

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



UU Mass Action Advocacy Day on April 12 — Join UU Mass Action for the annual UU Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House. At this annual event, UUs from across the state come together to meet with legislators about UU Mass Action's key areas of Immigrant Justice, Climate & Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, Indigenous Justice and Decarceration & Ending Solitary Confinement. To register or to learn more about these events, go to [Upcoming Events — Unitarian Universalist Mass Action \(uumassaction.org\)](https://uumassaction.org).

UUA and UUSC Respond to Russia's Attack on Ukraine — For information about how UUSC is deciding how best to deploy its resources so that it will have the greatest impact in responding to the refugee crisis created by this unprovoked attack, go to ["We Demand An End to the Bloodshed": UUSC Responds to Vladimir Putin's Invasion of Ukraine - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#). There is also a list of organization at this link that are directly responding to the crisis in Ukraine. For a statement from the UUA regarding this crisis and how UUs can best help, go to [Supporting Those Impacted by the Crisis in Ukraine | Press Releases | UUA.org](#) and [Support for Ukrainian Refugees | International Unitarian Universalism | UUA.org](#).

April's Special Plate Collection is for Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) — This is an important and effective environmental group we have supported in the past. Local MCAN chapters, including on the South Shore, work to implement change at the municipal level. MCAN also advocates at the state and regional level for policies and programs that will benefit municipalities and their citizens, and works with partner organizations, including neighborhood and faith associations and affinity groups, to help them take action on climate change. To learn more about MCAN, visit its website at [Massachusetts Climate Action Network \(massclimateaction.org\)](https://massclimateaction.org).

Remember, you may make your donation [online](#) through the Old Ship website by designating your donation to Outreach or by sending your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, with MCAN designated on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thanks to all who contributed to our February special plate for the Boston Health Care Program for the Homeless. We sent a check to BHCPH for \$1857.84. Thanks also to those who contributed to our January special plate for Renewal House. We sent them a check for \$1,807.72. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Sustainability Can Be Fun – South Shore Eco Fest 2022 on Friday April 29th from 2-9pm, Cohasset Town Common

Local businesses, local organizations and communities coming together to show how we can reduce our impact on the world and have fun too. Hands-on information booths (2-6pm), local businesses showcasing their sustainable practices and selling their products, and a beer garden too (sponsored by Untold Brewing) 2-9pm. For the full list of participating organizations and businesses go to: <https://www.just1bag.us/projects-2>.

Hingham Food Pantry — We are collecting food donations for the Hingham Food Pantry. There is a basket in the vestibule of the Meeting House for donations. Donations may also be left in the Parish House office anytime the office is open. ***Donations may also be made at the Hingham Stop and Shop (large bin at the front of the store).*** The food pantry only accepts non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food. Although all donations are appreciated, the following items are among the most needed at any time: beef stew, hearty soups, small bags of granulated sugar, cookies, crackers, and 64 oz. bottles of juices. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043. Thanks to Kate Philbin for delivering our donations to the Food Pantry.

Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group — We will next meet on Sunday, April 24, on Zoom, at 7 p.m. We will be discussing "Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving. Brenda Black will be leading our discussion of this important book. For more information or if you have questions, contact [Davalene Cooper](#). This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about racism and its impact on our nation, past and present. It is a drop-in group so members may attend whatever book discussions they are most interested in. Here is the Zoom link for the April meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97626863394?pwd=bDU4dXNHWUhuTHN4S3M4b1RlbndNQ09>.

Mark your calendars for our May Anti-Racism Book Group meeting which will focus on "A Conspiracy of Mothers" by Colleen Van Niekerk (2021). The novel explores South Africa's racial classifications during apartheid, the government's construct of whiteness, and how those classifications affected laws and practices related to sexual assault. Patti Smith has made arrangements for the author to join us for our discussion. ***To accommodate Colleen's schedule, we will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11 on Zoom.*** Thanks Patti! And what an exciting event to hear from the author herself!

UUUM Peace Garden Donations in Honor of Mothers — From April 10-May 1, we at Old Ship will have an opportunity to make a contribution to the UU Urban Ministry Peace Garden in honor of the moms in our lives. To commemorate every \$25 contribution, UUUM will send a beautiful card honoring the designated mom

of your choosing and letting her know that this donation was made on her behalf. These donations will directly support UUUM's life-affirming work with the Roxbury community. We will publish additional details in the weekly email once we receive it from UUUM.

UUA's Side with Love Campaign — This is an advocacy campaign seeking to harness the power of love to work for justice and stop oppression in its many forms. You can learn more about the campaign and sign up to receive updates on how to participate at [Side With Love](#).

Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network — Sign up for the Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network to find out about specific advocacy opportunities such as letter writing, advocacy calls, and participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.