

News from the Social Justice

Council (SJC) —



Social Justice Committee Meeting — Everyone who is interested in invited to our next meeting, which is on Saturday, September 13, at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Here is the Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87297676623?pwd=233HzvUwBj3fY12wHujQDLcvefsaf.1> Contact Davalene Cooper if you have any questions.

Antiracism Drop in Book Group Meeting on September 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom — All are welcome to attend our discussion of *Ruin Their Crops on the Ground: The Politics of Food in the United States, from the Trail of Tears to School Lunch*, by Andrea Freeman. Freeman "draws on over fifteen years of research to argue that U.S. food law and policy have created and maintained racial and social inequality. . . She traces the long-standing alliance between the government and food industries that have produced gaping racial health disparities, and she shows how these practices continue to this day, through the marketing of unhealthy goods that target marginalized communities, causing diabetes, high blood pressure, and premature death." This book is an important contribution to our understanding of white supremacy culture and how widespread its influence is. The Zoom link

is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVebQGUtuRZlB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.1>. Contact [Patti Smith](#) if you have any questions.

Hingham Food Pantry — We collect food for the HIngham Food Pantry each week in the Meeting House and at 14 Main. ***During the month of September, we invite Old Shippers to bring cookies, crackers, and canned soup.*** Of course, all food nonperishable food items are accepted. Donations also can be made at the Stop and Shop in Hingham.

Join UU Mass Action on Labor Day in Boston — Be Part of History and Join Boston's First Labor Day Parade! The Greater Boston Labor Council is making history with Boston's first-ever Labor Day Parade! YOU'RE invited to march with us! We'll follow a powerful route that honors the victories of the past and energizes the movement we're building today.

This isn't just a parade, it's a statement, a celebration and a call to action. Location coming soon! [RSVP](#) to join the UU Mass Action Contingent!

Save the Date: *Becoming Trustworthy White Allies* on Thursday, October 23, from 7-8 p.m. in Zoom. — We have arranged for Melanie Morrison, a racial justice educator and UCC minister, to present information on her newest book, *Becoming Trustworthy White Allies* on Thursday, October 23, from 7-8 p.m. in Zoom. You may learn more about her work at [Melanie S. Morrison](#), including information about the book, which will be released by Duke University Press on September 19. It is not necessary to read the book in advance of the presentation. This is our opportunity to learn more about being a trustworthy ally in our racial justice work. We intend this to be an opportunity to follow up on the racial justice work we did at Old Ship last year.

From the UUA: Love is Not Silent — On August 5, 2025, the UUA made this historic statement, on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#):

There is no justification for the starvation of children. Love is not silent in the face of genocide. There is no absolution for governmental or institutional complacency. We must take moral action to feed Gaza and stop the destruction of land, the poisoning of the soil, and the decimation of systems of care that support life in the region. Joining with religious voices across the globe, Unitarian Universalists again call for "the liberation of Palestine and an end to the apartheid... [We] call for an immediate permanent ceasefire, [delivery of] massive humanitarian aid, the release of all captives, and an end to genocide around the world." ([June 22, 2024 Action of Immediate Witness, "Solidarity with Palestinians"](#))

Green Sanctuary – UUA urges members to write letters by September 22nd to oppose rescinding the EPA's "endangerment finding," which is the basis for all federal climate action. A Climate Action Toolkit for messaging guidance -- including talking points and directions for submitting a public comment is at <https://sidewithlove.org/endangerment-finding>. If you could say one thing, UUA suggests this: "Trump and Zeldin's Climate Chaos Plan will make climate denial official U.S. policy, claiming climate change and the pollution that causes it pose no threat to public

health or the environment. Their plan would let polluters get richer while we pay the price – with our health, our wallets, and our lives.” Please write soon!