

## News from the Social Justice Council

**"Exploring our Social Justice Focus" Discussion on October 18 at Noon on Zoom:** Please join us to discuss the focus of our work for the next three years, as well as how best to identify it. Our current focus is "protecting vulnerable populations." We may decide to continue with that broader focus, but we have come to realize that the specific naming of the work is not exactly what we intend. The populations experiencing social injustice are not themselves vulnerable people. They are strong and resilient! And it is not our role to protect them, but to work with them in creating a more just and equitable world. Join us for this important discussion.

**Hingham Food Pantry:** Our October special collection focus is on the Hingham Food Pantry. The pantry is especially important now as many families struggle with food insecurity. Given the pandemic, we are not able to collect food for the pantry so we are encouraging our community to make a financial donation to the pantry. This monetary collection is the replacement for our annual food drive at Stop and Shop. Please send your check to the church office, payable to Old Ship, but with the Hingham Food Pantry noted on the memo section of the check. These donations will be sent to the food pantry at the end of October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Anti-Racism "Drop-In" Book Group:** We will meet on Sunday, October 25, at 7 p.m. via Zoom, to discuss "How To Be An Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. If you would like to join us, contact Davalene Cooper for the Zoom link at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net).

**Virtual Solar and Low Carbon Technologies Open House Tours:** Have you wondered what is involved in having solar panels, heat pumps/mini-splits or an electric vehicle? On this year's Local Solar Tours, you will be able to visit "virtually" South Shore homes that have solar panel installations and other carbon reducing technologies in operation. Your neighbors will showcase how they are reducing their carbon emissions and tell their stories: why they adopted the technology, how it works for them, and any issues they suggest fellow residents consider if you too are interested in doing your part to reduce climate changing carbon emissions.

The 2020 Hingham Solar Tour is hosted by Hingham Net Zero, Hingham residents concerned about climate change and its impact on our seaside community and working to help our town reduce our carbon footprint. The virtual open houses will be available for viewing at [nationalsolartour.org/2020-local-tours](http://nationalsolartour.org/2020-local-tours) from 9/28 through the month of October. Also available to view are several "virtual test drives" of Electric Vehicles by Hingham owners. Additional open house tours can be visited through neighboring local tours in Cohasset, Kingston, Plymouth and the South Shore Green Energy Tour at [nationalsolartour.org/2020-local-tours](http://nationalsolartour.org/2020-local-tours). If you want to learn more about these carbon reducing approaches, check out the Hingham Net Zero website and the "What You Can Do" menu to view presentations on such technologies as solar panels, air-source heat pumps, and electric vehicles at <https://www.hinghamnetzero.org/>.

**Indigenous Peoples Conference:** As part of the Plymouth 400 Anniversary of the meeting between the Wampanoag People and the Pilgrims in 1620, a virtual Wampanoag Conference is being held at Bridgewater State University beginning on Oct 3. During 9 different sessions of lectures and discussion, Native and non-native leaders will speak about the history and culture of

the Wampanoag people and the impact the people arriving from Europe had on them and their homeland. The public is required to register, at no cost, for any or all of the nine 2-hour sessions to be held virtually on Oct. 3, 4, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 21, 22. To learn more: go to <https://www.plymouth400inc.org/event/indigenous-history-conference-powwow/2020-10-03/>.

**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, participating in educational/advocacy events with local legislators. Send your email address to Davalene Cooper, Keeper of the List, at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net).

**Our next meeting is Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Davalene Cooper at [davalenecooper@verizon.net](mailto:davalenecooper@verizon.net) if you would like to attend.**