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## Social Justice E-News

Creating justice and compassion in our community through spiritually-grounded action

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### Social Justice Executive Team

Dear eNews reader, **Social Justice eNews will be on vacation for the month of June. Social Justice happenings in our community are always listed in the window [HERE](#).**

#### What is SJET doing in May?

Action:

- Continuing to share information about the Environmental Health Coalition, our Generosity Offering Partner for April and May. Contact Rhea Kuhlman (rheakuhlman2@gmail.com) about how to get involved with EHC.
- Preparing for new June GO Partner, Uptown Community Services Center.

Orienting:

- Reflecting on SJET's responsibilities and ways we may want to change them if the group continues without staff support.

Planning:

- Orientation and training in June for 3 new SJET members who will join when Steve Gelb and Laurie Gerber rotate out in July. Congratulations to Steve for great recruitment of new SJET members!

#### Generosity Offering Nominations

Generosity Offering Nominations: Do you know of a vital San Diego Social Justice organization that meets our new criteria of being BIPOC-led and/or BIPOC-serving? If you would like the organization to be considered for Generosity Offering donations and an accountable partnership with us, fill out the [Nomination Form](#). Read our statement on accountable partnerships [here](#).

**SJET has an email address for members to contact the Committee:**

[SJET@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:SJET@firstuusandiego.org).

**What does SJET do?**

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### FUU Action Teams

**Rainbow Action: Twilight Walk, Thursday May 19, 5:00pm**

Monthly Rainbow Twilight Walks continue the joy of the Pride walk. Join the group on the third Thursdays of each month at 5 pm for exercise and in-person socializing. **Next Walk, May 19.** Contact John Keasler at 619 278 1267 or Louise Titlow at 619 990 5622 for info on the Twilight Walk.

### **04J Living the 8th Principle: Community and Police Relations**

As part of 1st UU living into our 8th principle, Organizing 4 Justice is supporting an interfaith, community-wide effort to move closer to our shared values of racial equity, dignity and respect in police-community relations. Come learn about upcoming votes and ways to get involved on **Sunday, May 29th at 11.30a**, either in person at Hillcrest or over zoom (Contact Erik Kaestner [erik.kaestner@gmail.com](mailto:erik.kaestner@gmail.com) to get details as they become available). This event is in coordination with the San Diego Organizing Project and the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency.

### **Statement of Conscience Proposed for Ratification at June General Meeting**

Statements of Conscience (SOCs), when ratified by our congregation, increase our power as a force for good in our community. They enable ministers, the Social Justice Executive Committee (SJET), and social justice action teams to act in the name of FUUSD. We will vote on adopting UUA's 2021 SOC, "Undoing Systemic White Supremacy" at our annual meeting in June. Learn more [here](#).

## **South Bay Food Pantry**

### **Parking Lot Gifts and Gratitude by Nina Douglass**

The parking lot of 907 Broadway is like that of any other Chula Vista strip mall on weekdays. On Saturdays, however, the lot is transformed by hundreds of South Bay Food Pantry volunteers and clients. Volunteers arrive by 8am to receive and stage hundreds of pounds of canned and other dry goods, fresh produce and Starbucks bakery items from the big Feeding San Diego truck. By then, many pantry guests are already waiting for the 9am distribution of numbers which serve to organize the line-up for the 11 am - 12:30 pm food distribution. The few trees at the site provide welcome shade for people waiting to collect their food. Read the rest of the article on our [blog](#).

### **Volunteers Wanted - Person @ the Pantry: Truck Driver**

It takes a lot of little nuts to make a jar of peanut butter....and we get a little nuts hauling thousands of pounds of peanut butter (and other protein sources) in economy cars. We're always interested in connecting with people with pickup trucks who can be available now and then -- either for a surprise haul or as a regular gig. Mileage reimbursement possible! Contact Deirdre Lonergan ([deirdre@deirdre.com](mailto:deirdre@deirdre.com); 619-261-8474) to join the caravan.

### **The South Bay Food Pantry...**

is located at 970 Broadway, Suite 101, Chula Vista 91911. It is open to the public Saturdays from 11 am - 12:30 pm and to congregants by appointment.

