

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>

What do you think we should do at Old Ship to combat racism and white supremacy culture? Our SJC meeting on May 11 will focus on our Old Ship commitment to combat racism and white supremacy culture. Everyone is invited to attend our meeting and offer their ideas on these issues and how we can do more to lead to changes in our community. This is part of our work to create the beloved community, here at Old Ship and beyond. Please join us on Zoom (the link is above). If you are unable to attend, but have ideas of next steps, feel free to contact a member of the SJC. Thanks for your input!

May Special Plate Collection: Pink Haven Coalition — The Pink Haven Coalition was formed in response to the increasingly hostile legislative environment in the United States that seeks to eradicate transgender people from public life. This coalition, which includes both the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), is working to create networks of safety and direct support for transgendered people and their families. In addition to provide a variety of resources and information, the coalition helps people to relocate and to access health care across state lines. You may learn more about this important work at [Home - Pink Haven Coalition](#). Additionally, the most recent print edition of the UUA World includes an article about this important work. It also is available online at [Relocation Help for Trans People: Progressive Faith Coalition Takes Action | UU World Magazine](#).

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 May 19. 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: Pink Haven.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop-in Book Group — All are invited to join us on **Sunday, May 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** for our discussion of the second half of Michele Norris's book, *Our Hidden Conversations*. We will discuss the final chapters (7-12). Laura Harbottle will lead our discussion. Here is the Zoom link for this

meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83673400215?pwd=Me3X3XcMla4aCrwTNX1HGep5FHb8yN.1>

Appreciation for Donations from Old Ship Members and Friends to MainSprings & Father Bill's — We recently sent a check for \$1,268.25 to MainSpring & Father Bill's, our March special plate recipient. Thanks to everyone who contributed to support the clients served by this important organization on the South Shore.

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: Cracker Sandwiches, Cookies, Crackers, and Beans, specifically garbanzo, kidney, cannelloni, and pinto. Also, as another way to donate food, there is a box for donations at the front of the Stop and Shop in Hingham.

UU Urban Ministry: 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.

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), Keeper of the List.