Social Justice E-News
Creating justice and compassion in our community through spiritually-grounded action

San Diego Organizing Project: #FaithVotes Campaign Launch
Monday, September 14, 6:30 pm via Zoom
Our partner, SDOP, will officially begin their election season campaign, kicking off with this launch event. The stakes are extremely high in this upcoming election and now is the time to take action and encourage everyone you know to join you! RSVP here.

UU the Vote: Turnup Tuesdays
Welcome to Turnup Tuesdays! Organizing 4 Justice is hosting weekly Zoom gatherings where people can participate in Get Out the Vote (GOTV) and other electoral activities.

When: Tuesday evenings, 6 - 8 pm
RSVP: Isabella Furth (ifurth@me.com) for instructions to participate or just drop in.

Trans Inclusion in Congregations E-Course
Did Les GrantSmith's reflection and invitation in the July 19 Pride service pique your interest? Help First UU renew our Welcoming Congregation status for the year by participating in the Trans Inclusion in Congregations 6-session webinar series from the Transforming Hearts Collective. Watch the videos on your own and join us for a discussion of each session, Sundays from 1-2:30 pm, starting September 27 through November 1. To enroll in the online course, contact Angela or reply to this email.

Race & Racial Justice
• UUA/Side With Love are hosting a webinar series, "Taking a Collective Breath: Deepening Our Alignment with the Movement for Black Lives," which is built around elements of the BREATHE Act to effectively support ongoing racial justice work. Click here to register and/or download the toolkit to get started.

• **League of Women Voters: Race & Civil Rights webinar:** Co-sponsored by the Black Women's Institute for Leadership Development (BWILD), LWV of California will discuss three state propositions (16 - Opportunity for All, 17 - Free the Vote, 18 - Vote for Our Future) on Wednesday, September 23, 11:30 am - 1 pm. Register here.

• Check out this list of First UU Church of San Diego Staff Recommended Anti-Racism resources.

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**Adopting the 8th Principle**

Are you familiar with the 8th Principle? It states: "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

The UUA began working on the 8th Principle over two decades ago. The First UU Board has initiated the discernment process for the congregation to study and decide whether to adopt this 8th Principle. If you would like to join the team working on this process, please contact board members Laura Ball (earlyworm@sbcglobal.net) and/or Angela Garcia-Sims (agarciasim@aol.com). They plan to convene a first meeting of the team on September 24, 6 pm via Zoom. If you can't make that time but are still interested, let them know!

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**Climate Justice Team News & Interfaith Coalition Videos**

**California Single Use Plastics Bill:** Many thanks to all who contacted their state legislators to vote for this bill. It passed the State Senate but unfortunately failed by 4 votes in the Assembly. Assemblymember Maienschein voted "yes," thanks to your hard work. It will come up again in the next legislative session and we'll keep the pressure on to get this important bill passed.

**New York Times Climate Quiz**

Q. Which cuts down more on greenhouse gas emissions: going vegetarian for one year OR purchasing only bulk foods with no form of packaging?
A. You'd have to avoid packaging for 11 years to have the same effect as one year without meat.

Q. How many hamburgers would you have to skip to make up for a one-way flight from New York to London?
A. About 278 burgers, the equivalent of 15 months of beef consumption by the average American.
Check out: these videos from the San Diego-based Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice, made possible by a previous First UU Generosity Offering!

San Diegans 4 Gun Violence Prevention (SD4GVP) Coalition Members Virtual Gathering
Thursday, September 24, 6 - 7:30 pm @ online
SD4GVP is bringing together all of their affiliated organizations (which includes First UU) for a partner social online. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other and look for ways to support one another in our work to end gun violence. There will be fun activities and you’re encouraged to bring your own refreshments. Angela Fujii is collecting responses on behalf of First UU - if you’d like to attend, please email her.

South Bay Food Pantry News
Food pantry hours: open to the public every Saturday from 11 am - 12:30 pm and to congregants by appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities:
If you would like to volunteer at the food pantry in Chula Vista on Friday, September 18 from 10 am - 2 pm, please let Maureen know. Volunteers are needed to receive a food delivery. There will be no pantry guests present.

Update: thanks to Laurie Gerber & Jan Carpenter-Tucker who volunteered to take on the task of publishing the first food pantry cookbook.

If you have donated to the food pantry...and have not heard directly from Maureen, please contact her!

Contact Maureen McNair (pantry coordinator) by email. To reach the food pantry by phone, call 619-271-5017. Click here for an article about the food pantry in the Window.

You Can Still Make Financial Donations Directly to the Food Pantry!
Both one-time and monthly sustaining donations help us stay open! No amount is too small, or too large. Donate online via credit card - please remember to specify "South Bay Food Pantry" and choose the recurrence 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.

A Change to Our Generosity Offering Practice
In an effort to better align our Generosity Offering policy with our values & priorities, support our Journey Toward Wholeness, and to meet this moment, the Social Justice Executive Team is re-evaluating our previously scheduled monthly GO recipients for this calendar year and will be prioritizing BIPOC-led/serving groups. To this end and to honor
our commitment and the original selection process, we are planning to make a financial gift to each of the original organizations.

Have questions or need more information? Email Angela Fujii, Social Justice Coordinator.