

Social Justice Action

"Little by little we human beings are confronted with situations that give us more and more clues that we are not perfect."

—Fred Rogers

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

UUCSW Service Project

Social Justice *FAMILY* Event – Please mark your calendar.

When – Sunday March 3, 12:00 – 12:30 PM

Where – In our very own church kitchen.

Great turnout this last month. Give a shout out to WEGMAN'S who supported us with a \$100 Donation. Even so, we can't get donations for everything, so your help is needed.

What – Pack meals. We will be packing meals for people in a homeless shelter in Worcester. *There will be jobs for all ages.* We deliver 100 meals on Sunday and they are handed out the next two days. The shelter does NOT provide lunches so this is a big help for people.

Social Justice Opportunity

Green New Deal – Week of Action, Feb 4th through the 8th

From February 4-8, our national movement for Real Climate Leadership will bring these demands to every Congressperson's doorstep. We will ramp up our call for a strong, Green New Deal by publicly calling on every representative to support these 5 demands:

1. Halt all new fossil fuel extraction, infrastructure, and subsidies, and transition power generation to 100 percent renewable energy by 2035 or sooner;
2. Rapidly decarbonize the agriculture and transportation sectors, and expand access to public transportation;
3. Ensure a fair & just transition, led by impacted workers and communities, including low income and communities of color, without relying on corporate schemes or market-based mechanisms;
4. Pass a national jobs guarantee, creating good jobs with collective bargaining and family-sustaining wages.

[Can you join us in action the week of February 4-8? Click here to let us know.](#)

Green New Deal - Continued

Ready to get started? Here are a couple tools to help you share and promote the week and our 5 demands. Let us know if you have any questions or need direct support setting up an event or connecting with the host team in your city/town.

1. [Check the action map to find events near you!](#) You can RSVP, recruit folks to attend and contact the host team for each action from there.
2. If you don't see an event planned in your community, it's not too late to schedule something.
3. [If you're looking to send emails, post on social media, and otherwise invite your network to events, check out these sample materials.](#) We're adding more signs, memes and graphics this week - if you have one to contribute, please email me or add it to the doc!

This week of action is being organized by a number of organizations including [350.org](#), Friends of the Earth, Center for Biological Diversity, Food and Water Watch, Oil Change USA, Climate Hawks Vote, And Greenpeace. We are hoping to add you to the groups working to make this a success so we can send the strongest message to congress on the needs to take strong action on climate and a Green New Deal.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Liz Butler back at drew@powerthruconsulting.com & or lbutler@foe.org.

Values

What is it about someone's personal beliefs and values, especially those elicited by our UU faith, that lead them to care about social justice? I asked Laura Wagner to pose the question in her UU Mass Action Newsletter. For the next few weeks I will publish responses that she received.

THIS IS HARD!! If someone out of the blue had asked me this question, I would have been unable to answer it. I'm glad I've had a chance to reflect on this and come up with a (for me anyway) coherent answer. I've cared about social justice for a long time. As I reflected, I wondered what value has been with me for most of my life. What most grabs me is "connection". And as a result, the UU principles of Inherent Worth and the Interdependent Web resonate especially with me.

Samuel

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. Jerry@Breecher.com