News from the Social Justice

Council (SJC)



Our Next Meeting is **Saturday, February 8, at 9 a.m.** on Zoom. All are welcome! Here is the link to the

meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87682042836?pwd=50w3sbTXPdNbKY7SSqD5mKwR75Hlf U.1

February Special Plate/Outreach Collection: HEET — HEET is a Boston area non-profit that is advocating for geothermal energy to replace natural gas. The organization "believes in an equitable energy transition that meets the needs of all, from low-income communities to gas utility workers to future generations." To accomplish this, HEET works to build collaborative networks based on trust, bringing uncommon partners together to find common ground, and to develop solutions supported by science. This group also trains underrepresented persons for jobs and careers in the geothermal industry. You can learn more about the organization at HEET Networking Thermal Energy

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on a date to be determined later, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering:. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world.

Our Commitment to Anti-Racism Work at Old Ship — We are excited to announce that we will be showing the film, Who We Are, on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m. at the Shipyard Theaters. This will be a free community event; we are co-sponsoring the film with the Hingham Unity Council. This documentary film examines our national history of racism. It is a compelling film and we are grateful for the support of the Shipyard Theater in donating the space and staff to share it with the community.

We have two other upcoming events related to our anti-racism work that will be scheduled soon. First, we plan to show a video lecture from the Hingham Historical Society on slavery in Hingham. This lecture led to several of us learning that our Old Ship Minister Ebenezer Gay had enslaved people. Secondly, members of the SJC have researched the history of enslaved and native people at Old Ship, including the history of our early ministers who enslaved people. We will be releasing that report and its information soon and hosting a forum to discuss its findings. We look forward to sharing these events with the congregation.

Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group next meeting on February 16 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom — We will be discussing 1001 Voices on Climate Change: Everyday Stories of Flood, Fire, Drought, and Displacement from Around the World by Devi Lockwood. Brenda Black will lead the discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the book group

November and December Outreach Results — Thanks to everyone who supported our outreach offerings in November and December. In November, we raised a total of \$1220.37 for the Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore in November. After reimbursing the expenses for the Holiday Dinner for the families living in FHSS shelters, we sent them a check for \$784.93. In December, we raised a total of \$5647.10 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee through their Guest At Your Table program. Thanks to everyone who supported these organizations that put our UU values into the world.

Hingham Food Pantry — This month, the food pantry is in need of the following items: cookies, healthy cold cereal, minute rice, two pound bags of sugar, granola bars, decaf ground coffee, and pasta sauce. Items may be donated each week during Sunday services at the Meeting House or dropped off anytime the office is open at 14 Main Street. There also are drop off boxes for the food pantry at Stop & Shop (near the Beal Street Entrance/Exit), at Jack Conway and at Coldwell Banker.



Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME)

Old Ship Social Justice Action Alert Network — Join this 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 <u>Davalene Cooper</u>, Keeper of the List.