

## 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 April 7, 12:00 – 12:30 PM ← *That's NEXT Sunday*

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.

## Social Justice Opportunity

On any given night, more than 450,000 people who have not been convicted of any crime are incarcerated in the United States simply because they don't have enough money to pay bail.

Money bail has *nothing* to do with reducing crime and everything to do with systemic racism that breaks up families.

Our Unitarian Universalist values tell us that no one is disposable and our interdependence means that none of us are truly free as long as people are in jail.

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) is one of Love Resist's partners in the campaign to end money bail.

Here are four ways to get started on ending money bail in your community:

- Take [BLUU's End Money Bail Faith Resource Assessment](#) to share what resources you and your congregation need to engage in this work.
- Gather a group to watch our webinar, [Jailed For Being Poor](#), and learn about the movement to end money bond and pre-trial detention.

- Download the Majority/Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) [Transformative Bail Reform Curriculum](#) (PDF) which includes many education resources and action steps to help you engage with this issue.
- Save the date: Mamas Day in May is a national bail fund organizing event, so start talking in your congregation now about how you can support your local Mamas Day Bail Out event.

By joining this movement, you are working to liberate millions from the deeply unjust mechanism of mass incarceration. (Here's [one great story](#) reflecting the enormously positive impact of releasing those held purely because they couldn't afford bail.)

Love Resists ( [www.LoveResists.org](http://www.LoveResists.org) ) is a joint campaign by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Rules for bail in Massachusetts <https://www.mass.gov/bail>

Note: Many of the links that appear in this issue are (obviously) not clickable from the paper copy. Go to [www.tinyurl.com/y5rwaafe](http://www.tinyurl.com/y5rwaafe)

## 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.

**Awareness that only privilege and luck separate me from those suffering from poverty, inequality, and racism; all beings are part of the web of life, and injustice to one person affects us all; "from those who have received much, much is asked." Claire**

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](mailto:Jerry@Breecher.com)