

Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)

Everyone is invited to join us at our next meeting on Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Here is the link to the



meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83141052498?pwd=puQOw0P4WybV3S6Kq9PJ8x1HfcdPmi.1>

Honduras Hope Forum on Sunday, April 14 after church in the parlor at 14 Main — Hingham resident Kathy Swanson is a board member of Honduras Hope. This charitable organization supports health, education, and entrepreneurship in rural Honduras. Kathy, who has spoken at Old Ship before, will update us on these programs, including an empowerment program for girls. She also will have pine needle baskets made by women in these communities to sell. You can learn more about the organization at [Honduras Hope](#).

April Special Plate Collection: Interfaith Power and Light — In honor and recognition of Earth Day, which is on April 22, our recipient for our special plate donations this month is Interfaith Power and Light (IPL). IPL inspires and mobilizes people of faith and conscience to take bold and just action on climate change. You may learn more about the organization at [Interfaith Power and Light | Faith in action for a safe climate](#). Old Ship is one of the member congregations of the Massachusetts affiliate of IPL.

For the special plate collection, donations can be made in one of two ways this month. You may make your donation as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on April 21. You also may make your donation online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: Interfaith Power and Light.

Earth Day Film: *Common Ground*, after church on Sunday, April 21 at 14 Main — *Common Ground*, winner of the 2023 Tribeca Film Festival, is a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize the Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. This film explains why transitioning to regenerative agriculture could be the key in rehabilitating the planet while simultaneously invigorating a new sense of hope and inspiration. Join us as we view this important film!

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — All are invited to join us on **Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** for our discussion of *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine* by Uche Blackstock, MD (2024). “*Legacy* is a journey through the critical intersection of racism and healthcare. At

once a searing indictment of our healthcare system, a generational family memoir, and a call to action, *Legacy* is Dr. Blackstock's odyssey from child to medical student to practicing physician—to finally seizing her own power as a health equity advocate against the backdrop of the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement." Here is the Zoom link for April

21: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89490733571?pwd=9U9bJwNC5WaaOZPBA4g9nOHSyCFV3d.1>

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to the International Institute of New England — We recently sent a check for \$1,370.26 to the International Institute of New England, our February special plate recipient. Thanks to everyone who contributed to support the immigrants arriving in our greater Boston community.

Would you like to help an immigrant learn English? You can help the immigrants being served by the International Institute of New England from the comfort of your home for one hour or more per week. Tutors are badly needed for Haitian immigrants who are learning English as a second language. Materials will be provided. Tutoring is online. Please contact Old Shipper Patti Smith (patricia.t.smith@comcast.net) or IINE's Kate Waider (kwaidler@iine.org) for more information.

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food each week for the Hingham Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the bins located in the vestibule of the Meeting House and at 14 Main Street. Items especially needed this month include the following: Canned Beef Stew, Ground Coffee and/or Ground Decaf Coffee, Granola Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, and Small Jars of Mayonnaise. Also, as another way to donate food, there is a box for donations at the front of the Stop and Shop in Hingham

UU the Vote Activities at Old Ship — We have signed up to be a UU the Vote "Good Trouble" Congregation in this important election year. We will be engaging in a variety of "get out the vote" activities as the year unfolds. Ellie Handleman will be leading our UU the Vote efforts. Contact her at ellie@thehandlemans.org for more information or to offer your assistance. You also may learn more about this initiative at [UU the Vote - Faith, Love, and Action. Together.](#)

News from the UU Urban Ministry:

Community Conversations: *Gatekeeping, Generational Wealth, and Collective Liberation* on April 9, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM — This event, organized by the students in Roxbury Youth Programs (RYP), will examine the issue of housing in the neighborhoods they call home. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647567613>.

Program Spotlight & Open House: May 02, 2024, 5:00 – 7:00 PM — Join the UUUM team and program participants and hear about their work, programs, and see their campus. Food and refreshments will be served. UUUM Is

located at 10 Putnam St, Boston, MA 02119. If you are interested in attending, Ellie Handleman is planning to attend and would welcome others to ride into UUUM with her. Contact her at ellie@thehandlemans.org.

The UUUM is again working with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in supporting the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, which takes place on Sunday, May 12. If you are interested in participating, contact Ellie Handleman at ellie@thehandlemans.org.

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. Also, if you have an action alert you think our list would like to know about, please send it to Davalene and she will send it out as long as it fits the advocacy requirement for items. Send your email address to [Davalene Cooper](mailto:Davalene.Cooper@oldship.org), Keeper of the List.