



## 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*

For more information, contact Angela Fujii at [angela@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:angela@firstuusandiego.org).

#### **Rainbow Action Coffee Klatch: Welcoming Congregation Renewal**

Sunday, March 8, 10:30 - 11:30 am @ Hillcrest campus - Room 323

The work of welcome is never finished. We are renewing our commitment to boldly and truly include LGBTQ / TGQNB communities here at First UU. Have ideas? Want to get involved? We want to hear from you! Join Rainbow Action at their regular monthly social for a conversation and discussion about the renewal process.

#### **Southern California Immigration Project (SCIP): Myths & Reali-TEAs**

Thursday, March 12, 6 - 8 pm @ Hillcrest campus - Bard Hall

Come learn about SCIP's work while sampling a variety of African teas provided by some of SCIP's partners in the community. Light appetizers will be served. The program will feature artwork from City Heights school students and a presentation by Bardis Vakili, Senior Staff Attorney with the ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial Counties. Gather together to help separate fact from fiction as it relates to the humanitarian crisis in our border region., created by U.S. immigration policy. Suggested donation \$10.

#### **Is it Too Late to Stop Global Warming?**

Sunday, March 15, 1:30 - 3 pm @ Hillcrest campus - Bard Hall

John Schaibly, retired nuclear engineer and Andy French, retired building inspector will look at some of the current research and technologies that might reduce or even stop some climate disasters from happening. Q&A to follow. Some may wish to address topics in the Drawdown book. All are welcome. This program is sponsored by First UU's Climate Justice group. Questions? Contact [Bev](#) or [Sylvia](#).

#### **Film Screening: The Occupation of the American Mind**

Sunday, March 15, 5:30 pm @ Hillcrest campus - Common Room/Room 112

First UU's Palestine-Israel Justice Team invites you for free pizza and a screening of this thought-provoking documentary, which explores how the U.S. media cover the Israeli-Palestinian conflict compared with media in other countries, resulting in Americans having a different perception of the conflict than the rest of the world. Ed Sweed, founder of the SD chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, will provide a short introduction and lead a post-film discussion.

### **Training: Immigration Court Observation**

Wednesday, March 25, 6 - 7 pm @ Hillcrest campus - Bard Hall

Come learn about what we can do to live our values in support of immigrants and asylum seekers. Adam Howard, intern with Al Otro Lado (AOL) in Tijuana, will make a presentation on the Migrant Protection Protocols (aka "Remain in Mexico"), the work of AOL as it relates to the MPP and why and how we, as people of faith, should observe in immigration court. All are welcome.

### **Our Food Pantry is Collecting Peanut Butter in March!**

Smooth, crunchy, salt-free, sugar-free. Your donation of any size jar is welcome. Just drop off jars of peanut butter all month in the South Bay food pantry bin at Hillcrest or in the South Bay social hall before and after services on Sundays.

### **Food Pantry Financial Donations Gratefully Received!**

Both one-time and monthly sustaining donations help our new South Bay food pantry stay open. No amount is too small or too large. Please make checks payable to "FUUSD" and write "SB Food Pantry" in the memo. Direct your checks to either Angela Fujii or Maureen McNair. Online credit card donations can be made through our [website](#); under "Fund," choose "other" and enter "SB Food Pantry" as the comment. Also, please select the frequency of your donation. Thank you!

### **Do You Need Food From Our Pantry?**

Congregants are shopping for free food at our South Bay pantry. Your participation is confidential and you may make a private appointment to shop with us. Please contact Maureen McNair at 619.427.1769 or [memcnair948@gmail.com](mailto:memcnair948@gmail.com).

### **#UUtheVote: Ensuring Election Year Advocacy Efforts Remain Nonpartisan**

For those already engaging in this work or looking to get involved, especially within our congregation, check out this [Election Checklist for 501\(c\)\(3\) Public Charities](#) (First UU is a 501c3) and [Religious Activism: Political, Not Partisan](#). Want to brainstorm an idea/action or have lingering questions after reviewing the above information? Contact [Angela](#).

## **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.