Contact: If you would like to volunteer at the pantry please contact Deirdre Lonergan at [deirdre@deirdre.com](mailto:deirdre@deirdre.com). To reach the food pantry by phone call 619-271-5017.

How to Donate to the South Bay Food Pantry: Donate online at [firstuusandiego.org/donations.html](http://firstuusandiego.org/donations.html) or make checks payable to FUUSD and write "SB Food Pantry" in the memo line. Mail checks to Robie Evans, FUUSD, 4190 Front St., San Diego, CA 92103.

## **Generosity Offerings**

### **May Generosity Offering: San Diego Environmental Health Coalition**

The Environmental Health Coalition is dedicated to achieving environmental and social justice. They believe that justice is accomplished by empowered communities acting together to make social

change. EHC organizes and advocates to protect public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution. EHC supports broad efforts that create a just society and fosters a healthy and sustainable quality of life.

Check out the EHC [website](#) and [BLOG](#) for information on specific projects and an initiatives.

Donate via our website at [www.firstuusandiego.org/donations.html](http://www.firstuusandiego.org/donations.html), under gift designation select "Generosity Offering" from the Gift Designation pulldown menu.

**See Act ONE! For an update on an Environmental Health Coalition initiative!**

## Ongoing Generosity Offering Partners

### **PNV Community Work Day May 21, 9:00 - 11:00am**

Get some exercise, learn about vegetable gardening and share your skills with our ongoing Generosity Offering Partner, Project New Village. Bring water, a hat and gloves. Tools and instruction provided. Mt. Hope Community Garden, 4261 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102

## Take Action!

### **SPEAK OUT FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION!**

SANDAG (the San Diego Association of Governments) is inviting residents to share their thoughts about the County's justice system and public safety, **especially regarding Alternatives to Incarceration**. The survey will be available between **May 6-27**, 2022. You can find it on the project website ([www.org/ATISStudy](http://www.org/ATISStudy)) in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). **Please take a moment and fill it out now!**

### **Climate Action: Shop Your Values with Green Shopping**

Check out the **Green Pages** to find the green, healthy, and ethically produced products and services you need for home and work. The **National Green Pages** has helpful information on socially responsible businesses, certified by environmental group **Green America**. Popular search categories include personal care, clothing, bedding, energy products/services, carbon offsets, financial, fair trade, food, travel and minority owned, LGBT, and women owned businesses. For your sustainable and ethical shopping, [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Heritage Month is May!**

To support organizations that work on anti-Asian hate, you can visit their businesses, volunteer, make a donation, eat at their restaurants, and attend their events. Read about [7 organizations in San Diego](#) focused on these communities.

## Act One!

First UU members, making a difference.

### **Transit Initiative Meets Threshold for November Ballot**

In January, a coalition of labor and environmental groups (including First UU Generosity Offering partner Environmental Health Coalition) launched the [Let's Go! San Diego](#) petition to improve transit and reduce auto air pollution in San Diego county. The campaign to place the measure on the November ballot ended successfully last week when the target of 165,000 signatures was reached. First UU volunteer signature gatherers included Rosalba Ciampi, Steve Gelb, Armin and Rhea Kuhlman, Marc Narkus Kramer, and Sylvia Ollinger.

## Spread the Word!

**How to submit to SJ eNews**

Are there SJ events or actions you want the FUUSD Social Justice Community to know about? Let me (Laurie Gerber - [gerbl@pacbell.net](mailto:gerbl@pacbell.net)) know by Wednesday mornings for inclusion in it the Friday SJ eNews distribution. Comments and suggestions also welcome... what would you like to read more about?

## SJ Gleanings

### California 30 x 30 report

California is leading the nation as the first state committed to protecting 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030. In April, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) **released the final "Pathways to 30x30" report**, setting out its plan for achieving this ambitious milestone.

The state's 30x30 initiative is a major opportunity to uplift local and regional conservation priorities, invest in communities to improve access to nature, and harness the power of conservation strategies to achieve greater climate resilience across the state's landscapes.

Editor's comment: The report, and [related information](#), shows how dozens of government agencies will contract with private and other state organizations who have technical expertise to chip away at problems from monitoring to mitigating to restoring.

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Have questions or need more information? Email The [Social Justice Executive Team](#)