



First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

Upcoming Social Justice Opportunities

Social Justice Ministry Team of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego
Creating justice & compassion in our community through spiritually-grounded action

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San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP): Welcome the Stranger Campaign

All people should be treated with dignity and compassion, regardless of their background or immigration status. Unfortunately, this message of hope has dimmed and our government is tearing families apart. SDOP is taking a stand by building a 40-foot monument of the Virgin Mary as Lady Liberty on the border. Inspired by the Statue of Liberty, the design of this monument shares the modern immigrant experience and celebrate new Americans. To learn more and contribute, [click here](#).

Concert Across America to End Gun Violence

Sunday, September 23, 4 - 6 pm @ UUFSO - 1036 Solana Dr., 92075

Join San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention (SD4GVP) for their 3rd annual concert. Bring friends and family for a fun afternoon of music, speakers, drinks and snacks. [Click here](#) to get your free ticket and learn more about the bands; donations are much appreciated and will benefit work being done in SD. Speakers include Congressman Scott Peters and San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott.

“From Cold War to Hot Peace” Book Discussion

Monday, September 24, 2 pm @ Hillcrest Campus - Library

Everyone is welcome to join a discussion of Stanford professor Michael McFaul’s new book on his time as U.S. Ambassador to Russia. Questions: please contact Maureen McNair at mem-cnair948@gmail.com or 619-427-1769

Environmental Justice Discussion Group Online

Wednesday, September 26, 4:30 pm @ Hillcrest Campus - Room 321

Come join a monthly conversation group and book club about Environmental Justice at First UU. Guest speakers join online to discuss 2018 UUA Common Read, “Justice on Earth”. Co-sponsored by First UU Climate Justice Team and [Church For Our Common Home](#) (affiliate community ministry dedicated to art, wisdom and the earth). Contact James Long (619-436-9435) for more info.

League of Women Voters - Sips & Civility: General Ballot Initiatives

Wednesday, September 26, 6 - 8 pm @ Central Library - 330 Park Blvd., 9th Floor Shiley Suite
Experience the popular event series you've been hearing about and get ready to vote in the general election this November. Come learn about some of the state and local ballot measures you'll get to decide on in the election. Knowledgeable League members will review the top issues and answer your questions, always keeping it nonpartisan. Register for your free tickets [here](#).

Social Justice Ministry Team Fall Meeting

Sunday, September 30, 1 - 3 pm @ Hillcrest Campus - Bard Hall

We will hear updates from our action teams about upcoming activities, events and ways to make a difference. We'll also hear from the Generosity Offering recipient nominees and select organizations for the upcoming year. Light refreshments will be served.

Community Conversation with Bishop Cornelius Bowser

Wednesday, October 3, 6 pm @ KPBS Copley Center - 5200 Campanile Dr. 92181

Join KPBS and the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) for an in-person interview with Bishop Bowser and KPBS reporter Jade Hindmon. Then take part in a facilitated discussion on gun violence prevention led by the NCRC. Refreshments provided - space is limited, [RSVP required](#).

More Ways to Be Involved in Social Justice

- Join local chapters of the ACLU or NAACP or Planned Parenthood to find ways to make a difference.
- Monitor your elected officials' committee assignments and voting records; call their local offices to share your opinion on important issues.
- Offer supportive messages to elected officials who are working across the aisle to ensure programs and policies are for all people.
- Come to services, let your needs be known, talk with a Lay Minister or someone on the Ministry team.
- Practice self-care, every few months, take a day or two off to do things you love, that nourish YOU.
- Spend time with people who encourage you, laugh often and play in nature.
- Light a candle, breathe deeply for five minutes or write in a journal to gain some perspective.
- Create a playlist of songs that inspire you.