

Social Justice Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Participants:

Tony Giordano

Nicole Schultz

Irene Gibson

Ann Sherwood

Anne Houle

Judy Stevens

Joe Houle

Secretary for the Social Justice Meetings is needed. Irene Gibson will continue her work for Share the Plate but needs to hand-off the note-taking responsibilities. **If you are willing, please let Ann or Vanessa know.**

New Social Media Strategy

Nicoe Schultz presented her plan for integrating UU Public information across multiple platforms. The information will be "priority-based." To increase participation in the SJC, she will create a private SJ FB page that will provide a calendar and zoom information for related meetings. The current UUCMC FB page + Twitter will be set up for simultaneous postings. Links to other congregations, community and SJ partners will broaden our audience and support our partners. Other information will be reorganized for easy access to meetings and to highlight what UUCMC is all about.

Help Needed for Upcoming Opportunities

- **NJ Pride in Asbury Park-Oct 10.** The Rainbow Coalition will participate in the parade and have a table at the festival, Nicole Schultz and Sarah Schultz designed a booth and will investigate printing, and handouts. **We will need people participate in the parade and to cover the booth.**
- **Crop Walk-October 17th.** Participants will walk four miles on their own and the final mile as a group. **Vanessa may need help recruiting participants.** Watch the eblast for updates.
- **UU Faith Action Criminal Justice Task Force** is looking for new co-chairs. Contact Anne Houle, Aimee Van Duyne or Judy Stevens for more information.

Council Update

Vanessa Mehri reported that the delay of in-person services until September was announced at the Council meeting. Vanessa and Ann will present the Jubilee training at the August Council Meeting.

Champion Reports

Share the Plate

Casa Freehold was the Share the Plate Recipient for June. Irene Gibson reported that they received a check for \$697.50. Monica Bottone personally delivered the check! Thanks Monica. Irene and Rev Craig will assign the recipients with months. The ten organizations that were chosen by the congregation and our SJ committee are:

- 1) Casa Freehold
- 2) Covenant House of Asbury Park

- 3) Lunch Break
- 4) Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought
- 5) Murray Grove
- 6) NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
- 7) NJ Institute for Social Justice
- 8) Planned Parenthood
- 9) Parker Family Health Center
- 10) UU Faith Action NJ

c- Aimee Van Duyne sent an update on the kick-off event which will be held Oct. 24 (time TBD). As the inaugural event to remember Samuel Johnson, who was the victim of the only known lynching in NJ, soil will be collected in Wampum Park in Eatontown near the site of the lynching of Samuel Johnson. The soil will be sent to the Equal Justice Initiative for addition to the Legacy Project in Montgomery, Alabama.

Climate Change Action Team- Patty and Steve Miller have stepped to takeover the Climate Change Action Team. Ann will reach out to them to welcome to Social Justice Team.

UUSJ-DC. Tony Giordana told us that he has been lobbying with UU Social Justice DC. Although it is a DC-based group, they call on volunteers to meet with their senators and representatives via zoom. For more information and to participate, go to: <https://uusj.net/wp1/>

UUFA- Anne Houle and Judy Stevens reported that a UUFA Newsletter is being created to improve communication between TF leaders and Congregational Liaisons. The newly formed Reparations TF is looking into working on a national level in addition to the state. The UU Faith Action Issues Conference is scheduled for Oct. 16.

UUFA Criminal Justice TF-The Restorative Justice Act was signed into law on August 12. The Criminal Justice Task Force and the team is looking for new co-chairs. NJ Prison Justice Watch is registering previously incarcerated people who are eligible to vote.

UUFA Reproductive Freedom TF-Nicole said that not much was happening until the lame duck session

Adjournment