

## **News from the Social Justice**

### **Council (SJC)**



### **April Outreach/Share the Plate for the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB)**

This month, we have designated the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB) as the recipient of our outreach offering. As the oldest urban Indian center in Massachusetts, the mission of NAICOB is to empower the Native American community with the goal of improving the quality of life of Indigenous peoples. NAICOB was originally established in 1969 as the Boston Indian Council (BIC) when it served as the hub of social and civil rights activities for the American Indian/Alaska Native and First Nations urban Indian community in Boston. In 1976, Governor Dukakis signed Executive Order No. 126 recognizing the Boston Indian Council as the state's liaison with resident members of tribes with whom the state holds Treaties and other agreements. The BIC reorganized as the North American Indian Center of Boston in 1991 and offered innovative programs such as a drop-in recovery facility, Native American head start, and on-site job training. NAICOB continues to provide a wide range of cultural, social, educational, and professional services to Native peoples in the Commonwealth, guided by the express needs of our community members. For more information, go to [NAICOB - Home](#).

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

### **Hingham Food Pantry**

Each week during the service, we collect food for the Hingham Food Pantry. We also collect food at 14 Main whenever the office is open or whenever there is a meeting or other event there. We are donating far less of food than we were in the fall. Given the economy and the reduction in federal SNAP benefits, there is still a need for us to support the food pantry as much as we can. Many people are facing difficult times financially and being able to use the food pantry may permit someone to keep their home and pay other

expenses. ***The food pantry is currently in need of canned beef stew, pasta sauce, and cookies.*** Please note that in May, our outreach offering will be for the Hingham Food Pantry.

### **Heather Cox Richardson's Book Discussion on April 19, at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

In April, the Social Justice Drop in Book Group will be discussing *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. In this book, "Richardson crafts a compelling and original narrative, explaining how, over the decades, a small group of wealthy people have made war on American ideals. By weaponizing language and promoting false history they have led us into authoritarianism -- creating a disaffected population and then promising to recreate an imagined past where those people could feel important again. She argues that taking our country back starts by remembering the elements of the nation's true history that marginalized Americans have always upheld. Their dedication to the principles on which this nation was founded has enabled us to renew and expand our commitment to democracy in the past. Richardson sees this history as a roadmap for the nation's future."

All are invited to attend. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637841227?pwd=LVEbQGUtuRZlB83OZ5U9atbNmfgAHN.1>. (passcode is 139097, if needed). Contact Patti Smith if you have any questions.

### **Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry Event**

***Bridges of Understanding workshop*** on Saturday, April 4, from 12-4 p.m. at First Church Roxbury (UU Urban Ministry), 10 Putnam St, Roxbury, MA. This workshop focuses on dialogue, reflection, and community accountability. Participants will engage in guided conversations exploring identity, lived experience, and how we build relationships across differences. The workshop creates space for thoughtful dialogue while encouraging deeper listening and understanding. To register, go to [Bridges of Understanding | UUUM - Boston, MA](#).

# Bridges of Understanding:

**OPPRESSION**  
**RESILIENCE**  
**LIVES MATTER**  
**HISTORY**  
**IDEOLOGICAL INTERVENTION**  
**CALL TO ACTION**  
**TARGETED**  
**DIVERSITY**  
**ALLIES**  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**  
**POLITICAL INTERVENTION**  
**FIGHT**  
**POVERTY**  
**VIOLENCE**  
**LGBTQ**  
**BLACK AMERICAN**  
**AFFIRMATION**  
**ACTIVISTS**  
**RALLYING CRY**  
**GLOBALISM**  
**INTERVENTION**  
**SLAVERY**  
**IMPERIALISM**

**END RACIS**

Conversations on  
**Race & Privilege**

