
Serving Others

News from the Social Justice Council (SJC)



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

meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82151949456?pwd=93A3y3pSToP6ZexCAGBDR2XalHwYyl.1>

All Church Read: How are Climate Change and White Supremacy Culture Connected? Join us for the Discussion at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 4 on Zoom — We are asking the congregation to engage in an “all church” read of a book that connects these two issues that we have been focusing on as part of our social justice work. The book is *Climate Change is Racist: Race, Privilege and the Struggle for Climate Justice* by Jeremy Williams. The author argues that climate change “is structurally racist, disproportionately caused by majority White people in majority White countries, with the damage unleashed overwhelmingly on people of colour.” This is a short, 163 page book and our hope is that many of you will read it and then gather with us on Sunday, February 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom to talk about it. Here is the Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83348608149?pwd=wWaxZu0oqPw0O0YqHlo8yEqmaiAfk.1>.

February Special Plate Collection: International Institute of New England (IINE) — We at Old Ship have supported IINE before. The mission of this organization is to “create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship.” Currently, the organization is working to help those refugees and immigrants coming to the greater Boston area from many places in the world. Services provided include humanitarian relief, English language learning, employment, skills training, and immigration legal services. If you wish to learn more about this important organization, go to [International Institute of New England | Home \(iine.org\)](http://InternationalInstituteofNewEngland.org).

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, date still to be determined. You may make your donation online through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: International Institute of New England.

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to our Fall Special Plate Recipients — Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Special Plate Collections in October, November, and December! We collected a

total of \$4,026.79 for our fall recipients. The Hingham Food Pantry received \$910.79. We received donations of \$1513.18 for the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore and after paying for the expenses of the holiday dinner for the Friends, we sent them a check for \$948.60. The total amount collected for the UUSC's Guest at Your Table Program, including donations made directly to them was \$1602.82.

Also, thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Eve offering. The total amount of the offering was \$1720 and it was equally divided among Father Bill's/Mainspring, the UU Urban Ministry, and the UU Service Committee.

During this time when there are so many in need of the basic necessities of life—housing, food, and protection of basic rights—Old Ship is helping to create a better world and a more beloved community. Thanks to each of you for these donations and gifts!

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: Healthy Cereal, Cookies, Canned Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Regular Ground Coffee, and Canned Pasta. Also, as another way to donate food, there is a box for donations at the front of the Stop and Shop in Hingham

Forum on Immigration Issues after Church on Sunday, February 18 in the Parlor at 14 Main Street: Kate Waider, Volunteer and Community Sponsorship Coordinator for the International Institute of New England will be with us for our special plate collection on February 18. After the service, she will share information about the Institute with us and answer any questions we might have about the work of the Institute and how we might provide even more support to its work with immigrants and refugee. Please come and find out more about this important issue and how we might support our newest neighbors in the Boston area..

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — All are welcome to join us at 7 p.m. on February 18 as we discuss *Never Far From Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft, and the Law* by Bruce Jackson. This book is a "valuable reminder of the invisible hurdle set in front of every young African American--an important story, extremely well told, that should serve as a lesson on how we got here and where we need to go." (Description by civil rights attorney Fred B. Gray). Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84740380108?pwd=cf5jwa469XUe9hCQSbgYb4LqPn2dD7.1>.

UU Urban Ministry Community Conversations: Restorative Homeownership — Join UUUM for a discussion about how housing has contributed to racial inequity, especially in Boston. This conversation takes place

on February 13, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86566155224>

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.