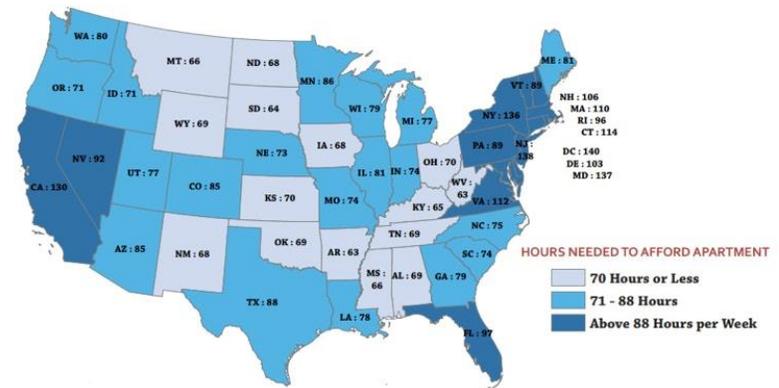
Natural Gas Infrastructure and Public Health: From Local to Global

When: Tue, Jan 30, 10:00 – 5:00 PM

Where: Boston University Photonics Center

8 St. Mary's Street, Boston

Please join us for a discussion regarding the health impacts of natural gas infrastructure (NGI) and the role of public health officials in this topic.



**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.