

Social Justice Action

"You are living in one of the rarest moments in history—a time when all around us the old order of things is crumbling and a new world society is painfully struggling to take shape....In your hands lies the future of our world and the fulfillment of the best qualities of [our collective] spirit." —Robert F. Kennedy

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

1st Sunday 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.

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.

Thanks to those who have helped with financing—including Wegman's who made a \$100 donation last month! It costs about \$1 for each meal, so please consider placing a check for whatever amount in the offering plate, marking it clearly for Social Justice. Our treasurer will do the rest.

Social Justice Opportunity

Protecting Our Immigrant Neighbors: A Conversation with Legislators

Tuesday, February 26; 7:00—8:30pm

First Parish Church, Wayland, 225 Boston Post Rd (corner of routes 20 and 27)

Four local legislators will join together to discuss immigration issues on both the national and the local level, and to take your questions. State Senators Jamie Eldridge and Becca Rausch, along with State Representatives Carmine Gentile and Alice Peisch, will participate in a conversation moderated by Laura Wagner, Executive Director of UU Mass Action.

Learn about the Safe Communities legislation and how you can support humane immigration policies. Plan to take advantage of this rare opportunity to talk with four legislators who are working for change. All are welcome. Brought to you by First Parish's Immigration Justice Committee and the Uganda Project.

<https://www.uumassaction.org/new-events>

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