

Social Justice Update



Share the Plate – Portland Gear Hub (nominated by Naneen Chace-Ortiz)

Each week, we share one third of our offering with a local nonprofit to show our support for organizations whose work furthers the values expressed in our denomination's foundation of love. We hope that Share the Plate will also bring a greater awareness to the community of Allen Avenue UU Church and Unitarian-Universalist values.

reasons
to be **cheerful**

For good news from
around the world

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CALLS FOR ACTION

Friday 2-3 PM at Church

Rooms 7 & 9

FMI email: Julie Harrison
(julielynharrison@gmail.com)

NEXT SJC MEETING

August 27th at 7PM via
Zoom

Go to Breeze or
contact: Julie Harrison
(julielynharrison@gmail.com)



Links

Video of the Month

For Inspiration
ACLU Town Hall -
**Protect People,
Not Power** with
Senator Murphy of
Connecticut and
Joy Reid



Podcast of the Month – 15

Minutes of
Feminism is part of
our On the Issues
with Michele
Goodwin. The show
features robust
commentary and
interviews in a
powerful,
concentrated dose.
“We report, rebel,
and tell it like it is”



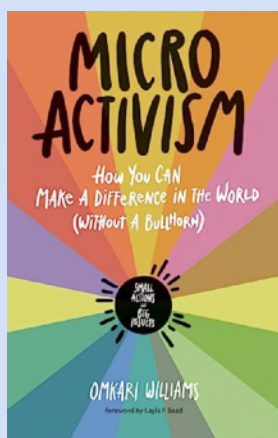
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MAY BE GOING ON HIATUS...BUT OUR SERVICE CONTINUES

Following the wisdom from Omkari Williams:

"There is a lot going on in the world. A lot to deal with, a lot to address, a lot of difference to be made but none of us can do it all.

I have what I call the Noah's Ark rule: **Pick one or, at most, two causes to focus on at a time.** Honestly, none of us can effectively do more than that. Just like Noah's Ark, only two, only two.

Other people will focus on other things, together we'll cover it all."



SUMMER READ: MICRO ACTIVISM BY OMKARI WILLIAMS

Omkari Williams shares her expertise in empowering introverts and highly sensitive people to help each of us, no matter our temperament,

find our most satisfying and effective activist role.

To ensure sustainable involvement, Williams encourages starting small, working collaboratively, and beginning locally.



SIDE WITH LOVE

The Organizing Strategy Team of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UUA's The Gathering: Rooted in Love, Rising for Justice

What is The Gathering? Throughout history, people of faith and conscience have come together to resist injustice and build a better world. Now, it's our time.

The Gathering is a monthly virtual event from Side With Love designed to equip Unitarian Universalists and justice-seekers with the spiritual grounding, political analysis, and collective action needed to rise to the challenges of this moment.

Join us every Second Monday of the month at 8pm ET / 5pm PT.

Previous Recordings and Resources: <https://sidewithlove.org/the-gathering>

• **June 9 RSVP** •

Comic based on **this poem** written by Nikita Gill.



https://theoatmeal.com/comics/150_characters

When asked why they don't participate in action against what is happening, most respondents said it was because no one had asked them to. So ask people to join you in your activism in whatever form that takes



WE FIGHT ON, TOGETHER

Our democracy is under threat. But we will not yield to fascism. We will stand together and we'll fight back in defense of our rights, our communities, and our values. Join us.

<https://indivisible.org/>

CLIMATE

- ➔ [Link to Al Gore's speech at San Francisco's Climate Week in April](#)
- ➔ [Learn about the The Black mothers behind one of the biggest environmental fights of the 20th century](#)



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

CHECK HERE FOR ADVOCACY ACTIONS

<https://ilapmaine.org/advocacy-in-action>



SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

Share your contact info and they'll keep you updated about their efforts to defend and advance equality for all LGBTQ+ Mainers.

<https://www.equalitymaine.org/newsletter/>

MUUSAN: MAINE UU STATE ACTION NETWORK

- MUUSAN's [Current Call to Action Page](#). Check regularly because actions come up often.
- ➔ **Sign up** for their [Take Action Emails](#)



FASCINATING HUMAN OF THE MONTH: MARSHA P. JOHNSON

Marsha P. Johnson was a trailblazer in the fight for gay rights – from being a key figure in the Stonewall Riots in 1969 to an organizer in the HIV-AIDS crisis in the 1990s. But Johnson's legacy extends beyond her activism: "Marsha was a really full person who lived a vibrant life. She was a muse and model for Andy Warhol," and a performer in New York City and London. In this episode, we talk to activist and author Tourmaline about what we can all learn from Johnson's legacy in times of adversity.



CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH WITH A WALK AND A VIDEO

Video: Black Salts: African American Sailors in
Maine and New England

Walk: Portland, ME Freedom Trail.

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE: JUNE 21, 2025

Join us for a day of celebration, community, and pride as we come together to honor and support the LGBTQ+ community.



SUMMER TRAVELS: MAINE SUFFRAGE TRAIL: ROAD TO THE 19TH AMENDMENT

From the League of Women Voters: Our journey to commemorate Maine's suffrage story and its activists took many twists and turns. We are grateful for the guidance we received from so many people on how to research and recognize all the women who did so much to win suffrage. More work remains to be done to recognize BIPOC activists, but the seven markers are a good start in bringing Maine's suffrage history the recognition it deserves.

<https://www.lwvme.org/SuffrageTrail>



The Road to the
19th Amendment.