

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>

March Special Plate Collection and March 10th Forum: Father Bill's/Mainspring — We are deeply aware of how many of our South Shore neighbors are in need of food, housing, and other necessities of daily life. Thus, we have decided to support Father Bill's/Mainspring this month. This organization is a "regional innovator and provider of prevention services, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and supports to help those [they] serve on their path to stability and self-sufficiency." As you may know, we have provided 24 meals a year (through our six cooking teams) for Father Bill's shelter in Quincy for many years. On March 10, we are excited that Catie Reilly, Chief Development Officer for Father Bill's/Mainspring, will be with us for our service. Following the service, Catie will speak to us more generally about the work of the organization and how we can provide more support for it. The forum will begin shortly after church in the parlor at 14 Main. To learn more about Father Bill's/Mainspring, go to [Father Bill's & MainSpring – Nobody Should Be Homeless. \(helpfbms.org\)](http://helpfbms.org).

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 March 10. 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: Father Bill's.

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to Renewal House — We recently sent a check for \$1,156.72 to the UU Urban Ministry for Renewal House. Thanks to everyone who contributed to support this domestic shelter program at the UU Urban Ministry.

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

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — All are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** for our discussion of the first six chapters

of Michelle Norris's book, *Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think About Race and Identity*. Journalist Michele Norris began The Race Card Project by asking people to send her their thoughts on Race in six words. Over half a million people have submitted their stories and the result is this interesting book, spanning the full spectrum of race, ethnicity, identity, and class. Because this is a lengthy book, we have decided to discuss it over two meetings. The second half of the book will be discussed at our May 19th meeting. (We had already planned to discuss Uche Blackstock, MD, *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine* (2024) at our April 21 meeting). Here is the Zoom link for March

17: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87505468383?pwd=NKSfLa6Eeal4Xnpyc41vLjGR6bZ3p.1>.

UU Urban Ministry Community Conversations: Restorative Homeownership: Fighting the Fight —

This conversation, on **Tuesday, March 5, from 6-7 p.m.**, will focus on how we can work together to advocate for more affordable housing. Participants include the UU Urban Ministry, UU Mass Action, and Homes for All Massachusetts. How do we put our knowledge of housing injustice into action to work for justice now? 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.