

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



Next Meeting is Saturday, July 9th, at 4 p.m. in person. We will be gathering to plan our work for the coming church year. Please contact Davalene Cooper if you would like to attend and be part of our planning process.

Anti-Racism Book Group meeting June 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

We will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich (2020). This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is based on the life of Erdrich's grandfather who fought against Native dispossession of lands and identity. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain band of the Chippewa Nation. Barb Jones will lead our discussion.

For the next church year, we will again meet on Zoom the third Sunday of each month, except December. We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We are expanding our range of books to include environmental/climate justice, which aligns with the congregation's specific focus regarding social justice. Our book for the September 18 meeting is *Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret* by Catherine Coleman Flowers (2020). This book "tells the story of systemic class, racial, and geographical prejudice that fosters Third World conditions" in the United States. The author is an environmental justice advocate at the Equal Justice Initiative. Laura Harbottle will lead our discussion. This book is an example of where racism and environmental justice intersect.

For more information or if you have questions about the group, contact [Davalene Cooper](#). This group is open to all who are interested in learning more about these social justice issues. 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 June meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/91514045121?pwd=SIV1ME1RSUhZQkZ5Z3VZRjNUV1U4QT09>

Warrant Article for the 2022 Old Ship Annual Meeting on becoming a Member Congregation of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light (MassIPL)

— Thanks to the congregation for its support of this Warrant Article. We are beginning to explore how best to intersect with MassIPL, which itself is working with Mass Power Forward. We are excited to be making these new connections to our congregation's work on climate justice.

Special Plate Collections — We have completed our special plate collections for this church year. Special plates will begin again in October. We will update the amounts donated this year in the next newsletter. Thanks to everyone for their generosity during this challenging time.

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 (9-1 weekdays September through June). ***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 this time: Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Spaghetti, Mac & Cheese, and 1 lb. bags of Granulated Sugar. Checks to support the food pantry can be sent to Hingham Food Pantry, 685 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

UU the Vote 2022 — UU the Vote is organizing on the state and local levels to fight for fair elections, advance voting rights, protect abortion access, and resist the targeting and criminalization of Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. For more information and/or to sign up to receive emails from the project, go to [UU the Vote - Faith, Love, and Action. Together.](#)

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 and advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](#), Keeper of the List.