

Social Justice Update



Share the Plate - October

[Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network - MUUSAN \(annual contribution\)](#)

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 Seven Principles. We hope that Share the Plate will also bring a greater awareness to the community of Allen Avenue UU Church and Unitarian-Universalist values.

Save the Date
October 15th, after service

Write Letters with Vote Forward, which sends out nonpartisan “get out the vote” messages.

Vote!

November 7th

Links



[Social Justice Committee](#)



[Election Information from the League of Women Voters](#)



[MUUSAN's Tips and Tools for Legislative Advocacy](#)

June Retreat

Members of the Social Justice Committee gathered for a half-day retreat in June. We shared a delicious potluck lunch, learned some fun facts about each other, celebrated our progress and looked ahead to the future of our social justice work. It was a delightful in-person bonding experience and proved to be quite productive!



Over the past two years, we have improved our methods of outreach and communication to increase accessibility to working for justice. Continuing to build on these efforts is a priority for us. This year we plan to:

- Continue with our monthly SJC Newsletter from Oct – June & archive these on the A2U2 website.
- Relocate & reorganize the SJC Bulletin Board for easier visibility, and update with specific ways to become involved in the work.
- **NEW – Social Justice Information Table - 2nd Sunday of each month** – including a specific monthly topic/opportunity to get involved.

We recognize we are a small committee with LOTS of passion and ideas, hence the need to be wary of overextending ourselves. With that in mind, our primary focus for this year will be:

- The upcoming elections
- Increasing participation with MUUSAN issue groups
- Cultivating an environment for inter-generational social justice work
- Exploring next steps for creating a “Beloved Community”.

Social Justice Committee members are excited to dive into this work and we invite you to join us! If you are interested in finding out more about social justice work at A2U2, visit our monthly table in the foyer, or contact Julie, julielynharrison@gmail.com , or Jim, james.f.mason@sbcglobal.net

Greater Portland Family Promise Update

GFPF is having some success finding apartments for some families out of Portland, so they're looking for donations of twin beds (frames and mattresses), mattress encasements, mattress pads, twin sheet sets and blankets and move-in kits.

Here are some other great places to donate items:

- Maine Needs <https://www.maineneeds.org/>
- Portland Gear Hub <https://portlandgearhub.org>

- Neighbors in Need <https://www.facebook.com/groups/940263656079734/>

Additionally, cash donations labeled “Family Promise” could be sent to A2U2 through Breeze, church drop off or snail mail.

Contact Emily O’Neill (emily.gagan@gmail.com) or AnneMarie Catanzano (amc04105@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.