



First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches

Justice Action Ministry Newsletter (Formerly known as Social Action Committee)

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DEAR WORLD CHANGER,

This is the last JAM news Brian and I will be publishing. It has been my joy and privilege to be your leader for the past several years. As of May 1, Ramsay Laing will be replacing me as leader of JAM. She is dedicated, organized and enthusiastic. I am confident she will continue, develop and expand JAM activities. Please give her a warm welcome and thank you as well as your support. I will still be involved on the team, heading our Racial Justice group.

Important news, opportunities, etc. will be listed on our [Justice Action Ministry Facebook page](#) and on our blog.

**May Peace and Justice Prevail on Earth,
Judy Bonner**

Scholarships - FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF THE PALM BEACHES is pleased to announce that applications are available in the office and our website for *Harriette Glasner Justice Scholarship Fund*

History of the Fund

In 2014 a donor from the congregation of 1st UUPB donated funds to be used to offer scholarships to those who are choosing to enroll in either public, private colleges or trade schools. Our denomination seeks economic justice and offers scholarships to students without any restrictions placed on eligibility. **However, those students who have demonstrated involvement in social justice work and can state a plan for future social justice work will receive priority.** A founding member of this congregation, Harriette Glasner was devoted to justice. After her arrival in Palm Beach County in 1952, she became a trailblazer advocating for civil rights, women's rights, reproductive justice and human rights.

Eligibility for Awards

- Applicants must have earned or be in the process of earning a high school diploma or a GED in Palm Beach County.
- Applicants must be enrolling in a private or public college, university, or trade school.
- Recipients must agree to attend the award service of the congregation in May.
- The number and amount of awards may vary from year to year. Each award may be up to \$5000. Administrators of the fund will review applications and announce awards by April 14th

We have received \$3,510.58 in Grant income so far this fiscal year. **Sunday, March 19, we will have a dedicated grant collection for EMA (Emergency Medical Assistance)** This organization provides financial assistance to women who have made the decision to terminate their pregnancies but can't afford the cost of a safe and legal abortion. **Their Mission is to *Help make every child a wanted child.*** This is a private, independent agency founded in 1973 by a member of our congregation, Harriette Glasner. The majority of those helped are single, impoverished, unemployed or underemployed mothers with one or more children. EMA preserves clients' privacy and dignity while ensuring high quality and safe medical care when they face this difficult situation. In light of our current political situation, this organization is more important than ever. Please bring a generous check made out to the church with EMA in the memo line. **Thanks for your generosity.**

OPPORTUNITIES

Thurs. March. 16 JAM meeting 5:00 in Channing Room

Sat. March. 18 12:30 – FILM AND DISCUSSION **The Stanford prison experiment** In 1971, Stanford University professor Dr. Philip Zimbardo cast twenty-four male student volunteers as prisoners and guards in a simulated jail to examine the source of abusive behavior in the prison system. The results astonished the world, as participants went from middle-class undergrads to drunk-with-power sadists and submissive victims in just a few days. **Based on a true story.**

PRIDEFEST PARADE



Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 am

Downtown Lake Worth

Meet UUs from both our congregation and Boca at Lucerne Avenue & L Street between 10:00 and 11:00 for a fun time! Come earlier for easier parking and have breakfast at one of the nearby small restaurants.

Dress your zaniest

You can walk or ride in a vehicle decorated by our own Robert Miller! We suggest water, hat, sunscreen.

Sunday March 26 Noon DePorres Literacy Place Luncheon for Literacy Location: Center for Creative Education, 425 24th St, W Palm Beach FL 33407, Free valet parking Cost: \$50.00 RSVP to LindaKramer@Deporresplace.org

Monday April 3 – Nehemiah Action –P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts) is having its Nehemiah Action Assembly April 3rd, 2017 at 7pm in the West Palm Beach Convention Center. If you did not receive a telephone call invitation, Please contact a network member for information: Barbara Hatzfeld, Ben Juhl, Coleen Conway, Mary Mansfield, June Kleeman, Caren Haeusser, Bob Ashmore, Judy Bonner, Richard Keelan, Rebecca Peets, Dick Hattwick , James Meyer or Janet Fryman. We are arranging a bus from the congregation building. Reservations are required.

Thanks, Barbara Hatzfeld



Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida
Bending Florida toward Justice

Let's Take it to Tallahassee

Now more than ever voices of reason and compassion are needed in Tallahassee. The two-month 2017 Florida Legislative Session starts Tuesday, March 7th.

Join us **March 20-21**, when UUs from around the state will gather for our Annual UU Justice Florida Legislative Days. This is our chance to see our State legislators in action and meet with their staff members on critical bills.

REGISTER HERE:

<http://www.uujusticefl.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=92976> DEADLINE: MARCH 16.

Are you concerned with Climate Change, Criminal Justice Reform, Gun Safety, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Representative Democracy? Bills on all these issues are front and center this year. Follow them on our UU Justice Florida Legislative Tracker here:

<http://tinyurl.com/UUJFTracker> This contains an updated list of bill numbers and bill descriptions along with committee assignments, links and resources for legislation that complement our Core Issues for 2016 and 2017 (Climate Change, Escalating Inequality and Justice For All). On the Tracker, specific bills before this year's Legislative session are grouped in five broad categories detailed below.

At the Legislative Days Kickoff Dinner on March 20, those in attendance will receive a condensed talking point sheet that reflects our UU values and positions on key bills. There will also be a short training program and time for questions for those new to the Legislative process.

On Tuesday, we will gather in teams to visit our legislators and ask for their support.

For those of you who plan to participate please take the following steps.

- Register by March 16 for Legislative Days at <http://www.uujusticefl.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=92976>
- Request an appointment with your Senator and Representative, or their Legislative Assistant.
- Request additional appointments with committee members and sponsors for selected bills of interest in the Tracker Report.
- If you are comfortable in doing so, prepare a very short personal story or experience that relates how you are personally affected by a selected bill on your talking points sheet.

At your meetings a spokesperson for your team will present the talking point sheets and team members will share any personal stories relating to specific bills of interest. At the conclusion of the meeting you will ask your Legislator to make a commitment to support our positions on the bills presented. Remember you will only have 20 minutes or so to make your presentation.

Now is the time to voice our concern directly to our legislators. **Let's take it to Tallahassee!**

April 3, 4 and 5 Reversing Inequality Conference in Washington DC. UUs for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC), with our partner in the capital region, UUs for Social Justice (UUSJ), is hosting the on This conference will focus on the crucial social and economic justice issues that the new administration is threatening. This is a time when UUs can stand up for their values. We will be joined by several of our justice allies, including Sister Simone Campbell and Chuck Collins, build advocacy skills and spend time on capitol hill talking with decisions makers.

What You Can Do: Sponsor a UU with Limited Resources To ensure activist UUs are able to participate in the conference, we are building a scholarship fund to help defray costs. Congregations are stepping up to the plate to help make this a reality. Congregations, like the UU Fellowship of Door County, Wisconsin, who informed us their third Sunday collection will be dedicated to this cause. Please consider similar activities in your congregation to join us in reversing inequality. For questions or for more information, please contact UUJEC Administrator, Rachel at uujec@uujec.com 260-837-8938

Conference details, registration information and local lodging options can be found here:
<http://uujec.com/ReversingInequality>



Declaration of Conscience

At this extraordinary time in our nation’s history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.

Add your name or the name of your congregation/organization by filling in the information http://connect.uusc.org/1/103112/2017-01-17/gpgn2?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=CORRECTION%3A+Sunday+Webinar+on+Solidarity+%26+Sanctuary+i
